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GOOD AND ILL.

"If all my years were summer, could I know
What my Lord means by his 'as white as
snow'?"

If all my days were sunny, could I say,
'In his fair land he wipes all tears away?'
If I were never weary, could I keep
Close to my heart 'He gives his loved ones
sleep'?"

Were no graves mine, might I not come to deem
The life eternal but a baseless dream?
My winter, yea, my tears, my weariness,
Even my graves, may be his way to bless.
I call them ill; yet that can surely be
Nothing but good that shows my Lord to me."

THE WORK FOR ALL.

It was the unanimous opinion of the Conference Committee that the canvass for the relief of the schools be pushed forward vigorously until camp-meeting; and that Conference workers, especially the licensed ministers, missionaries, and Bible workers, and our brethren and sisters throughout the State, as far as possible, systematically engage in selling the new book, reporting sales and territory canvassed to the district superintendents. It was also suggested that the State agent furnish as many workers for this book as is consistent with the plans for work with other books. Those who can devote time to this work, but feel that they need instruction, are requested to write for advice, and arrangements can doubtless be made to assist them. Let all carefully report work done and items of interest gathered.

E. E. GARDNER.

GOD WILL HELP.

THE Scriptures declare that God is always the same, that he is unchangeable. Therefore he is the same wonder-working God that he was in ancient time; and if we had an inspired record of these times, that record would tell of wonderful happenings like those in the history of ancient Israel. There would be accounts of deliverance from danger, of protection from enemies, of changes in the minds of rulers and leaders turning them to favor the cause of God, and many instances of direct guidance by his Spirit. So many of these instances are recorded in the history of Israel that we often wonder how they could ever doubt, and why they did not at once turn to God for help in every trial. While they walked with him by faith, the Lord their God was a wall about, and a shield above, them. He fought with them in their battles; and when the boastings of their enemies were a defiance of his power, he fought the battles himself, and said to Israel, "Stand ye still and see the salvation of God."

But Israel never received this help except in answer to the prayer of faith. "And Asa cried unto the Lord his God, and said, Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O Lord our God; for we rest in thee." 2 Chron. 14:11. The Lord's answer to such a prayer is very forcible. "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect before him." 2 Chron. 16:9.

Surely one instance of God's wonderful dealings in these days is shown in the plan to free our schools from debt. These debts were pressing and had become a re-

proach, and we were not able to pay them. Then the Lord told us how to pay them, and gave us as an illustration the story of the poor widow and her one vessel of oil. Now, having supplied the means, he proposes to work in this cause as he did for ancient Israel. "God will make the movement for the help of the schools a success if it is made in a free, willing spirit, as to the Lord." We are told how the work can be done, the means are put into our hands, and then the Lord tells us that if we take hold freely and willingly, he will make the movement a success. But, still more, a great blessing is to come from this work. It will enable us to sing "the jubilee song of freedom throughout our borders." It will result in reconciliation. It will unify the churches. It will create an interest to know more of the truth; and it will bring the rich blessing of God to each one who so works, thus preparing him to follow up the interest that will be created. Shall we not take the Lord at his word? Let us take to ourselves the exhortation of Jehoshaphat, given on one of these special occasions: "Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper." 2 Chron. 20:20.

J. O. BEARD.

HOW IT IS DONE.

ONE of the New England workers, who has sold over a hundred copies of "Christ's Object Lessons," gives others the benefit of his experience:—

"I tell you my own private opinion. I think the less the canvass the better. If the individual is really inspired with the book, and has received some personal good from reading it, and can let the people see how much good it has done him, it will carry greater

weight than all the written canvasses. I will tell you one or two salient points in my experience, which have scarcely ever failed of making the sale. I make much of the frontispiece. I call attention to those objects as the means the Lord used while here to call the attention of the people to how God has linked himself to mankind and all his created works. Then I have them read the last paragraph of page 26 and the contents of page 27, and make a few remarks. Of course I tell them the purpose of the author and publishers in donating the work. And somehow the Spirit of the Lord gets hold of the heart, and the book goes."

A SUGGESTION TO CANVASSERS.

BRO. WM. COX, who has had excellent success in selling "Christ's Object Lessons," gives us his way of calling the attention of the people to sentences which he considers of special importance: "My plan is to underscore short sentences which seem to be the most impressive, using colored ink. Make the lines straight and neat. At the top of the page, just under the title of the book, I print or write one or two words which express the main thought in the sentence. I find that the people will look for and read the sentences marked, readily, instead of looking only at the illustrations. When they read these spirit-filled sentences, the Holy Spirit enlightens their understanding, and creates a desire in their hearts to purchase the book. I believe that all who try this plan will be well repaid for the trouble."

OUR SPECIAL WORK.

I DESIRE to add my testimony to the importance of our brethren and sisters selling "Christ's Object Lessons" to their friends and those with whom they do business. My first two weeks in Iowa were spent at Anita. While there I visited the ministers in the interests of the book, and sold copies to those with whom I dealt. I have also done the same here in Massena, where I have located my family. May the Spirit of God lead in all things, and we always be willing to follow. I am of good courage, having set my eye on success. C. J. KUNKEL.

"WHEN men desire wisdom from above more than they desire wealth, power, or glory, God will provide them with all that they need."

"GOOD HEALTH."

EVERYBODY wants it who has n't it, but it is not always easy to get it. *Good Health* is the leading health journal of the world, and no household should be without it. It is the purpose of this magazine to give scientific instruction to those who are well whereby they can keep well, and to those who are sick whereby they may be able to get well. Subscribers are at liberty to ask questions, which are answered in the Correspondence Department by the editor. A special offer is made to BULLETIN subscribers for the next sixty days. Send us a year's subscription to *Good Health*, \$1.00, and the names of five persons who ought to be interested in the question of diet, and we will send you the journal for one year, and our Family Box free.

Just think of it! \$1.50 worth of Battle Creek Sanitarium Food Co.'s and Sanitas Nut Food Co.'s cereal and nut foods and other household necessities, and a year's subscription to *Good Health*, all for \$1.50. We do not pay express or freight charges. One Family Box weighs fourteen pounds. Get six persons to join with you, which will make one hundred pounds. Have all shipped to one address, and the expense will be only a few cents each. Address Good Health Pub. Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

FIELD REPORTS.

MUSCATINE.

THE BULLETIN family will be pleased to learn that our congregation in Muscatine have lately purchased a house of worship, and now hold their meetings in the city proper. The building was formerly owned by the Holland Baptists, and is located on W. 5th St., three squares from the city reservoir. The building is in good condition, and seems like "home." It will seat one hundred and fifty comfortably, and we think the terms are favorable.

The brethren here show a commendable zeal in sacrificing to pay for their new church. The tent meetings held here six years ago by Brn. D. P. Gaede and Martin Stuckrath were blessed by the Lord, a good church was organized, and much fruit remains. There are now thirty-eight resident members, and I am glad to report there are evidences that the truth is progressing. Some hope that a local camp-meeting,

followed by a strong series of tent-meetings, may be held here this summer. We expect to work more for "Object Lessons" from now on until camp-meeting.

U. P. LONG.

I BELIEVE it has been some time since a report has appeared from this place. We have been especially favored this winter with the help of one of our ministers, Bro. U. P. Long, whose home is now in this city. I am pleased to add that we are growing in knowledge and grace. Crooked places are straightened up, tangles are smoothed out, and order and harmony prevail. Through untiring energy and perseverance, we have secured a much needed church home. It is neat, though small, and we are grateful to our Father that he has opened up the way for us to come into possession of it. If present plans materialize, we will have it free from debt by June 1, 1901. On account of many hindrances which we have been powerless to avoid, we have done little in the way of disposing of "Object Lessons;" but we hope soon to begin a thorough and systematic canvass for this book. By this effort we expect to carry the "everlasting gospel" into many homes in Muscatine.

MRS. S. A. BURK, *Missionary Sec.*

NEAR BLENCOE.

I AM holding meetings in a union church about eight miles south-east of Blencoe, and Bro. Thos. Jeys has just joined me in the work. At first the attendance was quite small; but there has been a gradual increase, and now we have a full house each evening. The most of our hearers are non-professors, but there are a few of all kinds of professors, Mormons included. The people are quite friendly, and appear to be very much interested in the meetings. Past experience teaches me that this is a hard field in which to labor, as the people are so indifferent to religious things. We will try to sow the seed in faith and love, and then leave it all with them and the Lord.

J. S. HART.

SCANDINAVIAN WORK IN DES MOINES.

THE Scandinavian brethren and sisters feel very grateful for the visit and help of Eld. N. C. Bergersen, while in Des Moines last week. The meeting which he held Thursday evening was an inspiration to us all. God came very near to bless our souls. If the Scandinavian workers would remember

us in this way occasionally, it would be a source of encouragement and help to us, as we seldom have the privilege of having meetings in our own tongue, and some do not understand the American language very well. It is wonderful how God's Spirit leads. As Bro. Bergersen and I visited a sister, she said she felt sure we were sent of God. As there was some scripture on which she wished more light, she had decided to speak to Bro. Bergersen on Thursday evening in regard to the very verse that he used for his text. This shows that God will lead those who are willing to be led. About twenty persons were present, some of whom were not of our belief.

HENRY EIDE.

SIoux RAPIDS.

We are grateful to the Lord for the presence and help of Eld. J. S. Hart. He was here about three weeks, holding three meetings each week, and visiting families and giving encouragement during the intervening time. He was with us until Thursday of the week of prayer, leading in the exercises. We all were greatly blessed, and renewed our vows of allegiance to the Lord. May God bless all of his laborers who are giving this message of warning; and may we take courage and go forward to do battle for the Lord as never before, while opportunity is afforded. We organized a Sabbath-school and now hold meetings. Our Sabbath-school membership is twenty-two.

GUSSIE HOLLINGSWORTH.

OBITUARY.

WILSON.—David J. Wilson was born in Ohio, March 29, 1813, and died in Iowa City, Feb. 12, 1901, aged 87 years, 10 months, and 20 days.

Brother Wilson's years "by reason of strength" overreached the fourscore allotted to man, and of these fully "threescore years and ten" were spent as a believer in Christ. Many years he was a member of the Methodist church; but twelve years ago, under the labors of Eld. H. Nicola, he accepted, and began "looking for, that blessed hope," which was his at the last. He "obtained a good report through faith," and in his departure has left with his family and friends a bright hope in the memories of his life and example. They sorrow, indeed, but not without hope, as do also the little church of which he was a faithful member. We laid him away, "an old man and full of years," to await his Master's return.

BURT FULLMER.

THE BOOK WORK.

IOWA CANVASSERS AT UNION COLLEGE.

Union College is the friend of the canvasser. In this institution's grand and important work of fitting young men and women to spread the truths of the third angel's message, the canvassing work is given a place. The value of thorough preparation can never be overestimated, and it is indeed gratifying to see so many availing themselves of the privileges here afforded. Among this number are ten Iowa canvassers of experience, and several who are preparing to take up this line of work for the first time. Each canvasser enters the College as a regular student. The course of study is as follows: Choice of Bible classes and one other branch in the regular College course, Testimony study, book study, hydrotheraphy, and field work. The last four are furnished free by the Review and Herald Office.

In the first-page article in the *Review* of Jan. 16, 1901, is the following paragraph: "Canvassers should be able to give those with whom they stay instruction in regard to the way to treat the suffering. They should be educated in regard to the simple methods of hygienic treatment. Thus they may work as medical missionaries, ministering to the souls and bodies of the suffering. Now, just now, this work should be going forward in all parts of the country, that many might be blessed by the prayers and instruction of God's servants." Arrangements have been made to prepare the canvassers to do such work as is outlined above.

The leading books sold in Iowa during 1901 will be "Desire of Ages," "Daniel and the Revelation," and "Heralds of the Morning." Brethren, pray for the canvassers, that they may so consecrate themselves to this work that success will attend their efforts. Remember also to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest.

O. E. CUMMINGS, *Agent Dist. No. 4.*

LAST week we asked all interested in the canvassing work to assist this work in our State by cash donations. In responding to this invitation address Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

"A CHRISTIAN'S obligations are not cancelled until met."

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE IOWA SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The following is the report for quarter ending December 31, 1900:—

No. of schools.....	182
" " reporting.....	169
Present membership.....	3,616
Average attendance.....	2,368
Total contributions.....	\$347.85
Donations to missions.....	\$284.55
" " Oakwood School.....	\$ 7.59

We have been obliged to drop a number of schools which have not reported for several quarters, although we regret that this was necessary. If our workers throughout the State would report to us opportunities for Sabbath-school work, it would be greatly appreciated. If you know of isolated families who could have family Sabbath-schools, please write us. We would be glad, also, if isolated families who read this request, would correspond with us.

A. HELEN WILCOX, *Sec.*,
1212 Des Moines St., Des Moines.

WINTERSSET CONVENTION.

WE held our first convention Feb. 3. As the day was stormy, only about thirty were present. But we were glad that the Lord's blessings are not confined to numbers. We felt disappointed in not having Sister Jessie L. Adams present, but we were glad to have Eld. L. F. Starr and Dr. A. Zipf with us. Papers were read on "House-to-house Visitation in the Interest of Sabbath-school work," "How to Improve and Enlarge the Teaching Force of Our School," "Should Scholars Use the Bible in the Class," "Books and their Effect upon the Mind," and "How Shall We Interest Our Boys in the Sabbath-school." Discussions followed. The children took an active part in the program by singing, giving recitations, and repeating the commandments. The recitations were appropriate and well rendered. Considering the short notice we had of the convention, we feel that the program was well carried out. One thought that was made prominent in the convention was that in order to have a successful Sabbath-school, the work must begin at home. All present seemed much benefited, and encouraged to be faithful in the Master's work, and voted to have another convention in the near future.

GRACE STIFFLER, *Secretary.*

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

—PROF. FLOYD BRALLIAR, of Stuart, spent Sabbath and Sunday at Des Moines.

—MISS JENNIE LINDAHL, of Kelley, came to Des Moines last week to enter our church school.

—HAVE you adopted the plan of giving systematically ten cents or more each week for the support of foreign missions?

—BRO. H. S. PEEKE, of Colfax, can use all the *Signs*, *Reviews*, and *Sentinels* he can obtain. Send nice, clean copies, prepaying the postage, to his address as above.

—BRO. GEO. H. EYMER, of Red Oak, reports sixty-three copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" sold in his neighborhood. He adds, "We hope to be able to dispose of more yet."

—WE regret to learn that Sister L. Flora Plummer has been suffering from a severe attack of tonsilitis, from which she is just recovering. Miss Mamie Burnett has gone to Minneapolis to remain with her for a time.

—DURING the month of March the Sabbath-school lessons will take up the book of Malachi. All should have the two pamphlets "Honor Due to God" and "Will a Man Rob God?" as lesson helps. The full price for each is 10 cents; but by special offer for February these will both be sent post-paid for 12 cents. Order of this Office.

—BRO. J. W. DORCAS remained in Des Moines several days last week to assist in camp-meeting committee work. He occupied the morning hour in our Sabbath services; and as the work for "Christ's Object Lessons" was considered, all were surely led to realize more fully the real object and import of the plan for the relief of our school.

—AT the residence of Bro. and Sister D. H. Houser, Knoxville, Iowa, Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 1 P. M., was solemnized the marriage of their daughter Miss Mattie Houser to Bro. Martin Henriksen, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends, Eld. L. F. Starr officiating. We had the pleasure of extending congratulations as they called at the Sanitarium last Friday on their way to Persia, Shelby county.

—THOSE who are not subscribers to the *Sentinel of Liberty* are missing many important and interesting things. We mention some of the headings found in the issue of Feb. 14: Natural Rights, Establishing Rome in the Philippines, The Pan-American Exposition, The Vermont Sabbath Law, The Battle of the Century,—the last a series of articles by Prof. P. T. Magan. The "News, Notes, and Comments" in each number should be read by all who would be ready for the issue which has been foretold and is surely coming. Price per year, \$1.00; in clubs of 5 or more, 75 cents per copy per year.

—THE current issue of *Apples of Gold Library*, as also the issue of October, 1900, is an excellent brochure for use in missionary work. The current issue, by W. S. Sadler, is entitled, "Some One Cares for Your Soul," and is an earnest entreaty for those who have not fullness of joy to trust in Christ, who cares for their souls. The October issue is entitled, "Food; Its Mental and Moral Value," and is an earnest little dissertation upon the proper diet of man. Each of these tracts sell at 50 cents per hundred. Order of this Office.

—ALL orders for the *General Conference Bulletin* should be made soon. Subscription price for 2 years, 75 cents; daily issues, 50 cents.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

BRO. M. E. BROWN, of Sharpsburg, stopped with us last Friday night.

BRO. WM. JOHNSON, who has been engaged in Conference work at Jobes, was here for a few days' treatment while on his way to Marshalltown.

FOUR new patients were received last week. Our bookkeeper reports that the institution is enjoying a more liberal patronage at present than at any time before.

AT the recent meeting of the Sanitarium Board, Dr. J. D. Shively was appointed superintendent of the Iowa Sanitarium, and Bro. W. E. Frederick steward and bookkeeper. This leaves Eld. C. F. Stevens free, in accordance with his earnest request, to give attention to other duties.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

FOR SALE.—A good farm of eighty acres, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Bedford, Mich., and $10\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Battle Creek. Good improvements and plenty of fruit. Will sell at a bargain. Address H. J. Iden, Bedford, Mich.

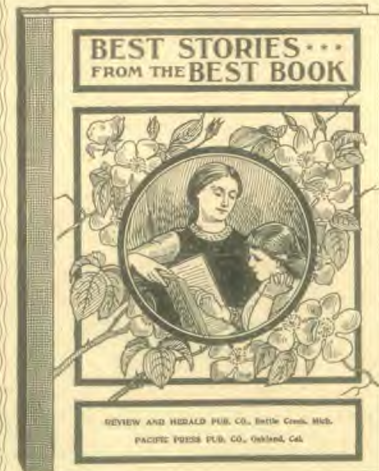
SABBATH-SCHOOL LESSONS IN THE "SIGNS."

IT was decided by the editors of the *Signs* to omit the Sabbath- and Sunday-school lessons from that paper during this year; but the numerous expressions of regret which came from various quarters caused them to reconsider the matter and reverse their decision. These lessons will be resumed at once, and the editors will, each week, furnish an article upon the topics considered in the lessons. These articles will be most valuable aid in the study of these lessons.

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APPOINTMENTS.

BIRMINGHAM, Feb. 25–Mar. 4, 1901.
Bladensburg, Mar. 5–11, "
H. NICOLA.
SIGOURNEY, Feb. 21, 1901.
Mt. Pleasant, " 23, 24, "
C. F. STEVENS.

AMES, Feb. 23, 24, 1901.
A church organization may be effected at this time if all is in readiness. Friends near by are invited to attend.
E. E. GARDNER,
J. W. ADAMS.