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THE PRESENT.

THE present moment is divinely sent;
The present duty is thy Master's will.
O, thou who longest for some noble work,
Do thou this hour thy given task fulfil;
And thou shalt find, though small at first it
seemed,
It is the work of which thou long hast
dreamed.

— Selected.

THE MISSIONARY READING CIRCLE.

YEAR by year our work increases in importance and solemnity. Each plan that is laid to advance the cause of God takes on a deeper significance, as the time of probation grows shorter and shorter. And the temptation is always before us to underestimate the value of any line of work which we are called upon to do. We forget that plans that are urged by men and women may be the Lord's own plans, and that in disregarding them we turn aside from that which the Lord designed especially for our benefit.

The necessity of a more thorough and systematic study of what we call the "distinct message for this time," is made very prominent in late admonitions to the remnant people. And reproof has followed reproof on account of our lack of interest in the work of God in regions beyond. The plan of the Reading Circle is designed to promote a thorough and systematic study of the message now due to the world, and also provides for an intelligent study

of the foreign field. Who is there of us that can afford to miss these lessons?

The plan is changed somewhat from that followed last year, in that it is more favorable for those who have but little time for study. But one lesson a week is published. One week in each month will be devoted to field study, and three weeks to Bible study. "Thoughts on the Revelation" is the *Berean Library* text-book, and the *Missionary Magazine* the text-book for the study of the field. Eld. S. N. Haskell prepares the questions upon the Bible lessons, and he will also have an article on each lesson, which will add greatly to the interest. Careful preparation has been made to make the field studies both profitable and interesting. The reading of the *Magazine* should inspire each heart with courage and hope, and the careful study of the assigned lesson be a delightful task to every one.

Last year there were many who did not begin the study until after the lessons had been commenced some time. This was a cause of regret to them during the entire year. We hope that no one will lose time in that way now. No one need wait for another. Do not wait for a meeting of the church to be called. The home study is first in importance. Let nothing prevent us from heeding the following admonition dictated by the Spirit of God:—

"Make it a point when you have a moment's leisure, to store your mind with scripture truths, and especially with what is brought to view in the *Revelation*, because some of us are to be the very actors who will be on the stage in the last days when these things are revealed; and as you make a persistent effort to understand, the angels of God will enlighten your mind."

Mrs. L. FLORA PLUMMER,
Corresponding Sec. Int. Tract Soc.

SPECIAL NUMBER OF "GOOD HEALTH."

FIFTEEN thousand, five hundred and ninety-four copies of the special number of *Good Health* for Iowa have been ordered to different addresses in the State. We hope all our people who can do so will improve this opportunity of bringing the light on healthful living to their friends and neighbors, and at the same time be acquainting the public with our Iowa Sanitarium, which is already doing a grand and good work for humanity. In canvassing for the journal be careful to give opportunity for subscriptions, for one year, six months, or three months. If any find it entirely impossible to dispose of all, report to this Office. The desire is to have every copy in the hands of the people. Will all engaged in this work kindly report in time for next week's paper? Others desiring copies can order from the Office at 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

E. E. GARDNER.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION.

Dear WORKERS' BULLETIN: I have been thinking for a long time that I would write and thank you for your weekly visits, which are so welcome. You are no fair weather friend; you come rain or shine, and are always so faithful and unassuming. You bring words of admonition, warning, and good cheer, and so much news, without a bit of gossip. I surely consider you one of my best friends, and think it time to tell you so.

I do not forget Iowa nor its good people, and on the resurrection morning I shall look for the dear familiar faces of my Iowa friends. I am sure, little paper, that you visit each week many I love. I might mention them by name, but just tell them all they are still dear to me. Tell them I am

daily striving so to live that when Jesus comes they need not look in vain for me.

We are happy in our Dakota home. The climate is splendid, at least in this part. The winters are a little severe, perhaps, but the summers are so nice. We like the people, too. There are only a few laborers here, but each seems to feel the necessity of doing all he can, and there is plenty to do.

God speed you, dear paper, as you continue to give the trumpet a certain sound. God bless your State, and every soul who is preaching or living the message. 2 Cor. 2:14-17.

MRS. S. A. HILL,

Sioux Falls, S. Dakota.

"WHAT GOD HATH WROUGHT BY US."

Report for Quarter Ending June 30, 1900:—

No. of members reporting.....	712
" " letters written.....	436
" " letters received.....	343
" " Bible readings held.....	418
" " subscriptions for periodicals.....	147
" " periodicals distributed.....	20,740
" " pp. reading matter distributed.....	143,775
" " missionary visits made.....	1,303
" " hours spent in Christian Help work.....	1,971
" " articles of clothing supplied.....	444
" " persons supplied with food.....	394

Although this report is somewhat smaller than the previous one, we are glad to state that nearly all our societies were heard from this quarter. We know that all our missionary secretaries would report promptly if the individual members were quick to respond. Now, we believe all our members have a desire to report to the glory of God; but it is such an easy matter to neglect to set down small items, such as, one paper given away, one four-page tract loaned, etc. Consequently, by the end of the quarter the work which has been done is forgotten, and we feel that we have done nothing, and so have nothing to report. Permit a suggestion: Would it not be well to tack one of the member's report blanks up on the wall in your kitchen or wherever the most of your time is spent? Then every time you glance at it you will be reminded of what you have done, and can then make a note of it. At the end of the quarter just transfer your report to another blank, and hand it to the secretary. In this way all could keep an accurate report without much trouble. Will you not try it?

DELLA WALLACE, *Corresponding Sec.*

"LITTLE men measure themselves by each other; great men, by the golden rule."

FIELD REPORTS.

CRAWFORDSVILLE.

MEETINGS at Crawfordsville still continue, with a good interest and attendance. There is a large Presbyterian and U. P. element here; and as the people of these denominations are quite slow to move, and we were somewhat late in beginning our meetings, we can at present give only a partial report. We have eleven names on the covenant, ten of whom have commenced to keep the Sabbath. Fully twice this number admit that we have the truth, and four of these have expressed their intention to keep the Sabbath. We shall give them an opportunity to sign the covenant before we leave. As the full course has been completed, we are expecting to close the series of meetings Sunday night, Sept. 23, but will follow up the work by visiting, etc.

Although this is a small place and rather conservative religiously, we have had quite a large attendance all the way through. We attribute much of this to the fact that especial care and preparation were given to the music, in which Brn. Harry and John Weber rendered valuable assistance. All those who have commenced to keep the Sabbath are among the most respected people of the community.

We are glad there is power in the truth of God, not only to save the people from sin at this time, but to save them eternally hereafter.

C. A. WASHBURN,

Sept. 21. F. A. WASHBURN.

WELDON AND SMYRNA.

We closed our meetings at Weldon Sunday evening, Sept. 16. The attendance has been good nearly all the time. In different ways much opposition has been manifested; but the public efforts made against the truth we have allowed to die for want of notice, and we have had a decided victory in building the wall. Neh. 6:1-5. The people of Weldon have been very kind to us. Several have been converted to the truth, and give promise of developing into firm and reliable Sabbath-keepers. The trustees offered us the use of the M. E. church for our Sabbath-school and meetings; but some of the members objected, and we will meet in a private house till a storeroom can be fitted up for meetings. At three places in the country near by there are those living who have become

interested through the effort at Weldon. They want meetings held in their respective neighborhoods. This request should be granted this winter if possible.

We have moved to Smyrna, an inland village of only five houses, eight miles north-east of Weldon. We have held two meetings. The attendance has been very light, but we think it will increase. Bro. and Sister Watts left us the morning of the 17th, to return to school at College View. We have enjoyed their presence and help very much, and are sorry to have them leave, but we are glad they can be in school. We have enjoyed our work together as a company. God has blessed us, and we feel that we have been drawn nearer to him as the result of our labors together. C. W. NEAL,
F. L. MOODY,
C. W. HEALD.

EXIRA.

We closed our meetings in Griswold without any apparent results; but our impressions are that the work there will yet result in some souls accepting the truth. We trust more work in Griswold and the surrounding country can be done soon.

After prayer and consultation it was decided that we pitch our tent in Exira. Accordingly, we commenced meetings about three weeks ago. We have the free use of the park, a beautiful and central location. There seems to be an interest on the part of some to listen to the truth, and our earnest prayer is that we may have grace to present the truth as it is in Jesus. Bro. W. E. Frederick has been with us nearly two weeks, and his labors have been very acceptable. Pray for the work in Exira.

As we have a number of churches near Exira, we had a general meeting Sabbath, Sept. 8. Over one hundred of our people were present, and God blessed us together. E. G. OLSEN,
G. A. LARSON.

HILLSDALE AND VICINITY.

Last week I made a short visit with the Hillsdale tent company. Sunday I met with a number from North Grove and Glenwood at the White Cloud schoolhouse, about one mile from where Bro. Knox's now live. After speaking on baptism, I had the privilege of baptizing one person, the most of the White Cloud company having been baptized in other churches. This company is the result of my son Park's work last winter. There are eight or nine now keeping the Sabbath, and another family are just at the point of deciding. They meet for Sabbath-school in their schoolhouse. I also spoke to a good audience in the tent at Hillsdale Sunday night. There appears to be some interest there.

J. W. ADAMS.

THE BOOK WORK.

"TO FINISH HIS WORK."

(Concluded from last week.)

There are many of our young people giving their time and energy to other vocations of life, who feel dissatisfied with their condition. They have a longing in their souls for a better and deeper experience in a closer walk with God. Parents, what are you saying to that son or daughter? Are you telling them they have a work to do and finish for God? or are you telling them they had better stay on the farm? May God help you to see where we are in the message and what your duty is. God has said that where we now have one canvasser in the field, there should be a hundred. Then surely there are some people, and not a few, who are out of place. The hearts of this people are not turned toward God as they should be.

When the disciples were fretting about a duty that devolved upon them, and trying to throw it off, the Saviour taught them a lesson, which is for us. Read Mark 6:36-41. They said to Christ, "Send them away." They knew that the people were in need, and Christ knew it and more too. He knew they were fearing lest they should lose some of their supplies. He said, "How many loaves have ye?" They said, "Five, and two fishes." "He commanded them to make all sit down. . . . When he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and brake the loaves." What a wonderful lesson this is for us! From that little all were filled, and the disciples had more left than they had before. How many Seventh-day Adventists are saying, "I can't make a living selling books." They look at the living. Are you not living? Then you should be thankful, and ready to help some one else to live in eternity.

When Jesus had performed this magnanimous act, and had sent the people away, he went up into the mountain to thank the Father for what he was able to do in his name, and to ask for another privilege to help some one and for strength to do it. Who then did he find needing help?—Mark 6:48-51. Why did they have this experience?—Verse 52. "They considered not the miracle of the loaves." I want to tell you, my dear brethren, unless you consider soon the wondrous work of God in the third angel's message, and

in the signs of the times, you will be just as truly at sea when the seven last plagues are poured out as were the disciples on that doleful night. But Jesus will not come to still the storm when the plagues are falling; for they are the judgments of God.

Then, with these facts before us, shall we not do all we can to get our publications before the people? May God help us all to do our duty, that we may at last be found of him in peace.

S. A. HILL.

FROM THE CANVASSERS.

MR. AND MRS. C. E. VOSBURG have returned to College View, to enter upon another year's work in the College. They write: "We hope to be better fitted to work for the Master. We expect to make it our life work to win souls for Christ. Our prayers follow the canvassers."

CORA DAVIS, INDIANOLA: "I realize the importance of this work as never before, and rejoice in the privilege of having a part in it. I want to press on until the work is finished."

MISSSES SUSAN HASKELL and Nelle Schoberg are soliciting for the special *Good Health*, and expect to place five hundred copies in the city of Waterloo.

BRO. PAUL CURTIS, after attending the Teachers' Institute, returned to Adel, and is now making his delivery.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 14, 1900.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Mrs. Arthur Rhoads	5	3	\$ 3.00	\$2.70
Phebe Vosburg	22	17	17.00	2.00
Cora M. Davis	18	7	7.00	* 2.75
O. C. Markel	29	21	21.00	4.85
Nelle Schoberg	11	1	1.00	
Susan Haskell	14	2	2.00	.75
Louis Manfull	5	2	2.00	.25
Nettie E. Brown	16	4	4.50	1.25

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
DESIRE OF AGES AND COMING KING.				
Mary L. Haskell	20	5	\$11.00	\$4.30

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
COMING KING AND HERALDS OF MORNING.				
O. N. Conklyn	12	7	\$ 7.25	\$.95

DELIVERIES.				
	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
C. E. Vosburg	40	\$ 80.00	\$1.70	2
Lewis Hilliard	52	192.75	1.00	4
O. N. Conklyn	2	2.00		
Mary L. Haskell	1	1.00		
Arthur Rhoads	37	34.00	2.00	4
Mrs. Arthur Rhoads	43	45.00		1
Nettie Brown	3	4.25		
Mrs. C. E. Vosburg	38	38.00		2
Susan Haskell	1	1.00		
Phebe Vosburg	3	3.00		

SUMMARY.	
No. of agents	14
" " orders	69
Value of "	\$ 75.75
" " helps sold	\$ 24.50
Total value	\$100.25
Value of deliveries	\$311.00

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE IOWA SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The following is the report for quarter ending June 30, 1900:—

No. of schools	196
" " reporting	160
Present membership	3,461
Average attendance	2,359
Total contributions	\$501.38
Donations to missions	\$300.44
" " Oakwood School	\$ 7.12

A number of the schools have not reported this quarter, as you will notice. The Lord says he would have us, "Not slothful in business." We have just sent out the report blanks for the quarter ending Sept. 30, and we trust all our secretaries will attend to the Lord's business promptly by sending in their reports immediately after the close of the quarter.

A. HELEN WILCOX, Sec.

THE TEACHER'S PREPARATION.

WOULD it be proper to retain as teacher one who fails in learning the lesson himself?

We would answer, No. We would give as our reasons for this answer, first, that a teacher who does not study the lesson can not interest others in the subject. Second, in order to make an impression on the mind that will lead souls to Christ, there must not only be an understanding, but a real feeling of the subject. To be where the impression can be made must require much study and earnest prayer. The teacher that never studies his lesson certainly will never pray much over it. The apostle Paul says: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." This will apply just as much to teachers in the Sabbath-school as to ministers in the desk. But we would not wish to be misunderstood in regard to this matter. Before dismissing teachers for lack of study and interest in their work, the superintendent should labor with them to get them interested. Sometimes the lack of interest with teachers is because they do not understand their work. In such cases the superintendent has a work to do in helping them. Where this is done and there are those who do not study their lessons, it would be well to make changes.—*Sel.*

A SABBATH-SCHOOL convention will be held at Atalissa October 7. Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas is expected to be present. Members of neighboring schools are invited to attend.

MYRTLE S. LONG, Supt.

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DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPT. 25, 1900.

—EXIRA camp-meeting, Oct. 9-14.

—ELD. WM. GUTHRIE joined the Parkersburg tent company last week.

—ELD. P. A. HANSEN was in attendance at the Beresford, South Dakota, camp-meeting.

—THE church school at Ruthven will be taught by Miss Bessie Stanfield, of Boone.

—THE Mt. Pleasant church school began Sept. 17, with Bro. F. O. Raymond, of Battle Creek, Michigan, in charge.

—DR. AND MRS. J. D. SHIVELY went to Battle Creek on business last week. They will return *via* the Ottumwa camp-meeting.

—MISS NELLIE DAVIS, of Malvern, has been employed to teach a church school near Strahan, in the home of Bro. S. M. Knox.

—MISS CORA FRENCH, of Mt. Pleasant, has been asked to take the church school at Onawa, and enters upon her duties this week.

—BRO. B. L. DIEFFENBACHER will make Council Bluffs and vicinity his field of labor for a time. His address is No. 6 State St., Council Bluffs.

—ELD. L. F. STARR called last Friday on his way to Winterset. He was accompanied from here by Eld. J. W. Adams. Eld. Starr expects to go from there to Creston.

—MISS ANNA BUHALTS, having for a time served at the Hygienic Cafe, went this week to the Ottumwa camp-meeting, after which she will visit at her home near West Grove.

—THE churches at Boone and Sandyville have made application for church school teachers, and there are openings near Leslie and Edgewood for church schools. All of these will be supplied in due time.

—BRO. J. F. PIPER, engaged in the Health Food Bakery, had his right hand so severely injured in one of the machines that he will not be able to use it for several weeks. This occasioned some delay in filling orders last week. We trust all who have had to wait for foods on this account will be charitable, and we assure all our customers of the best and most prompt service possible.

—OUR people should not forget the World's Outlook Number of the *Signs*, to be published this fall, but plan to do all they can to help in its circulation. Men's hearts are failing them for fear; and the special numbers of this paper calling attention to the condition of affairs in the world and the ultimate outcome of them all, throw the great searchlight of God's Word upon the troubled sea of life, and reveal to the mariner the only way of escape. Do you not want a part in helping those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, on to the light, that they may be saved? Then help in this work, and begin now to plan to assist in the circulation of the World's Outlook Number.

—ALL our churches and unorganized companies, also our isolated brethren, should remember the semi-annual collection for the orphans and aged poor, which is to be taken Sabbath, Oct. 6. Let us esteem it a privilege to contribute largely to this enterprise, while we have opportunity to help the cause of God in the earth by our means; for soon the day for this will be past. Ere long the last call for means to help this, that, or the other branch of the work, will have been made, and the work itself finished. Will we then, each of us, have laid up our treasure in heaven?

—THE Missionary Map of the World is a valuable aid in studying the lessons on the field. It would be well if every family could have one for reference. So much more interest is attached to a report if we can locate on the map the places named. Price of map, on cloth, in three colors, 75 cents. The *Missionary Magazine* is another indispensable aid to those who would keep in touch with the work in foreign lands. The subscription price is 50 cents. The map and magazine together may be obtained for \$1.15. Order through this Office.

—To every one sending one dollar for a year's subscription to the *Sentinel of Liberty* will be mailed a map illustrating the Chinese question. Old subscribers are not debarred from this offer, which is good until Oct. 1. Orders may be addressed to this Office, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

—LET the foreign missions receive your first attention "upon the first day of the week."

—*Missionary Magazine* and *Sentinel of Liberty* clubbed together for one year, \$1.25.

—MRS. A. BOSWORTH is visiting relatives at Boone.

—MRS. E. L. ROZELLE, who spent the summer with relatives in Massachusetts, returned to her home in this city last week.

—BRO. AND SISTER O. E. SWAP left this city last week for Grinnell, expecting to engage in self-supporting Christian Help work.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

BRO. LOUIS JACOBSEN, of the nurses' class, is having a short vacation at home in Shelby.

—AMONG the new patients known to BULLETIN readers are the following: Sister A. Miller, of Brighton; Miss Nora Schee, of Sandyville; and Bro. N. T. Case, of Des Moines.

THE workers will be especially glad to know that Bro. J. H. Wierts is recovering nicely from the attack of fever. The same can be said of Bro. C. L. Mills, whose recovery for a time was very doubtful.

DR. AND MRS. J. D. SHIVELY were formally appointed by the Board at its last council meeting, to enter upon their duties as physician and matron at the Iowa Sanitarium. The Board also considered the request made by Bro. T. S. Jackson that he be relieved from the burden he has carried as Business Manager since the opening of the institution, Eld. C. F. Stevens consenting to fill that position temporarily.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

WANTED.—A good, steady boy fifteen or sixteen years old, to work for board and attend church school. Address Mrs. C. H. Parsons, Grand View Sta., Des Moines, Iowa.

APPOINTMENTS.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

LADOGA, Oct. 6, 1900.

The meeting will be held at 11 A. M. Members living too far away to attend are requested to report by letter. A full attendance is desired, as officers for the ensuing year are to be elected.

MRS. R. J. WALLACE, Clerk.

DES MOINES, Oct. 6, 1900.

The yearly election of officers will be held at this time. A full attendance is especially requested.

MRS. F. A. PERCIVAL, Clerk.