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What the World Needs.

To MY my ministering brethren I would say, Prosecute this work with tact and ability. Set to work the young men and the young women in our churches. Combine the medical missionary work with the proclamation of the third angel's message. Make regular, organized effort to lift the churches out of the dead level into which they have fallen, and have remained for years. Send into the churches workers who will set the principles of health reform in their connection with the third angel's message, before every family and individual. Encourage all to take a part in work for their fellow men, and see if the breath of life will not quickly return to these churches.

Study faithfully the thirty-third chapter of Ezekiel. The work which is being done in medical missionary lines is the very work which Christ commanded his followers to do. Can you not clearly see that those who are engaged in this work are fulfilling the Saviour's commission? Can you not see that it would please your Saviour if you would lay aside all false dignity, and learn in his school how to wear his yoke and carry his burdens?

The world needs evidences of sincere Christianity. Professed Christianity may be seen everywhere; but when the power of God's grace is seen in our churches, the members will work the works of Christ. Natural and hereditary traits of character will be transformed. The indwelling of his Spirit will enable them to reveal Christ's likeness, and in proportion to the purity of their piety will be the success of their work.

There are in our world many Christian workers who have not yet heard the grand and wonderful truths that have come to us. These are doing a good work in accordance with the light which they have, and many of them are more advanced in the knowledge of practical work than are those who have had great light and opportunities.

The indifference which has existed among our ministers in regard to health reform and medical missionary work is surprising. Some who do not profess to be Christians treat these matters with greater reverence than do some of our own people, and unless we arouse, they will go in advance of us.

The word which the Lord has given to me for our ministers and our churches is, "Go forward." "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."—Mrs. E. G. WHITE, in Special Test. No. 11.

To The Church Officers.

THIS is now the third time that I have been called to the position as secretary of the Minnesota Conference. Seven years in the earlier history of the cause in the State; one year when Sister Curtis, the wife of Eld. D. P. Curtis, was sick. After her death Bro. Curtis again took up the work. And now I wish to say that, with your forbearance, I will do the best I can. Unavoidably, there is some confusion this quarter, as a consequence of this necessary change. But, as the soldiers of Christ fall in the battle, we must fill up the ranks, and stand shoulder to shoulder.

Not long ago I wrote to all the church clerks in regard to blanks, (of which the records say they were sent out for September), and asked them to tell the treasurers of the change, and asked all to send me word if any had not received the blanks. Now it may be that some of these clerks have not seen their treasurers as yet, and so I will ask the reader to tell any officer whom they can reach, all about this matter. Quite a number have responded by way of reports, but I hope to hear from all.

And now let me say to one and all; be free to write to me in regard to your part of the work. I am willing to do all I can to assist you. Let us work together and the Lord will bless.

Yours to serve, ELD. H. F. PHELPS,
1634 Carroll Street, St. Paul, Minn.

The Canvassing Work.

I HAVE received word from a number of the canvassers, and all are doing well; but as I have not been able to reach home to get the entire list, I am not able to report the amount. All are of good courage and praising God that they have the privilege of

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laboring in this important branch of God's work. Indeed it is an important part of the work, as the spirit of Prophecy has said.

"Canvassing work is God's means of reaching many who would not otherwise be impressed with the truth." Test. 32, p. 161.

Again we read: "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures. Missionary work, introducing our publications into families, conversing, and praying with and for them is a good work." Test. 4, p. 390.

We need scores of men and women to take up this work between now and the holidays. Who will go? Send in your requests at once and have a part in saving souls.
J. F. POGUE.

The Catholics and the Philippines.

[The following editorial appeared in the *Minneapolis Times* of October 7. It contains so many good thoughts and principles upon which this government is founded, and from which it has departed, we give it as a whole. The only regret is that this government does not sustain the relation to the Catholic church and other churches that the author endeavors to show that it does—an entire separation. This is where the great danger is to our national welfare, that such men are not awake to the impending ruin that threatens the life of this once grand republic. The article reads as follows;— Ed.]

There has been considerable discussion as to what ought to be done and what ought not to be done in respect to the Catholic orders and religion after the United States shall have taken full possession of the Philippine islands.

The *Times* regards the discussion as altogether superfluous. This government has nothing whatever to do with any religion. The frequent visits of Archbishop Ireland to President McKinley were interpreted as indicative of a disposition on the part of the administration to grant special protection and privileges to the Catholic church. But no desire on the part of the President to favor Archbishop Ireland or the church which he represents with eminent ability and loyalty, would weigh an instant against the overwhelming public opinion of this country, which would be inexorably opposed to granting any special favors to any church or sect, whatever. All denominations and all religions must look out for themselves. The United States will not become involved in the Philippines or elsewhere with monks, priests, the pope or any other functionary of the Catholic church or with any church. In Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, the Catholic church, if the United States shall decide to retain the last named islands, must look to its own members for support, precisely as it does in this country. The stars and stripes guarantee to every man the right to worship

God as he pleases, when he pleases and where he pleases. And that is all the stars and stripes ever do guarantee. And it will be a grand day for humanity when all other civilized nations occupy the same relation toward religion and religious denominations of every name and creed. It will mark a tremendous advance in civilization and intellectual liberty, and the passing away of superstition, intolerance and bigotry, which rank among the great and blighting curses of the world.

The Catholic church in the Philippines must adjust itself to the new conditions, depend upon itself, and keep out of the government if the islands become a part of the United States. No commissioner will be appointed to guard its interests, no laws will be enacted to help it in any special way whatever. It will occupy precisely the relation to the state and government that all other religious denominations occupy.

Therefore, the discussion as to what will be done for the Catholics is altogether idle and useless; and if that has been the object of the frequent consultations between the archbishop and the president, they might as well have not been held. The government of the United States is utterly indifferent as to what will become of the Catholic church, or the Protestant church in Cuba, in Porto Rico, or in the Philippine islands. And it is gratifying to note that the more progressive and influential members of the Catholic hierarchy in the United States not only recognize these conditions, but frankly acknowledge their justice and their wisdom and show a disposition to cheerfully give in their adhesion to them.

War vs. Peace.

MAJOR WILKINSON and five private soldiers were buried at Fort Snelling, near St. Paul, last Sunday as a partial result of the uprising among the Indians in the northern part of the State last week. The military funeral which was held at the fort was an imposing scene. After the close of the sermon in the chapel by one of the ministers of Minneapolis, the dead warriors were taken in separate hearses to their last resting places and buried near the fort.

The military band headed the procession, playing a funeral dirge with muffled drum and slow and solemn tread of thousands of mourners. The coffin, covered with beautiful flowers, containing the remains of the Major was mounted on a huge cannon and drawn by the government team.

Following this were the other five soldiers who had given up their lives to defend the homes of men, women and children, against the treachery of the savage Indian.

The scene brought to the mind of the writer the results of cruel warfare, and there came a longing desire for that happy land where war and strife will not be known; for the inhabitants of that beautiful land will have seen the terrible results of sin in this sin-cursed earth, and their desires will be for only those things that are pure and holy, and opposed to

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The Desire of Ages

Will be Published Simultaneously in London and the United States, Tuesday, November 1.

You are probably aware that Sister White has been engaged for years in writing what has been known as a Life of Christ. Some portions of the manuscript have been placed in the hands of our leading ministers and others, who have used them to good advantage in public services. It is possible, therefore, that you are acquainted with it in a general way; but no series of quotations, and no description that can be given here, can more than hint at the wonderful riches contained in the completed volume, which will contain nearly 900 7x10-inch pages, and over 300 beautiful half-tone engravings, all of which were prepared especially for this book, and will be entitled **THE DESIRE OF AGES**.

It has been called a Life of Christ, but it is more than that; it is a use of that life as a *Light to illumine the path of every soul striving for trans-lation*. It is preeminently a book for

THESE LAST DAYS

and deserves most careful and prayerful attention. We are in testing times, therefore the author refers us to the great test in Galilee, when so many ceased to walk with Him. Here are the words:—

"The test was too great. The enthusiasm of those who had sought to take Him by force and make Him king grew cold. . . . They had welcomed His miracle-working power; they were eager to be freed from disease and suffering; but they would not come into sympathy with His self-sacrificing life."

This chapter is filled with precious instruction concerning complete consecration, and in closing says:—

"This is what it means to live 'by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.' This is eating the Bread that comes down from heaven."

The circumstances leading up to the

TRANSFIGURATION

as told in the following quotation will give you an idea of the new light thrown upon many other incidents in Christ's life:—

"The light of the setting sun still lingers on the mountain-top, and gilds with its fading glory the path they are traveling. But soon the light dies out from hill as well as valley, the sun disappears behind the western horizon, and the solitary travelers are wrapped in the darkness of night. The gloom of their surroundings seems in harmony with their sorrowful lives, around which the clouds are gathering and thickening. . . ."

"Presently Christ tells them that they are now to go no farther. Stepping aside from them, the Man of sorrows pours out His supplication with strong crying and tears. . . . The Saviour has seen the gloom of His disciples, and has longed to lighten their grief by an assurance that their faith has not been in vain. . . . Now the burden of His prayer is that they may be given a manifestation of the glory He had with the Father before the world was. His prayer is heard. . . . the heavens open, the golden gates of the City of God are thrown wide, and holy radiance descends upon the mount, enshrouding the Saviour's form."

The chapter entitled "A Servant of Servants" contains much additional light concerning

THE ORDINANCES

and the circumstances surrounding their first celebration. We quote:—

"Christ knew that the time had come for Him to depart out of the world and go to His Father. He was now in the shadow of the cross, and the pain was torturing His heart. . . ."

"On this last evening with His disciples, Jesus had much to tell them. If they had been prepared to receive what He longed to impart, they would have been saved from heart-breaking anguish, from disappointment and unbelief. As He looked into their faces, the words of warning and comfort were stayed

upon His lips. Moments passed in silence. Jesus appeared to be waiting. . . . There was a 'strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.' . . . Another cause for dissension had arisen. At a feast it was customary for a servant to wash the feet of the guests, and on this occasion preparation had been made for this service. The pitcher, the basin, and the towel were there in readiness for the feet-washing; but no servant was present, and it was the disciples' part to perform it. . . . The disciples made no move toward serving one another. Jesus waited for a time to see what they would do. Then He, the divine Teacher, rose from the table. Laying aside the outer garments that would have impeded His movements, He took a towel, and girded Himself. With surprised interest the disciples looked on, and in silence waited to see what would follow."

We would suggest that portions of the above chapter be read in connection with your quarterly-meeting occasions, as it is well calculated to soften hearts and bring in a spirit of harmony.

PARENTS AND THE CHILDREN.

The Scriptures have told us that in these last days the hearts of parents and children would be turned to each other. This book contains inspired instruction along that line. Let us quote one paragraph:—

"He is as verily the He'per of mothers to-day as when He gathered the little ones to His arms in Judea. The children of our hearts are as much the purchase of His blood as were the children of long ago. . . . Jesus knows the burdens of every mother's heart. He who had a mother that struggled with poverty and privation, sympathizes with every mother in her labors. Let mothers come to Jesus with their perplexities. They will find grace sufficient to aid them in the management of their children. . . . Even the babe in its mother's arms may dwell as under the shadow of the Almighty through the faith of the praying mother."

The instruction to the children is just as plain as is the above to the parents, and will be found in the chapters devoted more especially to His early life.

There is one other thing that should not be lost sight of in connection with this book, and that is our

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the mad strife through which this world is passing now. No homes will be made desolate by death or sorrow there. Peace, like a river, will flow from heart to heart, and they will not learn war any more. There is room in that peaceful home for every one who reads these lines. Do you want to live there? If so, go and tell your Saviour so, and that you are willing to follow him and he will lead you there.

L. B. L.

• NOTES FROM THE FIELD. •

In John 17:8 we have a precious thought especially for these times when Satan would have us see so much that is *not of God*. This scripture first teaches us to look up. O, that we would lift up our eyes! O, that our minds and hearts were with our High Priest. O, that our ears were strained to catch the sound of the bells on his garment, that we might know that our High Priest liveth and maketh intercession for us! O, let us lift up our eyes and keep them lifted up, up to Him who alone is mighty to save and strong to deliver; then we will not see the faults of our brethren, nor will we enter into judgment, nor stop to criticise. For if we lift up our eyes like John and James and Peter, we will see Jesus only. O, that we would behold nothing else.

Brethren, if we will close our eyes to friend and foe, *Satan and self* and lift up our eyes *we too* shall behold the desire of ages, the bright and morning Star, the only hope of our salvation, no man save Jesus only.

MRS. F. A. WEBBER,

New York Mills, Minn.

Henning.

THE cause here is still onward, despite opposition from every direction. Since our last report the English M. E., Danish Baptist, and Danish Lutheran ministers have exerted themselves in opposing God's truth both publicly and privately. We have replied to each attack as far as it seemed best to notice them. They have now sent for an old veteran to come and annihilate us. They little realize that this work is *not of man*, and cannot be hindered by man. Honest souls are seeing the light, and walking in it.

Last Sabbath was another blessed day here. We organized a Sabbath-school of twenty-six members. Most of these are new in the faith, and some of them are most excellent persons.

We are still holding our meetings in the tent. There is not a room in the town that we can possibly get, so we are seriously considering the matter of building a church. The company here is mostly Scandinavian, among which people, Bro. Christian is doing a good work. We expect to have baptism next Sabbath. Quite a number are candidates. Brethren, remember the work here, and pray that God's mind and power may prevail.

I am now on my way to Albert Lea to hold quarterly meeting with the church there.

W. A. SWEANY,
L. H. CHRISTIAN.



ITEMS.

Eld. Scoles reports quite an interest to hear the truth at Dexter where he has been holding meetings for the past few days.

Miss Hattie Richel of North Branch, formerly one of our canvassers, was in Minneapolis over Sabbath and Sunday calling on friends.

Martin Reppe and wife have returned to Minneapolis from California where he has been nursing a patient for the past ten months.

Eld. W. A. Sweany passed through Minneapolis one day last week on his way from Henning to Albert Lea. He reports the work as progressing nicely at Henning.

Gust Henrikson drove to St. Paul from his canvassing field last Friday, and spent the Sabbath with the brethren in the saintly city. He called at the office Sunday and purchased a supply of books with which to make his delivery.

"AFTER you have received counsel from the wise, the judicious, there is yet a Counselor whose wisdom is unerring. Fail not to present your case before him, and entreat his direction. He has promised that if you lack wisdom and ask of him, he will give it to you liberally, and upbraid not."

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