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AT PRAYER-MEETING.

There were only two or three of us
Who came to the place of prayer,—
Came in the teeth of a driving storm,—
But for that we did not care;
Since after our hymns of praise had risen
And our earnest prayers were said,
The Master himself was present there
And gave the Living Bread.
—Margaret Sangster.

THE "MISSIONARY READING CIRCLE."

ONE of the most effective means of spreading the third angel's message is the circulation of our literature. A general movement is now on foot by which all may unite in a thorough study of some of our most important books, which will only be a preparation for the work of intelligently circulating the same. Combined with this is a course of study on "The Field,"—which is the world. What was first known as the "Berean Reading Circle" is now united with the one that has been announced by the Foreign Mission Board, under the name, the "Missionary Reading Circle." Two distinct lines of reading will be presented,—the study of the message, with the "Berean Library" as the text book; and the study of the field, with the *Missionary Magazine* as the principle source of information. Outlines for this study will be published as a guide for the home study of each member of the circle. It is expected to begin this study some time in October. We are confident that this will be the beginning of a

missionary movement which will commence in the home of each family of Seventh-day Adventists, and extend its influence throughout and beyond the community, and attended by the power of the Spirit of God, soon reach into the darkened countries of foreign lands; for this gospel of the kingdom must be preached in all the world before the end shall come.

We especially wish to urge that our people everywhere get ready to start in together in the work of the "Missionary Reading Circle." Subscribe for the "Berean Library" and the *Missionary Magazine*. The next issue of the "Library" will be "Thoughts on Daniel," which is the first book we shall study. Order the "Library" and the *Magazine* at once, so as to be ready for the outline lessons as soon as they shall appear.

MRS. L. F. P.

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

THE Lord has told us that his method of education is entirely different in character from that found in the worldly schools. The principles taught and the methods employed result in molding the character of the individual. The public schools of the land make no pretensions to fit the child for citizenship in the heavenly country. Their entire aim is so to develop the child that he will be successful in worldly attainments. Now if these same principles and methods are brought into the church school, in other words, if the public school system is interwoven into the true system of education, the logical result will be a man fitted for this world and not for God. Simply to bring an evil into the church does not make it good, but rather renders it more dangerous; because it is then hidden under the mantle of religion. If we do this, are we

not following directly in the footsteps of the early Christian church, which allowed pagan customs to come in and thus prove its ruin? This is one of the dangers that now threatens us; namely, that of changing the worldly system of education from the public school building to the church school building, and thus following the same false education.

It is for this reason that those who contemplate being teachers in our church schools should receive a special training in true education. Thus they will be shown the vital differences which exist between the worldly methods and those given us by the Lord. Great light has been shed from the Testimonies regarding the principles and methods to be taught. We are living in the closing scenes of this world's history; and now above all other times should all unnecessary studies be weeded out, and only those things that are highly practical be taught. The Lord has not left us to surmise on this point, for he has told us just the things to be taught at this time.

It is for these reasons that the Teachers' Institute is being held in Des Moines. True education is to be contrasted with false. The life of the world's greatest Teacher, and his methods of teaching, will be studied. Lessons on Practical Nursing, with lectures on Hygiene and Physiology, will be given daily. The Bible will be made the basis of our work. A course in Nature Work will be offered. Besides these there will be many other features. Prof. E. A. Sutherland will be present, and will lecture on "True Education." Prof. W. T. Bland will give lessons on Pedagogy. Prof. M. E. Cady, who is soon to go to California, to accept the presidency of the Healdsburg College, has promised

to stop in Des Moines, and will give instruction on "God's Works." Here is an exceptional opportunity for all who are interested in true education to learn these principles. A uniform outline of work is to be planned for the coming year, so that the work will have order. Otherwise there is danger of making the public school the standard, and imitating it.

The Institute begins Sept. 5, but the date of entry will not be closed until Sept. 11. All who are interested in church school work should be present, especially those who expect to engage in it this fall. "God wants teachers in our schools to be efficient." "Teachers may suppose that they can teach in their own wisdom, retaining their human imperfections; but Christ, the divine Teacher, whose work is to restore to man that which was lost through the fall, sanctified himself to his work." These words plainly show us the necessity of a preparation.

J. J. THOMAS.

COLUMBUS JUNCTION CAMP-MEETING.

Dear Brethren in South-eastern Iowa: As the different meetings are announced in the BULLETIN, I wonder how many think of God's words, which are especially applicable to us "upon whom the ends of the world are come:" "Gather yourselves together, . . . O nation not desired: before the decree bring forth, . . . before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you. . . . Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth; . . . seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." Zeph. 2:1-3. What class of people are not desired?—"If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." Jno. 15:18, 19. Not only is it said that the world does not desire the people of God, but that it hates them. What decree is this? The Lord tells us in Rev. 22:11: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still." O dear brethren, how many of us are ready for this decree to go forth? How many of us are righteous and holy?

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; . . . and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not for-

saking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Heb. 10: 23-25. Is the day approaching? "He is near, even at the door." Matt. 24: 33 (margin). "He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness." Rom. 9:28. So if we are the Lord's when he finishes his work, we must have righteousness; for that is the way his work is to be finished. On page 7, "Special Testimonies for our Ministers," this very solemn warning is found: "There is never a time to sin; it is always perilous to continue in transgression; but in a special sense is this true at the present time. We are now upon the very borders of the eternal world. . . . Now let every person search his own heart, and plead for the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness to expel all spiritual darkness, and cleanse from all defilement." On page 9 we read: "O, the end is near! Who is ready for Christ to rise from his throne, to put on the garments of vengeance? Whose names are registered in the Lamb's book of life? . . . Your objectionable phases of character must be given up, and you must be clothed with the garments of Christ's righteousness." "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard it. . . . And they shall be mine saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels." Mal. 3: 16, 17. How could they speak one to another if they were not together? So Paul says, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, . . . and so much the more as ye see the day approaching." We fear (love) the Lord, do we not, brethren? Then we will speak often one to another. The Lord says: "Blow the trumpet in Zion. . . . call a solemn assembly: gather the people (Who?—They that are not desired), sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children." Joel 2:15, 16. In Matt. 6:33 Christ tells us to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." Righteousness will surely be found if we seek for it with all our heart.

We have a very pleasant location for the meeting, only about three-quarters of a mile from the depot. The railroad accommodations are splendid, as there are twelve or more passenger trains daily. Let all who can come, and let those who "stay by the stuff" pray that this occasion may be

one of great refreshing. Sept. 26 to Oct. 1 is the time appointed. Begin to get ready now, and bring your friends up to the feast with you.

E. H. ADAMS.

FIELD REPORTS.

GRAVITY AND CLEARFIELD.

WE have closed our meetings at Gravity, and have commenced meetings at Clearfield, Taylor Co. We did not think the interest sufficient for us to stay longer at Gravity. Some seeds of truth were sown by the meetings, and by reading matter distributed in the city and country, which we hope and pray may be watered by the Spirit of God. We have now (Sept. 1) held eight meetings in Clearfield, with an increasing interest. Bro. Andrew W. Johnson was compelled to return home from Gravity on account of ill health. Bro. C. W. Neal is now with us in the work at this place. Address us as below.

C. A. WASHBURN,
J. O. BEARD.

Clearfield, Taylor Co.

STORY CITY.

WE are glad to report that we are still in the good work. Last Sunday night the tent was crowded, and many listened outside. The subject was "The Seven Last Plagues." Since our last report, others have taken their stand for the truth. Last Sabbath we had a very good meeting, and our hearts were cheered by the testimonies to the goodness of God.

Sept. 1. N. C. BERGERSEN,
PETER LINDAHL.

LADOGA AND SHARPS.

WHILE engaged in tent labor at Gravity, I found time one Sabbath to attend the quarterly meeting at Ladoga. The ordinances were celebrated, and one was received into the church. I also met with the church at Sharps on two Sabbaths. At the last meeting at that place, two were added to the church. One of these desires baptism at the earliest opportunity.

Sept. 1. C. A. WASHBURN.

CRESTON.

DURING the past month, the Lord has moved upon the hearts of our friends, to supply us with an organ, song books, a nice blackboard, and many other conveniences for our Sabbath-school. We also have much larger rooms for the children's meetings. We wish to thank all who have sent

papers for them. Our cottage meetings are well attended. Yesterday as we closed the service, two new appointments were made for readings. After having a lesson on "The Law of God," one lady said, "I am more of an Advent than anything else." There is some prejudice here as elsewhere. One party after examining "Heralds of the Morning" said he would not give 25 cents per hundred for the book. He wants nothing but fiction. There has been a remarkable conversion here this week. The case of a gentleman with whom Bro. Lamb has been laboring was presented before the Lord at prayer meeting, and afterwards he said that the Lord had given him the victory over strong drink. He has studied carefully "Steps to Christ," and is now rejoicing in God's keeping power. We often say, "There is nothing too hard for the Lord," and we believe that he will give a burden to the ones he desires to labor in this part of his vineyard. MINNIE BEAMAN.

614 N. Vine St.

DUBUQUE.

OUR work took rather a new turn when we came back from the camp-meeting. Some of those who had taken hold of the truth before we left, had persuaded some of their friends to have readings on our return. Instead of one family, we would generally have a room full. Instead of evening readings, we held cottage meetings, and while speaking to those inside, others who had not the courage to come in, would stand outside by the open windows and listen. Is not this similiar to the course of Nicodemus?

A man and his wife who had gone deep into Spiritualism,—he one of their strong mediums, and she raised a Catholic,—have decided to obey the truth, and have given their order for the *Review*. A doctor's wife, who would not let my wife come to her house to give readings to her daughter-in-law, whose mother was a Sabbath-keeper, was persuaded to come to our meeting one night. She became interested, and after a few days sent us word to come and hold meetings at her house. Becoming convinced of the truth, but still unwilling to give up, she invited us to meet her minister at her house. When he was compelled to acknowledge that man and not God changed the Sabbath, she decided that she would obey God.

We have secured the Baptist church on the corner of Twelfth and Main

streets, in which to hold our weekly services. This is one of the best locations in the city. Since Sister Beaman left, a young lady with whom she had been holding readings has begun to observe the Sabbath, and has decided to consecrate her life to missionary work. My wife and Sister Martha Lenz spend considerable time each week among those not acquainted with our work,—often making from twenty to thirty visits a day,—soliciting for readers, canvassing for the *Signs*, selling or loaning tracts, distributing our periodicals, seeking to leave in each house some ray of light, which, if followed up, would lead into the full light of the third angel's message. Sister Lenz has a good class of readers, and the Lord is blessing her work. My wife has more appointments than she can fill, most of which are among prominent citizens. Many who a year ago would not permit us to enter their homes, have been watching the progress of the work, and are convinced that it is of the Lord. These have asked for readings, without being solicited.

The little company here have been made sad by the death of Sister Joseph's husband. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, at the time of our regular Sabbath services. Words of admonition were spoken to the living from the text, "Prepare to meet thy God."

G. R. HAWKINS.

THE BOOK WORK.

FROM THE CANVASSERS.

NETTIE E. BROWN, BLOOMFIELD: "I realize more than ever before the great importance of the work. We find many who are rejecting the truth, and others who are anxious to hear more of it. I cannot express how thankful I am that the Lord has given me a part in his closing work. It is my earnest prayer that I may be a living example for him, and that I may be the means of bringing many to him."

A. J. SCOTT, CENTERVILLE: "I had much better success in delivering than I expected. I had orders for nearly two hundred books, scattered over considerable territory; but I lost only a few orders, and sold all surplus books. This is the best mission field I have ever worked, and I find many interested people. I never have enjoyed my work better than now."

MR. AND MRS. C. E. VOSBURGH, LOGAN:

"Another canvasser has been here before us, but we believe there are those here to whom the Lord desires to have the truths contained in our books, presented. Although the way looks dark at times, we know that Jesus has traveled the way before us, and that he will go over it again with us."

We have received a few orders for "Steps to Christ" in the foreign languages, paper binding. The English edition only of this book is bound in paper. Canvassers, please remember this in taking orders.

The canvassers will be pleased to know that "Coming King" and "Heralds of the Morning" are both now ready in the German language.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING AUG. 25, 1899.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.
THE COMING KING.			
H. B. Tilden, Grinnell.....	35	11	\$11.00
Mrs. H. B. Tilden, New Sharon..	22	4	4.00
Susan Haskell, Bloomfield.....	12	7	7.00
Nettie Brown, ".....	12	3	3.00
R. L. Bennett, Orchard.....	2	1	1.00
Belle Rowland, Waterloo.....	7	2	2.00
Dora Rasmussen, Jacksonville..	5	2	2.00
Pearl D. Bascom, Independence..	45	23	24.00
Christine Henriksen, ".....	41	22	22.00
*Mary Haskell, Brooklyn.....	31	10	10.00
*Cora Countryman, ".....	35	10	10.00
J. S. Fry, Montezuma.....	20	6	6.00
Ervin W. Warner, Bethlehem....	58	13	13.00
Jesse R. Marsh, Orchard.....	11	0	
Mrs. C. E. Vosburgh, Logan.....	19	5	6.25
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.			
C. E. Vosburgh, Logan.....	45	6	\$10.50
Lewis Hilliard, Algona.....	41	19	33.75
Henry Baetke, Radcliffe.....	26	6	11.75
HERALDS OF THE MORNING.			
Olive Lefave, Hawarden.....	24	12	\$15.25
C. A. Anderson, Pilot Mound....	45	16	20.50
Lloyd Manfull, Waterloo.....	30	10	13.00
A. F. French, ".....	5	2	2.50
PROPHECIES OF JESUS AND COMING KING.			
Burton Church, Bethlehem.....	27	4	\$4.00
GREAT CONTROVERSY.			
E. A. Warner, Waterloo.....	14	2	\$6.00*
GREAT CONTROVERSY AND SUNSHINE AT HOME.			
J. P. Gaede, Radcliffe.....	42	11	16.75
DANIEL AND THE REVELATION.			
S. M. Holly, Des Moines.....	40	20	\$52.50
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Mae Kephart, Stuart.....	14	8	\$2.50
P. W. Atkinson, Ringsted.....	50	8	16.15
S. B. Kephart, Stuart.....	48	13	22.00
DELIVERIES.			
	Books.	Value.	Lost.
Pearl D. Bascom.....	2	\$2.00	0
Christine Henriksen,.....	1	1.00	0
H. F. Lamb, Onawa.....	1	5.00	0
Mae Kephart.....	5	1.50	0
C. A. Anderson.....	1	1.00	0
SUMMARY.			
No. of agents.....			30
" " orders.....			256
Value of ".....			\$348.40
" " helps sold.....			\$51.57
Total value.....			\$399.97
Value of deliveries.....			\$10.50
*Two weeks.			

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DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPT. 5, 1899.

—CHARLES CITY camp-meeting, Sept. 12—17.

—BRO. U. H. PARSONS, of this city, spent last Sabbath in Chicago.

—MR. AND MRS. J. M. CARTWRIGHT, of Pilot Mound, were visitors at the Home last week.

—MRS. ANGELIA HOBBS, of Mt. Pleasant, has been elected to a position in the high school at Creston, Iowa.

—MRS. NORA BROWN and children, of Sharpsburg, spent last week in Des Moines, visiting friends.

—WE were pleased to have Sister Nellie Law meet with us last Sabbath, after an absence of several months.

—MRS. A. C. HART has recently joined her husband in Iowa, and was in attendance at the Cherokee camp-meeting.

—MR. AND MRS. R. D. TOPLIFF, of Davis City, visited relatives in this city last week, and attended our Sabbath services.

—MRS. SADIE LONG, of Sigourney, with Master Howard, visited her niece Mrs. Jessie L. Adams, in this city, returning home last week.

—SEVERAL boxes of goods donated to the Sanitarium have been received this week. In due time the boxes will be opened, and credit given to the donors, through the BULLETIN. Others who contemplate sending donations should address the Iowa Sanitarium, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

—MISS EVA MORTON, who for a number of years has been in charge of bath and massage parlors in our city, went last week to locate at Dubuque. Many friends wish for her a continuation of the good degree of success that has attended her work here.

—MARRIED.—At Atlantic, Iowa, Aug. 3, 1899, occurred the marriage of Mr. C. H. Garver, of Fontanelle, Iowa, to Mrs. Chas. Van Cleve, of Atlantic. The ceremony was solemnized by Eld. E. G. Olsen, in the presence of relatives and a few invited friends.

—BRO. F. W. HIDDLESON, who has been connected with the mission work in Chicago for a time, occupied the morning hour at our church in this city last Sabbath, in the interests of the *Life Boat*. He gave an interesting talk relative to the different branches of the missionary work in Chicago.

—SUBSCRIBE for the "Berean Library", which will be published quarterly. The yearly subscription is 75 cents; single number, 25 cents. Order the *Missionary Magazine* for one year. The price is only 25 cents. When you have these, you will be ready for the "Missionary Reading Circle" work.

—AMONG State Fair visitors calling at the Home were Bro. John Tibbetts, of Grinnell; Bro. D. H. Houser and daughter, of Knoxville; Miss Grace Combs, of Adel; Bro. Wm. Cox, of Winterset; and Mr. and Mrs. E. Brown, of Sharpsburg.

—BRO. W. V. FIELD left this city yesterday for Cedar Rapids, with private conveyance. Sister Field is in very poor health, and will remain here for a time at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Dorcas, in the hope that the rest may prove beneficial.

—MR. AND MRS. W. L. JOHNSON and daughter Genevieve, of Brooklyn, Iowa, were in the city last week. Sister Johnson and daughter went on from here to College View, the latter to attend college for another year.

—MRS. H. G. WASHBURN, of Waterloo, wishes to extend thanks through the BULLETIN for the liberal supply of papers received for the reading racks in that city. They have all they will be able to use for some time.

—BRO. J. J. THOMAS came to Des Moines last week, to begin his work in connection with the Teachers' Institute, which will open Sept. 5. Next week we hope to give a complete list of those in attendance.

—THE tent company located at first at Columbus Junction, consisting of Brn. E. H. Adams and U. P. Long, with their families, has moved to Fredonia, Louisa county.

—MISS LIBBIE ALLEN, of Sumner, is again in Des Moines, at the home of her sister Mrs. R. H. Habenicht, for a time.

—MISS STELLA PFAFF, of Sigourney, is spending a short time in Des Moines, expecting to go shortly to Dubuque, where she will be associated with Miss Eva Morton in bath-room work.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

MANY of them are laying plans for their winter's schooling. Where will they go? with what object in view? Dear young brother or sister, do you feel the need of a deeper experience in the knowledge of God? I know that you do. Many have told me so. You can not get this experience by going to some center of worldly learning; but I feel clear in saying that I believe you can get this help in Union College, with the other studies that will broaden the mind.

I hope that the eyes of many are turning to that place, as the time draws near. We have sought the Lord for guidance in selecting instructors, and believe that we have the strongest corps of teachers of any school among us. The Lord's blessing has rested upon our efforts to select strong men of God. Then, students, plan to enter some department of the work as soon as the school closes.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

APPOINTMENTS.

SHARPSBURG, Sept. 9, 1899.
Opportunity will be given for baptism, and the ordinances will be celebrated. All come, praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

C. A. WASHBURN,
C. W. NEAL.

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THIS is the largest and best equipped institution in the denomination doing college work. It is also a practical training school for Christian workers, with thorough departments of instruction. Literary, Scientific, Biblical, Normal, Commercial, Missionary, Preparatory, Medical, German, and Scandinavian Courses are followed, also a Preparatory Course for beginners. All are provided for. A strong faculty, comfortable, commodious buildings, and finely equipped class rooms. All rooms are heated with steam and lighted by electricity. The climate is splendid, and expenses the lowest. The College year opens Sept. 20. For illustrated Year Book or any special information address, W. T. BLAND, COLLEGE VIEW, NEB.

