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TERMS: 25 CENTS A YEAR, IN ADVANCE.

COMFORTERS NEEDED.

Ask God to give thee skill
In comfort's art,
That thou may'st consecrated be,
And set apart,
Unto a life of sympathy;
For heavy is the weight of ill
In every heart.
And comforters are needed much,
Of Christ-like touch.

—Selected.

PRAYER AND GIVING.

How frequently we ask ourselves the question, What can I do to advance the cause of God throughout the earth? There are two things that are a never-failing source of help. One is the united prayer of God's people. Ever since Paul's day this has brought strength to God's cause and imparted life to his followers. He who loves God's work will pray for it. Prayer is the Christian's artillery with which he overthrows Satan's battlements. All opposition of men and temptations of the enemy fall, like the walls of Jericho before Israel's shout, when attacked by a church closeted with the Infinite. Then let us pray for God's work in other lands.

The second source of help is the spirit of sacrifice and self-denial on the part of God's people. Worldly prosperity is not a gospel promise; but one of the divine commands is, "Freely ye have received, freely give." The triumphs of the cross are not depend-

ent upon the abundance of the possessions of the followers of the Lord, but upon their self-denial. The sacrificing church is the growing church. Selfishness, like rust, corrodes and consumes. He who gives freely to save others, bears the marks of Him who beggared himself to enrich us. Giving is of God, yet this good endeavor should be well directed.

God has ever had his agencies in the earth to carry on his work. What plan can meet the extensive needs of God's progressive cause in other lands better than that which suggests an average offering of at least ten cents a week from each individual? There are some too poor to give this, while many others can give much more. Systematic and consecutive giving is essential for the success of organized work. Is it not possible for each of us to take up this work this year and regularly remember our Lord in this way?

I. H. EVANS.

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND.

It will be remembered that twenty-five thousand copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" is the number held up before Iowa as her share of the three hundred thousand copies necessary to be sold in order to meet the entire indebtedness on our colleges, all of which must be sold before we can join in the jubilee song and receive directions from our Great Leader for the work that is to be done next. Then no one should think by what was stated in the BULLETIN of Jan. 22, 1901, that the fact that Iowa has become responsible for ten thousand copies means that the sale of that number is all we are expected to accomplish. That statement means that we have placed an order for ten thousand copies, and that we are expected to meet the obligation

without fail as soon as we possibly can. For the remaining fifteen thousand we will have more time; but we must continually keep before us the object to be reached, and make no provision for slackening our efforts or taking a rest. A heavy load which has been started out of the mire, if allowed to sink back, always settles down a little deeper, and is all the harder to move again. While we may well look upon this undertaking as a big job,—for such it is,—we may consider that it is an honorable, a grand thing to pay an honest debt. Then let us brace ourselves for a steady pull, and a long pull if necessary, remembering all the time the much-to-be-desired four-fold object to be reached, namely: (1) the uniting of the church in the bonds of Christian love; (2) the payment of an honest debt; (3) the placing in the homes of the people one of the very best books ever written; (4) the personal benefit and blessing to come to every one who takes a part in it.

H. NICOLA.

A RESOLUTION WHICH CONCERNS ALL.

The preceding article is directly in line with a resolution passed by the Conference Committee at its recent session, which reads as follows:—

Resolved, That all the Conference workers, especially the licensed ministers and missionaries, and all our people, engage heartily from now until camp-meeting in the disposition of the large number of "Christ's Object Lessons" which have been ordered.

It hardly seems necessary to discuss this resolution after presenting it in connection with Eld. Nicola's earnest appeal. We rejoice to know that so many are already actively engaged in this good work, with the determination to share in the final victory. Are there not others who want a part in it?

"Be strong and of a good courage."

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS."

THE workers at Atlantic have succeeded in interesting the ministers of their city in "Christ's Object Lessons," thus securing the following recommendations:—

I have been so busy that I have only had time to hurriedly glance through the pages of your book, "Christ's Object Lessons." I am free to say that in my hasty examination I have found nothing to criticise, and much to commend, and believe a careful study of the parables of our Lord as set forth in this little book can not but be helpful to all.

Pastor Christian Church.

I have great pleasure in recommending to the public the book "Christ's Object Lessons." From a brief perusal of its pages I am convinced of its value and excellence.

Pastor Presbyterian Church.

The reading of "Christ's Object Lessons," by Ellen G. White, can not fail to give one a better understanding of our Lord's parables. The presentation of these great lessons is clear and forcible.

Pastor United Presbyterian Church.

"Christ's Object Lessons" is well written and finely illustrated, a valuable guide and help to all Bible students, and a book worthy of a place in any library.

Pastor Baptist Church.

The words of Christ are the best reading in the world. His parables are the best reading of their kind; for they fit all ages of time and all sorts of people. "Christ's Object Lessons," by Ellen G. White, is a well written and beautifully printed book. It can not fail to instruct and help all who read it thoughtfully. It has in it the germs of a thousand sermons, and helps the reader to catch the points of application to his own life. In a busy, much reading age, such books are of great value. This book is a good one with which to begin a new century. It should be widely read.

Pastor Congregational Church.

Perhaps the above will be suggestive to others. It might be well to present each of the leading ministers in your respective localities with a copy of the book, asking for recommendations. Shall we not hear from others in regard to this plan?

"IN THE MORNING SOW THY SEED."

"THOU knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that." Many brethren and sisters have been faithfully sowing seed by circulating literature in all parts of the land; and the seed is germinating, maturing, and bearing fruit. The results of earnest work in this line are often seen by us here in the *Signs* Office. As instances like the following have encouraged us, we believe it will be good to tell some of them for the benefit of others.

A gentleman in Pennsylvania writes:

I have now had the *Signs* for nearly a year, and have received a great deal of good from it. I have read a great many papers, but none that quote so much scripture as it does. May the Lord be with you in putting the truth before the people. I commenced keeping the Sabbath several weeks ago. I am the only one, to my knowledge,

in this place of twenty thousand inhabitants. May I ask your prayers that God will keep me through his grace firm unto the end.

The following is just received from a clergyman in West Virginia:—

I had enclosed a postal order for \$1.50, and send me your paper, *Signs of the Times*, one year. I am indebted to J. C. Ridpath, I believe, for several specimen copies, received at intervals the past year or two, and the contents interested me very much indeed, so I now want it weekly.

There are millions of people yet to be reached before the Lord comes. Are you, dear reader, giving some time and thought to placing the living, vital truths of the third angel's message before the world? If not, do you not want a part in the work? Do you want to see some of the real, old-time missionary meetings in your society? Then plan for some active work. Arrange to use a club of the pioneer missionary paper, lay in a stock of tracts, etc., and go to work. If you have not territory enough around home, use the mails to reach souls wherever you can find them. If you want suggestions or help in planning for the work, write to your State tract society for special prices on clubs of *Signs* and tracts, in quantities, for missionary work.

PUBLISHERS.

DOES YOUR COMMUNITY NEED A WORKER?

THERE are many families and individuals living in Battle Creek and elsewhere who would be willing to go to any place that would furnish them a decent living and where they could be more useful than they now are. If your church or community has any spiritual need, and you can devise a way in which a person or family could be furnished with employment, or if you know of any opening for any trade or profession, please write particulars, addressing Frank Houghtaling, Suite 309, Post Building, Battle Creek, Michigan.

FIELD REPORTS.

"CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS."

Soon after the State meeting, I began my labor for "Christ's Object Lessons" in north-western Iowa, feeling that it was as great a work, if not greater, than any that I had before undertaken. It was first suggested that I canvass personally for the book. This I felt that I could do; but when I was asked to present the work to the companies and churches, with the view of inducing them to work in the

interests of the book, I felt to shrink from the task. However, I found the brethren and sisters willing to "come up to the help of the Lord," and thus my work in this direction was most pleasant indeed.

In personal work for the book, I sold my first copy while *en route* to my field of labor. A stranger sat near me in the car, and the thought came to me, "Why can't you sell this man a book?" But as I had read only the first chapter, I thought that I could not give him a proper canvass. However, the thought that I should show him the book would not leave me, and so I got a copy out from the bottom of my valise and handed it to him, mentioning its name and object. Then I left the matter with the Lord. Some he came over to my seat, his very countenance showing that he had found something good, and said, "I will take one of those books for a Christmas gift for my daughter." Of course I then could have faith (?). He voluntarily paid me, requesting that a copy be sent to him in due time, thus manifesting entire confidence in my word without even asking my name.

After visiting our people in Spirit Lake and Sheldon, I thought I had better test the plan I had advocated to them, *i. e.*, for one to use his influence with friends, neighbors, and relatives, to sell them books. Accordingly I tried the plan while at Sibley. I first called at the office of one of the leading physicians of the place, a Methodist of culture and influence, and with whom I had had a pleasant acquaintance. In a few words I explained to him our plan, and he bought the book. I then went across the street to see a jeweler, who is a member of the Congregational church. After a short chat I introduced my book. He opened it to the author's name and said, "This is by the Adventist prophetess, isn't it?" "Yes," I replied, "that is what they call her." I supposed my sale was spoiled, and asked him if he had ever read any of her writings. He replied that he had, and turning to get the money, said, "I will take one." I then felt in my soul to praise God, who had lead this man to take the book, and as I turned away I felt that seed had been sown in good ground. I then called on a lady to whom I had sold a copy of the Mid-summer number of *Good Health*. She was pleased with the book and gave me her order, saying, "Have you shown the book to Mrs. ———? I believe she would

like one too." I told her that I had not, and that I had never met her friend, but if she would write me a letter of introduction, I would gladly see her. This she kindly did, and I called upon the lady in question, and sold her a book. I also made two more sales the same afternoon.

I do not relate these instances as a sample of what I have done, for I have not been so successful all the time; but I do give them to show that the Lord's special blessing is upon the work. As I have been instrumental in selling some of these books, my soul has been watered with the dews of divine grace.

C. T. ADAMS.

GRANT CITY.

WE are pleased to report that Eld. J. W. Adams escaped from his duties at the Sanitarium and church in Des Moines long enough to come and hold meetings with us Sabbath and Sunday, Feb. 2, 3. Complications had arisen, and Satan, to hinder the work, had succeeded in planting some roots of bitterness; but when God's servant came to us we were led to carry our cases directly before the highest tribunal, entrusting them to our Advocate, who will not accuse us to the Father, but will plead his own precious blood in our behalf. On Sunday afternoon, while preparing to celebrate the ordinances, the Spirit of God came in with mighty power, melting every heart and consuming every root of bitterness. All differences were instantly adjusted, and the enemy completely routed. Sunday, February 3, 1901, will long be remembered by the present members of the Grant City church.

C. PELMULDER, *Elder.*

WILTON.

ELD. J. W. ADAMS and Bro. Elmer Adams held meetings with the Wilton church Sunday evening and Monday, Jan. 13, 14. The ordinances were celebrated, all present taking part. The meeting was surely a blessed one, and all seemed to realize the presence of the Spirit and power of God. Bro. Elmer Adams was chosen as elder of the Wilton church. We all were very glad to meet Eld. John Adams again, as it had been several years since he had visited us before. Surely, the Lord is good to us.

MRS. L. B. MASON, *Clerk.*

"God estimates us not by the position we are in, but by the way in which we fill it."

THE BOOK WORK.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY.

IN view of the recent Testimonies which have come to us concerning the canvassing work, and the demand for capable workers to engage in the sale of our publications, can any who have an interest in the salvation of souls remain indifferent? The Lord is calling upon all his people to give this work their support, with renewed earnestness and zeal.

While volunteers to go out into the field are especially needed, there is an opportunity just now for those who can not respond to this call, to help with their means. In former years our brethren and sisters have done much to assist in paying the expenses of the canvassers' school held in Des Moines. This year we have sent our canvassers to Union College; but this also means an expense to our Conference, as we are to pay the tuition for two studies, the rent and fuel for the canvassers, and also the fare to their fields of labor. So we ask all who would esteem it a privilege to assist in bearing this expense to send cash donations. This matter will be presented to our churches and companies next Sabbath, Feb. 16, and those who have the privilege of meeting in church capacity may send their donations in this way. Those wishing to remit direct may address Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa. All donations for this purpose will be very thankfully received, and the Lord will surely bless the donors.

SISTER PHEBE VOSBURG, writing from College View, says: "I am enjoying my stay here and privileges at school. We have the best of instruction and everything is orderly. I hope to be able to do much better work in the canvassing field next summer."

BRO. LOUIS MANFULL, in a recent letter, also expresses his appreciation by saying: "We are having some fine instruction in the canvassing department, and I know it will enable us to do better work next summer."

"THE living Christian needs to keep ever before him the great facts that God's word is his only guide, that Jesus Christ is his only example, and that living, abiding connection with Christ through the Spirit is his only safety."

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

THREE FOUNDATION STONES.

LOVE TO GOD.

WE need not a superficial or sentimental love; but a fervent, unwavering, faith-filled love, founded upon an intelligent acceptance of God as our Father. Our fidelity, our zeal, our enthusiasm in the work will be in exact proportion with our love for God. This must be the first of the stones in the formation of Christian character, and should be laid broad and deep; for the whole structure must rest upon it. Love to God is the mainspring of Christian activity.

LOVE FOR THE BIBLE.

We should love it as *the* book; we should love to read it, to find delight in its narrative, its poetry, its candor, its pathos, its literary strength. No other book is so wonderful in any of these respects. We should love it most of all as God's written will concerning us. We should ever remember when taking it into our hands that it was given expressly for our profit in living and working for God. We will never love the Bible as we should, or be able to teach it successfully, until we can say with the Psalmist, "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee." Psa. 119:11.

LOVE FOR SOULS.

We should regard the rescue of souls from sin, and the leading of them to the Lamb of God, as the legitimate fruit of our teaching. All teaching that has not this for its aim is worse than a failure. We should regard our classes not simply as so many scholars of various ages, abilities, and surroundings; but as so many souls, for each of whom Christ died, and to each of whom he has sent us as his ambassadors to carry the word of life. Then, and not until then, will we teach with earnestness and power.

Dear friends, let us lay deep and well these three essential foundation principles of successful teaching,—Love to God, Love for the Bible, Love for Souls.

MARION LAWRENCE.

"A poor, cheap, half-starved, half-dead school is bad enough, but it is better than the church that is behind it. Why?—Because the 'cream,' if there be any, of the church is always in the lead in the school work."

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—DR. A. ZIPP, returning to Des Moines, reports excellent meetings held at Winterset in the consideration of health topics.

—ELD. E. E. GARDNER had charge of the meetings held in connection with the dedicatory services at Parkersburg last Sabbath and Sunday.

—ELD. N. C. BERGERSEN passed through here the first of the week on his way to Adel, and was joined at this place by Bro. J. W. Dorcas.

—MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS came to Des Moines last week, to consider with other State workers plans for the advancement of the Sabbath-school work.

—SISTER EMMA BEAMAN is now making a good recovery, and it is hoped that she can take her place in our church school room again by next week.

—THE following have been selected to act as delegates from our State at the next General Conference: E. E. Gardner, C. A. Washburn, J. W. Adams, J. W. Dorcas, L. F. Starr, C. F. Stevens, and E. G. Olsen.

—THE Conference Committee met last week to audit the Conference laborers' accounts. The Sanitarium Board were also here and held several sessions, Dr. J. H. Kellogg meeting with them in council on Friday.

—BRO. A. R. HYATT, formerly an Iowa canvasser, has been visiting at his old home in Washington county, spending Sabbath and Sunday, Feb. 1, 2, with the workers at Ottumwa. He expects to rejoin the workers in New York City soon.

—THE Des Moines church had the privilege of listening to a discourse by Eld. C. A. Washburn last Sabbath. As the text found in Psalms 17:15 was considered, many familiar truths seemed to be clad in new beauty, and the Christian's hope became more precious and real.

—AT the home of Bro. and Sister Lawrence Jacobsen, near Shelby, Iowa, on Wednesday, Feb. 6, occurred the marriage of their daughter Annie Jacobsen, to Bro. Hoyt Beaman, of Churchville, Warren county, Eld. E. G. Olsen, officiating. A number of friends and relatives were present to witness the ceremony, among them Louis and Chris Jacobsen, of the Sanitarium Nurses' Class.

—WE were pleased to be able to send to the Foreign Mission Board at the close of last month a draft for \$2,568.91, of which \$372.19 was first-day offerings and the remainder the annual offerings from Iowa. The treasurer, Bro. W. H. Edwards, responded: "We can not properly express our gratitude in words for this offering from Iowa. Thus far your State is second only to Michigan in annual offerings. May God bless you."

—A DRAFT for one thousand dollars was sent to Union College the first inst., the first remittance from our State as proceeds from the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." Bro. J. Sutherland, business manager, expresses gratitude for this gift. He reports \$5,880.00 as the total receipts from the different States, all of which has been applied on the old debt.

—SISTER ELLEN POWELSON wishes to thank the brethren and sisters who have so generously provided her with papers for her reading rack. The rack is well patronized and she can use more papers. She especially wishes the *Sentinel*, and also reading for young people. Send postpaid to her at Batavia, Rural Route No. 1.

—ALL will be interested to know that steps were taken at the recent session of the Conference Committee toward locating our next annual camp-meeting. A committee of three, consisting of Eld. E. E. Gardner, Bro. J. W. Dorcas, and Eld. J. W. Adams, was appointed to determine the time and place of this meeting.

—BRO. C. J. BUHALTS says, "You may tell the BULLETIN family that the Lord is blessing us with health and that our courage is good. Three have accepted the truth in Carberry. We are now making a special effort in Winnipeg." His address is 332 McDermot Ave.

—BRO. C. W. SMOUSE, of Mt. Pleasant, wishes to buy several copies of "Sketches from the Life of Paul," by Mrs. E. G. White. He will be glad to hear from any one having one or more copies to sell.

—WE wish to make a notation of the annual offerings, showing just how much has been received from each church and company, but will wait a little longer in order to get returns from all.

—BRO. W. L. MANFULL was in Des Moines several days last week, remaining here over Sabbath and Sunday.

—SISTER ANNIE MARSHALL, of Monroe, spent a few days in Des Moines last week.

—Do not fail to secure a copy each of "Honor Due to God" and "Will a Man Rob God?" while they can both be obtained for 12 cents.

—No. 163 of the *Bible Students Library* entitled, "Under the Law, or Under Grace? Which?" is a pamphlet of sixteen pages, and is an elucidation of the texts containing the expression, "under the law." Price one cent each. Order of this Office.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

MISS LILLIE COLLINS is visiting her sister Mrs. Iva Turner.

MRS. JACOB SHIVELY, of Woodburn, is a guest at the Sanitarium.

BRO. A. M. WILL, of Ames, is spending a few days here with his wife.

SISTER R. M. RAWLINGS, of Clarinda, is again numbered with the patients.

BRO. LOUIS JACOBSEN has been called to nurse a patient at Guthrie Center.

BRO. LOUIS NOGGLE, of Colfax, spent a few days at the Sanitarium last week.

MISS MINNIE LENZ is again on duty here, returning yesterday from Grant City.

THROUGH the generosity of one of our friends a new sideboard now graces the dining room,—an ornamental as well as useful piece of furniture.

DR. J. H. KELLOGG spent last Friday at the Sanitarium, performing seven surgical operations while here. We give the names of all, as they are known by many of the BULLETIN family: Miss Elsie Fulton, Mrs. J. B. Wanderlick, Mrs. Iva Turner, Mrs. A. M. Will, Mrs. C. W. Mitchell, Mrs. W. J. Moore, Miss Daisy Welsh. All are doing finely.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

WANTED.—A position with a carpenter for the season, to learn the trade. Please write stating wages. Address George Kelly, Alexander, Iowa.

APPOINTMENTS.

I EXPECT to meet with the church at Eddyville, Sabbath and Sunday, Feb. 16, 17. The ordinances will be celebrated. I hope that all the members will be present. J. W. ADAMS.