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Hannah Whitall Smith.

Dear Friend.

Yesterday at the Muscatine Local W. C. T. U. allusion was made to thy prospect of leaving America for awhile on account of poor health. Loving sympathy was expressed and thankful appreciation of thy unwearied and very valuable labors as National Superintendent of Evangelistic work for the W. C. T. U.

The Secretary of the Union was directed to record a minute expressive of the love and sympathy of this Union and I was instructed to write an expression thereof to thee.

Not alone in the hearts of the women of the W. C. T. U., but in many christian homes

is thy name and thy writings precious.

Prayers ascend from many hearts that the blessing of the Lord may continue to abide richly on thee and thine and that thy life may long be spared to bless others -

Last fall my dear sister Phoebe E. Johnson who met thee at New England G. Mtg. last 6th. Mo. wrote thee requesting that thou send thy Bible Leaflets to her - they came promptly and I can not sufficiently thank thee for sending them - They have been a great blessing to me and others. Each week Christian women meet in our room and we are greatly instructed and benefitted in studying thy Bible readings. I also use them in house to house visitation among mothers who can not leave their homes to attend the Bible readings -

We are to commence their use in this Local Union next week.

At our last Co. Convention I was appointed Supt. of Evangelistic work and I intend to have them used in all the Local Unions of the Co. "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life" by thyself

has been much blessed to me and many others.
Also thy "Bible Readings."

Each First-day evening we meet with those who have lately joined Friends in this city and read from thy "Bible Readings."

The Lord wonderfully blesses these little meetings with His presence and overshadowing love.

If there are on hand at ^{any} place a supply of the back nos. of the Bible Leaflet I should be very glad to have a quantity of them. I think I could put them where they are much needed and would be used and appreciated.

A minister of our Society, Sarah Jane Jepson, Peiso, Woodbury Co. Iowa, spent some time with us in evangelistic work last winter and was very anxious to have them to use in her present home but I have not yet felt that I can spare what I have.

I hope thou will be able to furnish a Bible Lesson for publication each month.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing
precious seed, shall doubtless come again
with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with
him."

May thou be permitted to return to
native land and many friends laden
with rich sheaves of peace and blessing.

Thy grateful friend

Abigail M. Gray.

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