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## YEARLY GATHERINGS.

I THINK but few of our people realize the depth of blessing there is in camp meeting privileges. There are no other people who esteem them as highly as Seventh-day Adventists do; yet, when comparing the efforts made in preparing for, and attending, these yearly gatherings with the preparations that were made in accord with God's commands in ancient times, we find ourselves far behind in appreciating them as God desires we should.

It has been said that the stream is the purest nearest the fountain; and when God first instituted these meetings, he invested them with solemn interest, and referred to them as the *only means* of holding his people together. Notice how he speaks: "Thrice in the year shall all your menchildren appear before the Lord God, the God of Israel." Ex. 34:23. Then, as though anticipating the thought that comes so often, that things would go to ruin at home if the man should leave, the Lord adds, "Neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the Lord thy God thrice in a year." Verse 24. Thus the Lord promised to keep the farm better while the man obeyed him in this matter, than the man could possibly do himself.

It is "God that giveth the increase." How did God regard the refusal to at-

tend these meetings? "But the man that *is clean*, and is not in a journey, and forbearth to keep the passover, even the same soul shall be cut off from among his people: because he brought not the offering of the Lord in his appointed season, *that man shall bear his sin.*" Num. 9:13. God does not ask a man who is sick to go. He says, "But the man that *is clean*, . . . and forbearth," etc. (No man can be said to be clean when not well.) That was the man who would soon be cut off. I do not understand that the Lord intended to strike that man with some plague and kill him, but God saw the outcome of that man's growing indifference, and in a few words stated the results. Brethren, think of the many who regularly attended the yearly gatherings, years in the past, but whose faces are never seen now in these larger assemblies, and tell me, can you not be a living witness to the truthfulness of the statement the Lord has made?

But, says one, "I do not think it is so particular now, as we have so many church privileges." Dear brethren, we have no more church privileges than they had. And again, the person who has these privileges, and appreciates and makes use of them, is the one you will see at camp-meeting. God does urge his people to be faithful in these privileges *now*. He says, "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: *and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*" Heb. 10:25. Then, if there was ever a time when men should be faithful in these matters, it is now. O, if we could see as God sees, the fearful results of indifference, the blessed results of faithfulness, and the short time between now and the time our names shall be called and decided for

eternity, how many changes we would make in many things, and how the value of temporal things would lessen. Esau cried with a "bitter cry" when he learned that his blessing had been given to another. Others will soon join in that cry. God grant that it shall not be us, to whom these warnings are sent to-day.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

## A LETTER FROM FINLAND.

*Dear Friends in Iowa:* In response to a request from the editor of the BULLETIN, we will tell you a little about this part of the Lord's vineyard.

We are in a land where the heat doesn't trouble us much. This is May 1, but big snow banks are all around the house where we live, and the water is freezing now out of doors at four o'clock P. M. The icebreaker came in yesterday to open up navigation, coming to the harbor through ice three feet thick. These icebreakers are very powerful ships, with two screws in the stern and one in the bow. At Hauge, Finland winterport, they have been assisting vessels through pack ice twenty feet deep this winter. The university students march up and down the streets to-day wearing white caps, celebrating the first of May.

The work is not advancing as we would like to see it. I am the only worker in the field, besides thirteen canvassers. They are doing well, having already this spring taken 15,000 marks, or \$3,000, worth of orders, and of these they have delivered one-half. I have preached at two places this winter in different parts of the city. On account of being alone, I have not been able to secure halls for our meetings, and they have been held in common dwelling rooms of good size. Five have lately said they would obey the Lord, and we hope for others.

About the first of June we intend to leave the capital and move to a little place fifty miles farther east. We have secured a good sized room there, and also two smaller rooms to live in. The place has about six thousand people. As all rents here are for a year, we rented these three rooms for a year and shall pay five hundred marks, or £100.00, for the year. We hope our Iowa friends will pray to the Lord of the harvest that a church may be raised up in the place to which we are going. We are of good courage in the Lord, and want to meet you all in the kingdom of God.

JOHN AND MINNIE HOFFMAN.

## FIELD REPORTS.

### AMONG THE CHURCHES.

SINCE my last report I have been laboring among the churches and scattered Sabbath-keepers, and have visited Hawleyville, Sharps, Bedford, Ladoga, Clarinda, Bingham, and Riverton, holding meetings and visiting at the homes of the members. I have also visited several isolated families. One day I walked over twelve miles to see one family. We had a good visit, and I felt well paid for the effort, in more than one way.

The companies at Hawleyville and Sharps feel somewhat lonely on account of so many removals, and because others do not have the interest in the truth that they ought to have, yet, at the same time they are of good courage. At Sharps the ordinances were celebrated, and the meeting was one of much interest to all. Bro. Moody and I held two meetings in a schoolhouse five miles south of Clarinda. One sister promised to keep the Sabbath. I spent one Sabbath at Riverton, and held three meetings, which were well attended; and all appeared to enjoy them very much.

The Lord is blessing his people. Let us all get ready to receive what the Lord has in store for us.

J. S. HART.

### COLUMBUS JUNCTION.

A CHURCH of ten members was organized here May 12, Elder H. Nicola officiating. Two more have been baptized, and are ready for membership. Of these twelve, two resulted from the labors of Bro. E. H. Adams and myself during the last tent season and winter, three were admitted by letter, one by

profession of faith, and six are the result of meetings held by myself this spring five miles from here. Besides those admitted to membership, six other Sabbath-keepers, adults, live in the vicinity. These are expected to join here later. Of these, two accepted the Sabbath last summer, and one has just recently chosen the good part. Others are deeply interested and studying, and we expect more fruit from this place. The church has elected a delegate, and will ask admission to the Conference. Bro. E. H. Adams was present at the organization meeting.

Bro. Nicola was with me ten days previous to the organization, and we visited the Sabbath-keepers and held meetings at Bard, Fredonia, Columbus Junction, and Bethel P. O., also three isolated ones. Five were baptized at Bard and one at Columbus Junction. The assistance and counsel of Bro. Nicola at this time were much appreciated.

U. P. LONG.

### ONAWA CHURCH SCHOOL.

THE church at Onawa decided about one year ago to provide for the education of their children according to the latest recommendations, and began a church school October 30, 1899. Two rooms in a dwelling favorably situated, were secured, and furnished with new seats and blackboards. Five months were determined upon to begin with, and school began with an enrollment of seventeen, which soon increased to thirty, and finally thirty-one,—the entire number belonging during the term. The ages ranged from five to nineteen, representing grades one to seven in the public school. This was for a time some perplexity; but with the manifest satisfaction on the part of the children in the new departure, all was going smoothly in a short time. Bible and nature studies were especially interesting to all the children, and afforded pleasing illustrations in the study of other lines. At the expiration of five months, it was voted to continue the school longer, which we did, closing April 27, making a term of six months.

The new school board have already planned to begin early in September for another year, if all works as hoped for. Either a new house should be built in the suburbs, with pleasanter surroundings than buildings and alleys afford, where a few acres of ground can be used, or a building secured with these advantages attend-

ant. A friend to the cause, whose wife is an Adventist, who has recently moved from Illinois to this place, purchasing a two-hundred-acre tract within the city limits, offers plenty of ground, and manifests a very appreciable good-will toward our enterprise in some other ways.

The truism "Where there's a will there's a way" is more especially emphatic where the will and way are the Lord's and we are willing to follow. Has he not said that these schools should be started wherever there are churches, or even companies, of our people? And have n't too many of his people said, "Where are the places and means to come from?" "Behold the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Doubtless if we go both together, as Abraham and son did, the Lord himself will provide what to us doesn't at every step appear in sight. If these schools are the Lord's doings, and we cheerfully do our part, we may see what is marvelous in our eyes.

MRS. E. E. GARDNER.

### NORTH GROVE, NEAR HASTINGS.

THE work here is continuing, with some prospects of success. We have been holding three meetings each week, with a good attendance, considering the busy season. Eld. F. A. Washburn has been with me the last two weeks, and has rendered valuable assistance in influencing the people to decide for the truth. Some have decided to obey all the commandments. Five have already signed the covenant, and a few others are expected to do so. Last Sabbath we had our first Sabbath-school, with an attendance of about twenty. We expect to organize one here soon. We are looking forward with interest to the coming camp-meeting. Pray for the work here.

P. PARK ADAMS.

### PERRY.

OUR little company had the pleasure of having Bro. Henry Johnson with them from May 4 to 14, and our hearts were greatly encouraged by the words which he spoke unto us from time to time. We feel encouraged more than ever to press on, and do the work the Lord would have us do, until he comes.

MRS. E. DORMAN.

"THE most signal victories, and the most fearful defeats, have been on the turn of minutes. God requires promptness of action."

OBITUARY.

MANFULL.—Died near Carlisle, Iowa, May 23-1900, of pulmonary tuberculosis, Anna Lamont Manfull, aged 28 years, 1 month, and 17 days.

Sister Manfull was converted in the fall of 1894, and united with the S. D. A. church at Traer, where she remained a faithful member until the day of her death. She had been a patient sufferer for two years with that dread disease, and quietly fell asleep, fully trusting in the Lord, knowing that when he shall appear she will appear with him in glory. The funeral services were held at the church the following day, conducted by the undersigned. Sympathizing friends from Des Moines and Sandyville, and also many of the neighbors, were present. The remains were taken to Traer for burial, accompanied by the husband and two children. "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death."

J. W. ADAMS.

YATES.—Died, at Melner, Arkansas, May 8, 1900, of pneumonia, Levander Yates, aged 36 years, 1 month, and 18 days.

He was a son of Bro. and Sister Yates, of West Grove, Iowa, who accepted the third angel's message under the labors of Eld. C. M. Gardner about seven years ago. Levander is the first one to leave the home circle of father, mother, eight brothers, and two sisters. His brother William accompanied his wife to West Grove, where the remains were taken for burial. The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church, at 1:30 P. M., May 11, where a large congregation had gathered. The services were conducted by the writer.

A. J. IDEN.

MACY.—Died at Perry, Iowa, April 23, 1900, Mrs. Mary A. Macy, aged 80 years, 6 months, and 25 days.

Deceased was the mother of Sister E. Dorman, with whom she had been living for about eight years. She embraced the Sabbath truth in the fall of 1898, and died in full confidence of sins forgiven. She was a patient sufferer, and remained conscious to the last. Words of comfort were spoken by Bro. Henry Johnson, from Psalm 90:12.

L. P. ROBERTS.

WING.—Died at Boulder, Colorado, April 27, 1900, of tuberculosis, Sister Ella Wing.

She realized that the end was near, and looked forward to the time when she could be at rest. She died with a full assurance of having a part in the first resurrection.

J. M. CARTWRIGHT.

THE BOOK WORK.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING MAY 18, 1900.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Phebe Vosburg.....	25	5	\$ 5.00	\$1.50
L. Alton June.....	21	5	5.00	1.25
Arthur Rhoads.....	25	4	4.00	.50
Mrs. Arthur Rhoads.....	18	5	5.00	.50
H. B. Tilden.....	53	33	33.00	3.00
Mrs. H. B. Tilden.....	12	6	6.00	1.25
Louis Manfull.....	10	3	3.00	.25
Carrie Wallace.....	22	3	2.00	5.05
J. P. Gaede.....	58	20	22.00	2.25
Henry Baetke.....	20	1	1.00	
Karl Bauer.....	19	9	10.00	1.75
O. N. Conklin.....	11	2	2.00	2.35

DESIRE OF AGES AND COMING KING.				
Cora M. Davis.....	10	4	\$ 5.50	
O. C. Markel.....	33	7	14.50	\$3.10

DESIRE OF AGES.				
Mary L. Haskell.....	27	4	\$20.00	\$1.00

DESIRE OF AGES AND PROPHECIES OF JESUS.				
Lewis Hilliard.....	73	34	\$64.00	\$8.50

COMING KING AND HERALDS OF MORNING.				
Elsie Fulton.....	48	11	\$13.75	\$1.25

HERALDS OF THE MORNING.				
Peter Jacobsen.....	3	2	\$ 2.50	\$ .25

MISCELLANEOUS.				
C. L. Van Scholek.....			\$ 2.00	\$2.00

DELIVERIES.				
	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
Cora M. Davis.....	1	\$1.50		
Mrs. H. B. Tilden.....	1	1.00		
Mrs. Arthur Rhoads.....	2	2.00		
Arthur Rhoads.....	1	1.00		
Elsie Fulton.....	1	1.00		
Phebe Vosburg.....	1	1.00		
O. N. Conklin.....	1	1.00		
Carl Bauer.....	1	1.00		
J. P. Gaede.....	3	4.50		

SUMMARY.				
No. of agents.....				19
" " orders.....				155
Value of ".....			\$220.85	
" " helps sold.....			\$ 35.75	
Total value.....			\$256.60	
Value of deliveries.....			\$ 15.50	

A WORK THAT OTHERS MIGHT DO.

W. H. MEANS, RIVERTON: "I am selling 'Gospel Primer', 'Steps to Christ', and 'His Glorious Appearing', and distributing our periodicals, at the same time explaining the Scriptures to the people. I have met with good success. Nearly all the people are interested in Bible truths when presented in their true light. One young lady said, 'If the ministers would go from house to house and explain the Bible, we might know something about it.' I stopped at a farmhouse early one morning, and while the man of the house was looking through my book, I explained the nearness of Christ's coming to the family. When I was through, the man said, 'You are the man I saw in my dream last night.' Then he said that in a dream he saw that a man would come to give him light on the Bible."

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

A GOOD POINT.

I HOPE none will pass over the lesson that the Saviour taught the morning he met the weary fishermen for the last time on the shore of Galilee. Though Jesus could have furnished fish enough for all, yet he asked the disciples to bring of the fish which they had caught and put them with what he had, so that all might be filled. He had told them where to cast the net, and had supplied the fish which they caught, yet he gave them all the credit of the catch, and asked them to contribute to the meal by bringing "of the fish which ye have now caught." So the Saviour encourages every soul to put forth his own effort, in obedience to his command, and furnishes the strength and the success, then gives that soul all the credit for the work done. He says, "We are laborers together with God."

Then, dear brother or sister, do not get the idea that your effort amounts to nothing. It is needed by our Saviour, and is worth everything to you and to him. Be sure that your work is in obedience, and it is of infinite value.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

A GOOD REPORT.

FROM a personal letter from the Secretary of the Parkersburg school we quote: "I am becoming more interested in my work every week. When I was first given the work, I cared little whether I kept my report book straight or not. In making out the minutes I would state a few facts only. But now I study to make the report interesting, and always try to say something about the children's division. I find if I seek the Lord he always helps. There are often good suggestions in the Worker for the secretary, and I always study them. Our school began last quarter with a membership of twenty-five, but increased to twenty-nine. During the quarter we had fifty visitors, there being but one Sabbath that we had no visitors. There were four members present every Sabbath, but only one Sabbath when all were there. Our town has been visited by all manner of sickness, but God has blessed our school in all things."

[Sister Lillie Crouse, the writer, would like to correspond with some other secretaries, that each one may be helped.]

## Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, MAY 29, 1900.

—NO BULLETIN next week.

—CALL at the book-stand and look over all the late tracts and pamphlets.

—BRO. GILBERT STICKNEY and family, of Winterset, have moved to Rocky Ford, Colorado.

—THE total enrollment at Union College the past year reached five hundred and twenty-eight.

—ALL our late denominational books will be in stock at the book-stand, also a full line of fine Bibles.

—SISTER W. W. CONKLIN, of this city, is visiting her niece, Mrs. Luella Buxbaum, of Crawfordsville, Iowa.

—MAIL for Missionary Department Iowa Conference should be addressed to Ames, Iowa, care of College Park, during the camp-meeting.

—BRN. FRED JOHNSON and Chris Wildfang, now of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, are visiting at Bro. Johnson's home in Kelley, and will attend the camp-meeting.

—INVITATION cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Clyde Harper Miller and Miss Maud Geraldine Topliff, to take place at the home of the bride, at Davis City, June 6, 1900.

—ALL passing through Des Moines to the camp-meeting, and having baggage to transfer, should employ the White Line Transfer Company, as special rates have been secured of them.

—BRO. JOHN H. ANDERSON and Miss Louisa McIntosh were united in marriage at Nebraska City, Nebraska, May 10, 1900. The bride will be remembered by many as a former Iowa worker. The BULLETIN extends best wishes.

—MARRIED at the home of the bride, at Cambridge, Iowa, May 20, 1900, Bro. J. N. Cross, of College Springs, and Mrs. M. Netterfield, Rev. R. E. Graves officiating. Refreshments were served to over two hundred guests, who were present to extend congratulations.

—AT the close of the second year's work in the church school at Des Moines, Miss Pearl Hallock went to Granton, Wisconsin, to enjoy a visit with home friends until the opening of the summer school at Battle Creek, Michigan. She will be greatly missed, especially by our young people.

—MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER left this city May 17, in company with her husband, for Minneapolis, Minn., their future home. All who are acquainted with the work in our State realize the close connection sustained, and the leading part taken by, Sister Plummer in its progress for a number of years. Her faithful, untiring labors have been of such a nature as to endear her to the hearts of all. Since her appointment to the office of Secretary of the International Society, her attention has been directed to general field work almost entirely, and now her removal means a more complete separation from the State work. All will be pleased to know that she has found it possible to return for our State camp-meeting.

—*Berean Library* No. 4, entitled "Christian Principles," by Mrs. S. M. I. Henry, has just been published. The thought that only those who are living and acting from principle are in harmony with God's law, is plainly set forth, and the importance of our becoming acquainted with the eternal principles of truth in order that we may stand the test of ages. That this book may have a wide circulation the publishers have reduced the price from 25 cents to 15 cents. For sale at the book-stand.

—THE time has come for our "yearly gathering." The feast is prepared, the invitation sent to all. "Come, let us go and seek the Lord." Put away selfishness, worldly care, and fault-finding, and let the love of God flow through the heart. Come, for souls are perishing; they need the help you can give. Soon these precious seasons of meeting together for prayer and praise will be no more. Then, shall we not seek the Lord while he may be found, and call upon him while he is near?

—THE commencement exercises for Union College were held Monday evening, May 28. The "Class Roll" numbers twenty-seven. In looking over the list of students, we note the following from Iowa: Andrew George Larsen, Harvey Archie Morrison, Isaiah Eldred Moore, and John Edson Shively.

—Do you wish to be informed as to "The Present Crisis and Our Duty"? This is the title of No. 4 *Religious Liberty Library*, recently published. Price 2½ cents per copy. Inquire at the book-stand.

—"He is richest who is content with the least."

### SANITARIUM NOTES.

BRO. MERRITT VAUGHN, of Mt. Pleasant, visited his sister Kittie recently.

MISS HATTIE DAWSON, of the nurses' training class, is taking a short vacation at home.

BRO. C. FREDERICKSON, of Sioux City, enjoyed a two weeks' stay here previous to attending the camp-meeting.

SISTERS C. TUTTLE and E. Moore returned to their homes last week, and requested us to tell their friends that they were much improved in health.

### TEACHERS' INSTITUTE AND SUMMER SCHOOL

To be held at Battle Creek, Michigan, will open June 20, 1900. The institute lasts three weeks and the summer school ten weeks. Bible-workers, church school teachers, and ministers should attend the institute. All who expect to become church school teachers should attend the summer school. Churches desiring a school next fall should send a competent person for this training. This is an opportunity never before presented to S. D. Adventist young people. The announcement is now ready. Send for a copy. Address, Battle Creek College, Battle Creek, Michigan.

### CAMP-MEETING BAGGAGE.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made with one of the draymen at Ames, to deliver all baggage at the campground for five cents per piece. Baggage men with camp-meeting badges on their hats will meet all trains Thursday and Friday, May 31 and June 1, also Monday and Tuesday, June 4 and 5. Deliver your checks to them, and in this way secure the special rates for the transfer of baggage.

### SANITARIUM FUND.

Chas. and August Hienze.....	\$200.00
J. R. Rose.....	100.00
Lettie Blackwood.....	50.00
P. W. Baker.....	50.00
Julius Korgan.....	25.00
Harm Bos.....	11.00
Eliza Phyne.....	5.00
W. B. Robbins.....	5.00
W. S. Booten.....	5.00
J. F. Stenberg.....	5.00
J. S. Fry.....	2.00
Mrs. A. P. James.....	1.00
W. E. Perrin.....	1.00
Monroe.....	1.36

### BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

R. AUSTIN, a jeweler from Onawa, will be at the camp-meeting. Will save you about 40 per cent on repair work, watches, spectacles, etc.