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LOVE.

A LITTLE child, with loving thought,
Plucks from a bush a rose;
And on its toddling, eager feet
Straight to its mother goes,
'Tis not the value of the rose,
But 'tis the loving thought,
Makes precious to that mother's heart
The gift so gladly brought,
So Christ above, in dearest love,
Accepts the gifts we bring;
And through his merits he presents
Our offering to the King.

—N. O. Lincoln.

THE "MISSIONARY READING CIRCLE."

THE announcements that have been made by different persons concerning the Reading Circle work have had a tendency to confuse some who are interested. The "Missionary Reading Circle" was first planned by the Foreign Mission Board, and embraced the study of the field only. The first announcements sent out by them refer to that part of the work alone. Afterwards, this was combined with what was first called the "Berean Reading Circle," which was planned to take up the study of the message. Now there is but one Reading Circle, and that is the "Missionary Reading Circle." Two lines of study will be followed,—the study of the message and the study of the field. The *Berean Library* will be used as a text-book in the study of the message, and the *Missionary Magazine* as the text-book in the study of the field. All announcements that refer but to one of these

lines of study were made before the union of the circles. There is no membership fee required. The books and papers are all that is necessary. The *Berean Library* is 75 cents per year, the *Missionary Magazine* is 25 cents. The outlines of study will be published in the *Review*, with supplementary work for our young people in the *Instructor*.

MRS. L. F. P.

MINISTERS' SCHOOL.

OUR young men in Iowa have, no doubt, seen the notice in the *Review* of the special school for those desiring, or expecting, to enter the ministry. The reason that so many young men who apply for a place in the ministry are not received, is not because of a lack of means so much as a lack of preparation. When a young man is well qualified to take up the work earnestly and energetically, that young man will find a place. The conferences want such men, and they will bring means into the cause. But there are so many who apply that are not prepared, and who are weak and inefficient after entering the field. In all their work they feel the need of the training that was wanting.

Are there not several willing young men of Iowa who can go to Battle Creek and get the blessings of this school for ministers? Every effort will be made to reduce expenses while there, we are promised, and work will be given as far as possible. God has said that the highest work on the earth is the ministry, and God wants strong young men to step in, fully prepared to give the closing message. Address Prof. E. A. Sutherland, College, Battle Creek, Mich.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

"OUR sufficiency for all our duties and responsibilities is of God."

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AND SANITARIUM BOARD MEETINGS.

THE following are some of the business matters which came before the Conference Committee at its recent session:—

It was decided that the State meeting be held Dec. 19–21, the place to be selected in the future.

In view of the fact that our tithing fund is overdrawn, it was recommended that the Conference President advise our young laborers who have been assisting in tent labor, to improve the time during the busy season this fall in canvassing, or other self-supporting work.

It was decided that the canvassers' school be held in Des Moines for a term of eight weeks, beginning Feb. 6 and closing April 3.

The Board of Trustees for the Iowa Sanitarium and Benevolent Association met for organization, and to consider matters of business, Sept. 20, 1899.

The organization was perfected by the election of Eld. P. A. Hansen, permanent Chairman; C. F. Stevens, Secretary; and C. W. Larson, Treasurer. In the matter of selecting the physicians for the Iowa Sanitarium, it was decided that Dr. W. L. Gardner be accepted as Superintendent of the Sanitarium, in harmony with the recommendation of the Medical Missionary Board; and that Dr. R. H. Habenicht be the Assistant Superintendent. Further appointments were made as follows: T. S. Jackson, Business Manager; Miss Ella Zuver, Clerk; and Mrs. Adella Habenicht, Matron; the Executive Committee to consist of the Business Manager, the Superintendent, the Matron, and the Treasurer. It was also decided that E. Swap be employed as chief engineer, with A. J. Jackson as assistant; and A. J. Jack-

son as chief electrician, with E. Swap as his assistant. The date of opening the Sanitarium for the reception of patients was set for Oct. 2, 1899.

In the matter of health foods, it was decided to give our patrons in Iowa a discount of forty per cent on all orders of thirty pounds or more.

C. F. STEVENS, *Sec.*

CLOSING OF THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

OUR first church school institute is now in the past, having been closed a little sooner than intended, as Bro. Thomas was called away to College View, to take up the church school work in connection with the College.

We consider it a real success. A spirit of enthusiasm and earnestness of purpose was manifested by the students from the first, which increased to the close; and with this a hungering and thirsting for the filling of the Spirit, to yield perfectly to God, to be used to his glory. The time was altogether too short, but all seemed well paid for coming.

Quite a disappointment awaited us when we came to arrange for the teachers, to go out to their fields. We found that while quite a number of churches had applied for teachers, very few were really ready to receive them. Thus the teachers, having come, by request, ready to go to their fields, have either to wait here or return home at quite an expense. So we ask these churches to let us know, as soon as it is possible for arrangements to be perfected. We are aware that many perplexities are to be met in starting this good work; but as the time of commencing is now here, and our teachers are waiting, we trust that active measures may be taken to get ready. Please report to Eld. Santee or the writer, and we will do our best to furnish you a teacher who will be a blessing to you.

J. W. ADAMS.

GOD'S TITHE.

God has said that if all the tithe, having been placed in our hands to prove our faithfulness, were returned to him, there would be no lack. But, brethren, there must be greater faithfulness in this matter on the part of many, or a part of the laborers will have to be allowed to turn their attention to other work for their maintenance, at least for a while. I know that this will not be pleasing to the Lord. If ever the Lord's business required haste, it is now. God is holding the

tempest of wrath for the one reason that souls are yet unsaved. Brethren and sisters, take your weekly account before the Lord, who gave what you have, and ask him whether the honest tithe has been taken out. God has said that there is a "fearful record" kept of the unfaithful steward.

Some have thought that they could put the tithe into the Sanitarium fund. Brethren, every dollar that you have put in there from the tithe or that you may yet put in, will be a bitter curse to our loved institution. God has said, speaking of his ministers, "The tithe is his provision for their maintenance, and he designs that it shall be held sacred for this purpose." Again, "The Lord does not sanction the borrowing of this money for other purposes."—*Appeal for Missions*, p. 24. "A curse is pronounced upon all who withhold their tithe from God." "No one can excuse himself from paying his tithes and offerings to the Lord."—*Special Test. No. 7, pp. 22, 23*. "From that which has been shown me, the tithe is not to be withdrawn from the treasury. Every penny of this money is the Lord's own sacred treasure, to be appropriated for a special use."—*Special Test. No. 10, p. 16*. "The light which the Lord has given me on this subject, is that the means in the treasury for the support of the ministers in different fields, is not to be used for any other purpose. . . . Let not the treasury be robbed."—*ib. pp. 18, 19*. God says in Numbers 18:21: "Behold I have given the children of Levi (the ministry) all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for the service which they serve."

If one dollar has been paid to the Sanitarium fund out of the sacred tithe, it will only prove a curse,—not a blessing. God cannot bless that which is the gain of robbery, and above all, robbing him. I believe that if some have used God's tenth in this way, it was because they did not clearly understand; and I believe that such ones will replace the money taken, and so bring a blessing instead of the curse referred to in a foregoing quotation. Brethren, bring in the tithe, and let us keep the ministers in the field. God says that it is the elder's sacred duty to teach the members on this important subject. God bless his people with honest hearts.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

"A CONTENTED mind is a continual feast."

CHARLES CITY CAMP-MEETING.

THIS meeting convened according to appointment, and was located on very desirable grounds in the south-western part of the city. The attendance from the city was very good, considering the fact that the county fair was held there that week. Quite a strong company of laborers will remain to follow up the interest, in harmony with the Lord's recent instruction through the Testimonies.

There were thirty tents pitched, and about one hundred thirty-five were encamped on the grounds. The laborers present were Eld. C. Santee, Eld. P. A. Hansen, Eld. W. A. Sweany of the Minnesota Conference, Dr. R. H. Habenicht, Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, C. J. Buhalts, Geo. A. Larson, and the writer. D. E. Scoles also made us a passing visit. Sister Flora V. Dorcas, Secretary of the State Sabbath School Association, was present, and rendered good service along that line, as well as in children's meetings.

I would be glad to mention how wonderfully God wrought, through each of his servants present; but space will not permit, so suffice it to say the moving power of the Holy Spirit was manifested till the close of the meeting. Many souls were set free from sin, and thirteen were baptized, the majority being young people. On the whole this was one of the best camp-meetings that I ever attended, and all present seemed to have the same experience. The Lord worked in a marked manner; and although the time of parting brought its sadness, we were cheered with the thought that we were so much better prepared to join in helping to swell the loud cry.

L. F. TRUBEY.

SHARPSBURG.

SABBATH, Sept. 9, was a good day for the church at Sharps. As our elder was near, it was thought best to have our quarterly services at this time. Eld. C. A. Washburn was also present. His sermon was in regard to baptism. Bro. C. W. Neal spoke also of baptism; and as an opportunity was given for this rite, three made manifest their desire by rising to their feet. We then repaired to the water, and these three precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. It was a solemn occasion. In the afternoon the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated. We all feel to praise God for his long-suffering toward us. Pray for us that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ daily, and that we may be prepared to meet him in peace when he comes.

A. E. COLVIN, *Ulk.*

THE BOOK WORK.

Who waits until the wind shall silent keep,
Will never find the ready time to sow.
Who watches clouds will have no time to reap.
—Helen Hunt Jackson.

DO YOUR DUTY.

I stood in a factory a short time ago, and learned a deep lesson. As I entered all seemed confusion. The buzz of machinery, the whirl of every thing, dazed me. But I soon saw all was right, and that each one was doing the task assigned her. I stood and looked at a young girl whose work was to untie knots in the threads as they were passing over the wheel. All day long she simply untied knots. Now, if she had said, "This is such a little thing to do, and I get so tired of it. I think I will do what the girl next to me is doing," she would have damaged the whole work. The simple thing of untying knots had to do with the beauty and finish of the whole design. I wondered if we as workers were always willing to do the little things that come to us in this great work. God sees and knows all. He knows whether we are living up to our opportunities, or if we are waiting for some great task. Jesus promises strength even as our days shall be. —Selected.

ABOUT THE CANVASSERS.

SISTER OLIVE LEFAVE writes that the longer she engages in the work the better she enjoys it. Sisters Cora Countryman and Mary Haskell were hindered in their work by a railroad wreck, which delayed their removal from Booklyn to Marengo, and also by the county fair at the latter place. But they are both of excellent courage. Bro. J. S. Fry says that the Lord makes all the burdens light and the dark places bright.

Several of our canvassers have entered Union College. Brn. C. A. Anderson, E. A. Warner, and E. W. Warner, and Bro. and Sister C. E. Vosburgh came from College View last spring, and now return for another year. Sister Dora Rasmussen and Bro. Arthur French also enter for the coming year. These young people leave the canvassing field for a time, that they may become better prepared to engage in the work. We wish them the special blessing of God as they take up their studies with this object in view, and we also trust that all of them will be numbered among the Iowa canvassers next summer.

The following canvassers attended the Charles City camp-meeting: Pearl Bascom, Christine Henrickson, Belle Rowland, R. L. Bennett, Jesse R. Marsh, Lewis Hilliard, Arthur Rhoads, Lloyd Manfull, and D. N. Johnson.

BRO. W. L. MANFULL visited at Des Moines and Traer during the time intervening between the Charles City and Columbus Junction camp-meetings.

THE canvassing report this week is unusually small, as many of the canvassers were engaged during the time covered by the report in delivering their books.

WE ask our canvassers to use care in reporting deliveries, giving the number of books, value, and number of orders lost. Attention to this part of their reports is important, in order that the State summary may be correct and complete.

WHETHER any particular day shall bring to you more of happiness or of suffering is largely beyond your power to determine, but whether each day of your life shall give happiness or suffering rests with yourself.—Geo. S. Merriam.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 15, 1899.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.
THE COMING KING.			
H. B. Tilden, Grinnell.....	38	15	\$15.00
Mrs. H. B. Tilden, ".....	21	3	3.00
Cora Countryman, Marengo....	5	1	1.00
Mary Haskell, ".....	4	0	
Belle Rame, Boone.....	15	5	5.00
Jora Quinn, ".....	30	3	3.00
+J. S. Fry, Montezuma.....	16	12	12.00
A. J. Scott, Centerville.....	45	40	40.00
Carl Rasmussen, Castana.....	30	5	5.00
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.			
Burton Church, Bethlehem.....	19	0	
HERALDS OF THE MORNING.			
Olive Lefave, Hawarden.....	33	17	\$21.50
MISCELLANEOUS.			
S. B. Kephart, Stuart.....	39	7	\$7.25
Mae Kephart, ".....	24	11	2.75
+Edward Everett, Ocheyedan....	35	4	5.65
DELIVERIES.			
	Books.	Value.	Lost.
Mary Haskell.....	1	\$.50	0
J. S. Fry.....	29	29.00	
Mrs. C. E. Vosburgh.....	29	29.00	5
C. E. Vosburgh.....	48	86.50	2
Cora Countryman.....	1	1.00	0
*Ervin W. Warner.....	13	13.00	0
J. P. Gaede.....	5	11.00	
Edward Everett.....	8	11.50	0
Mae Kephart.....	5	1.50	0
Carl Rasmussen.....	1	1.00	0

SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	18
" " orders.....	123
Value of ".....	\$121.15
" " helps sold.....	\$23.42
Total value.....	\$144.57
Value of deliveries.....	\$184.00

*Two weeks.

*Per Burton Church.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

DONATIONS FOR OAKWOOD.

SIoux CITY, 20 cts.; Nora Springs, 63 cts.; Nevada Sabbath-school, \$2.81; Marshalltown, 31 cts.; Scales children, 25 cts.; Bessie Riens, 5 cts.; J. L. Pauley, 74 cts.; Grant City Sabbath-school, \$2.70; Harlan Sabbath school, 70 cts.; Olive Berger, 7 cts.; Iva Holmes, 11 cts.; C. A. Dorcas, \$1.00; D. Andre, \$1.00; A. Trimbald, 50 cts.; John Olsen, 20 cts.; Ella Young, 29 cts.; Storm Lake Sabbath-school, \$1.33.

Bro. Pauley writes as he sends his birth-day offering: "We are old and not able to do any work in the Lord's cause, but we want to do what we can to contribute to help others in the work."

Mary Pelmulder's little letter came with her mama's and her own birth-day offering, and the request was that this money be used for towels or pillow slips for Bro. Jacobs' family. Are there not others who would like to pay for other useful articles?

We have received other letters with money for Oakwood, and are glad to hear from all. MRS. F. V. D.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

MRS. H. WESTFALL, CLARINDA, writes of their school: "We are not increasing in numbers, but the interest in our school is increasing. All seem interested in their lessons, and are trusting in the dear Saviour for help. Although nearly all are poor in this world's goods, the children nearly always have their pennies to give, and do it cheerfully. Pray for us, that we may work to the honor and glory of God."

ERA WILEY, CASTANA: "Our Sabbath-school has been quite successful the past quarter. I have much interest in my work as secretary."

GERTRUDE FOWLER, GLENWOOD: "We have had a good interest in our school this quarter, and the Lord has been very near."

"TEACHERS must be content, even though they sometimes find it wearisome to present the same old truths again and again, until they are securely lodged in the understanding and the heart of the pupil."—Trumbull.

"To lead a child to love nature and nature's God, to awaken within him a desire for higher things, is no mean task."

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DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPT. 26, 1899.

—DR. O. N. HOYT, of Pierre, South Dakota, called at our Office last Sunday.

—MISS ETHEL CROW, of the Hygienic Cafe, Des Moines, is visiting at her home in Fontanelle.

—MRS. GRACE GLASSCOCK, of Beaman, called at the Home last week, in returning from a visit at Milo.

—BRO. WM. HAHNE's brother Henry, from Missouri, came last week, and will make his home with his brother this winter.

—BRO. AND SISTER GLASSGOW and Bro. and Sister A. F. Ferguson, of Sandyville, were visitors at the Home last Sunday.

—BRO. C. M. PEABODY, having been engaged in work on the Sanitarium since the spring camp-meeting, returned last week to Clinton.

—FOLLOWING the meeting of the Conference Committee last week, Eld. C. F. Stevens went to Knoxville. He is in attendance at the Columbus Junction camp meeting this week.

—DR. W. L. GARDNER visited the Sanitarium last week, while on his way to College View, where his wife, Dr. Eva Gardner, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Wilbur.

—THE meetings at Superior having closed, Bro. F. L. Moody went to Gravity last week for a visit at home, stopping in Des Moines *en route*. Bro. B. L. Dieffenbacher is now at Estherville.

—MRS. LINNIE CLEMENS is now at the Sanitarium at College View, for a few weeks' rest and treatment. Bro. Clemens accompanied her to College View, returning afterwards to his work in connection with the Sioux City Mission.

—THE following students passed through Des Moines last week on their way to Union College: Chas. Graham, Mable Cartwright, E. A. Warner, Tillie Earle, Della Hinshaw, C. A. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Gates, Arthur French, Earl Hahn.

—THURSDAY, September 21, 1899, at 3 P. M., occurred the marriage of Mr. Arthur Rhoades and Miss Belle Rowland, Elder L. F. Trubey officiating. We wish for these workers the continued blessing of God, as they thus unite their interests.

—THERE will be ready, about November 1, another double issue of the *Signs of the Times*, to be known as the "World's Harvest Number." It will contain the best articles upon the various harvests.—Intemperance, Disease, Crime, War, Expansion and Imperialism, Greed, Church and State, Righteousness and Life, etc.—that our best writers can furnish. It will also be profusely and appropriately illustrated by our best artists. It cannot fail to attract attention, and wherever read, will lead to God. Price in lots of five to twenty, 5 cents each; twenty or more, 4 cents. Let each consider how many he or she can use, and send in orders to the Missionary Dept. of the Iowa Conference. Do not delay, as it is necessary for us to know at an early date the probable number that will be needed for our State.

—*Gospel of Health* for October will be a special missionary number, well adapted for a wide circulation. It will contain twenty-four pages of bright, interesting, timely reading matter on leading health topics. The following are a few of the subjects considered: Health Principles in the Light of the Gospel; Sick Headache: Its Cause and Cure; What to Do for the Sick Child; Life in the Early Days; A Collection of Seasonable Recipes; Autumn Hygiene, or Getting Ready for Winter; Strength and Beauty. Attractively illustrated by half-tone engravings. Who will embrace this opportunity for getting these precious principles of life before those who are hungering for them? Single copy, 2 cents; fifty copies, 1½ cents each; one hundred copies, 1 cent each.

—Two of our Des Moines young people, Miss Cora Shaw and Clyde Graham, left last Thursday for Battle Creek, Mich. They stopped in Chicago over Sabbath, to visit Cora's brother Fred. Cora goes to prepare for primary teaching, and Clyde will take up some branch of educational work.

—MRS. M. J. LIPPENCOTT, formerly of Iowa, but who of late years has been living with her daughter Dr. Jessie Hare, in California, visited friends at West Union and Dubuque last week, and this week is visiting her son and daughter in Battle Creek.

—THE Council Bluffs church school will be in charge of Bro. W. H. Mann, of Spencer, Ohio. Bro. Mann was in attendance at the Institute, and went from here to Council Bluffs last Friday.

—SEE change of date for quarterly meeting at Mt. Pleasant.

—QUARTERLY meeting services for the Des Moines church will be held Sabbath, Oct. 7.

—A CHURCH school will be held at Sandyville, beginning Monday, Oct. 2. If there are those who wish to avail themselves of the advantages to be afforded by this school, such should correspond with A. F. Ferguson, Sandyville, Iowa.

—As will be seen by the report of the Sanitarium Board, the time for opening the Sanitarium has been appointed as Oct. 2. Those who can assist in furnishing rooms should send in their donations *at once*. About nine rooms are now provided for, and it will require from \$35.00 to \$100.00 each for the rooms yet unfurnished. Those who have been preparing bedding, etc., should also send in their supplies as soon as possible.

NOTICE.

We have been planning to have a local camp-meeting at Ottumwa in October, and some have been expecting it; but after counsel with the Committee farther, it has been decided that it will be better to withdraw plans for this meeting. All please notice this, so that no disappointments may occur.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

THE SANITARIUM FUND.

The following cash donations have been received on the Sanitarium fund since the last report:—

J. O. Johnson.....	\$100.00
A. Friend.....	42.37
Robert Douglass.....	23.00
Jacob Bloom.....	20.00
J. N. Cross.....	5.00
Augusta Larson.....	5.00
S. M. Olesen.....	1.00
A. Friend.....	.50

FURNISHING ROOMS.

J. M. and P. A. Whitney.....	\$50.00
(Previously donated, \$25.00; total, \$75.00.)	
Peter Johnson and wife.....	30.00
T. S. Jackson and wife.....	50.00
S. H. Smith.....	25.00

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

ALEXANDER, Oct. 7, 1899.
Ordinances will be celebrated on Sabbath at 2 P. M., and church officers elected Sunday at 2 P. M. All members are requested to report, in person or by letter.
J. DIRKSON, *Elder*.

MT. PLEASANT, Oct. 6-8, 1899.
At this time church officers will be elected for the coming year, and the ordinances will be celebrated. There will be opportunity for baptism. All members are hereby kindly invited to report in person or by letter. Meetings commence on Friday, Oct. 6, at 7:30 P. M.
C. A. WASHBURN.