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WHO KNOWETH?

"For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knowest whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14. Mordecai had requested Queen Esther to use her good influence to save the people of her nation from a peril that threatened them. Satan, through human agents, had brought about a condition which, as far as human eyes could see, was about to bring distress and disgrace upon the people and the work of God. But God ever has ready men and women of opportunity; and at that time, though he could have interposed his divine power, instead, he did what so many times he before had done and since has done,—he accomplished his work through the co-operation of human instrumentalities. Esther might have had many good reasons for refusing to comply with the demand made upon her. She could truthfully have said that her life was in danger and that surely God would not require her to risk so much. She could have given any one of the numerous excuses that are offered for refusing to enter upon what promises to be a disagreeable duty.

I am glad that this bit of history is

recorded for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures, might have hope. It is a thought to inspire hope and courage, that we, too, even as Media's queen of old, are "come to the kingdom for such a time as this." God's people are an object lesson to the universe. With intense interest, the inhabitants of worlds unfallen watch to see what will be the outcome of the present conflict. We may refuse to yield to God's plan for us, we may selfishly consult our own convenience and pleasure if we will; but we may well stop to consider before the final choice is made, that "If thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then there shall... deliverance arise from another place, but thou... shalt be destroyed." Dear brother, are you doing all you can that God's work fall not into disgrace? The question is not, Have you? If in the past there has been neglect and a failure to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, time still remains and you have the privilege of being an instrument in the hands of God. If you have done what you could, then buckle on the armor anew, for the battle is not yet o'er. When we have done what we can we shall see the glory of God. Great blessings are promised to those who take hold of this matter *just now*. A few more weeks will bring the farmers into the fields and the most favorable time will be past. To be sure we should not cease when unfavorable times come, but now in a favorable time we should work the harder. Just now there should be hundreds of our devoted brethren and sisters who are willing to say, "I will go in unto the king...; and if I perish, I perish." But, praise the Lord, you shall not perish. Instead, "there will come a blessed result."

If within the next few weeks each

Adventist in Iowa should devote one day to canvassing, over three thousand days would be given and it would be safe to say that over three thousand books would be sold. Do it, my brother. Do you say that you can't sell books? Then give the day anyway. The blessing will be yours if you enter into the work with the proper spirit. Satan wants delay, and failure, and defeat, and disgrace, to come to God's institutions and work; but our God is able to deliver, "and who knowest whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

THOS. H. JEYS.

NOT "BOOK AGENTS."

THE day is, or ought to be, past when those who bear the printed pages laden with the last message of mercy, are called "book agents." It is true that books are to be sold; but simply to sell books is far below our calling. Says God, "*There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing.*" When we give evidence that we are truly converted and are working for the salvation of souls, the "book agent" will disappear and Christ will be lifted up. People will not say, "You have your piece pretty well," or "You have your song well learned;" for the convicting power of the Spirit of God will speak to their hearts. God is in earnest, and is plain in his counsels. He says again: "To those who are engaged in this work, I would say: As you visit the people, tell them you are a gospel evangelist, and that you love the Lord." The world is tired of "book agents," and is languishing for true gospel missionaries. It is wearied by the "song," the "little piece" of the "peddler;" but the doors are open to the one who seeks their good. You who love the Lord, take his book,

"Christ's Object Lessons," and go to your friends and neighbors, not in the name of a "book agent," but in the name of the Lord, and rich experiences will be yours.

"Who will go forth now with our publications?" saith the Spirit. In answer to this question, we often hear, "I am not fit to canvass;" another says, "I have no talent for that work." Heaven's answer to these excuses is, "To every man and woman who will co-operate with divine power, the Lord imparts a fitness for the work. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact, will come as they put the armor on." This is abundantly proven by those who are putting "the armor on." We are convinced by personal experience that books can be exchanged for groceries, shoes, fuel, straw, clothing, etc. This spring when you buy a wagon, corn planter, harness, hat, dress, bedroom set, or whatever you may purchase, try to put a book in on the deal. Try it, for many times you can do it with few words. Then do not forget to send the money for the book to Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

The Ottumwa workers can truly say that God is blessing the evangelistic canvassing work.

Not "book agents," but missionaries.
W. M. ADAMS.

FROM BATTLE CREEK COLLEGE.

SINCE coming to Battle Creek College I have been working in connection with the College tailor shop. This department is now in quite a prosperous condition. During the past three months over \$1,200.00 has been turned in to the business office, and my co-workers and I feel much encouraged. I now have charge of the repair work. Considerable patronage comes to us from the Sanitarium. At present we are employing nine hands. I have been much benefitted by becoming better acquainted with the general work and workers here. It is an inspiring sight to see the long rows of students marching from chapel exercises every morning, in perfect step to the music. We wish that more of our young people might be here.

We hear of the good work going on in our home State for "Christ's Object Lessons." Iowa is called the banner State. I now hope to attend the camp-meeting. We are looking forward to the General Conference expecting great blessings. JOHN CASPERSON.

REDUCED RATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

WHEN the notice appeared in last week's BULLETIN it was thought the Western Passenger Association would make the same rates as the Eastern lines; but this proves incorrect. All going from Iowa not holding clergy permits will pay one and one-third fare to Chicago and return, on the certificate plan. From Chicago to Battle Creek the rate will be one fare for the round trip. Therefore, those going from Iowa will purchase tickets to Chicago at full fare, taking a certificate from the agent, which will permit them to return at one-third fare when signed by the secretary of the General Conference at Battle Creek, provided tickets are bought and certificates dated, March 31, April 1, or April 2; and also provided that not less than one hundred of such certificates are obtained. At Chicago you will buy round trip tickets over the Michigan Central Railway to Battle Creek at one fare for the round trip, with return limit April 25. Be careful not to buy tickets before March 31 or later than April 2; and don't forget to obtain a certificate from your agent on trip to Chicago. From there to Battle Creek no certificate will be needed, but call for a round trip ticket which will be issued to you personally on your signature.

If a sufficient number take train from Des Moines at 9:30 P. M., Sunday, March 31, through tickets can be purchased and a special car furnished, which will save transfer expense and trouble in Chicago. All wishing this convenience should write to Eld. E. E. Gardner, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, at once, and you will be instructed how to proceed.

C. F. STEVENS.

FIELD REPORTS.

HAWKEYE.

It was my privilege, in company with Brn. J. W. Dorcas and N. M. Jorgensen, to meet with the church at Hawkeye, Fayette county, March 1-3. We began meetings Friday evening, continuing till Monday evening. The weather was somewhat stormy, which doubtless prevented some from attending. We were glad to note the increase of membership in this church since we last met with them. The church was organized with twelve members, and

the membership is now twenty-one, with forty members in the Sabbath-school. There are a few others observing the Sabbath, who attend, and who we have reason to believe will soon become good members. The church decided to take fifty-six copies of "Christ's Object Lessons," having ordered a few books before. This is a place of about eight hundred inhabitants. Our people have a meeting house of their own, which, although only 24 ft. x 36 ft., presents a nice appearance inside and out. The neat and orderly appearance of the yard and buildings speaks well for our people; but it seemed to me that one thing was lacking, that is, sheds for teams. This last item should not be forgotten or neglected when we build meeting houses in which to worship God. Shall our faithful beasts of burden stand and shiver in the cold and storm, or burn under the summer sun, while we leave them and worship God? Please read Matt. 5:7 and Prov. 12:10. The organization of this church is due under God to the tent effort made by Elds. J. P. Henderson and R. H. Habenicht several years ago. Since then others have labored at Hawkeye. I was told that this church building has never been dedicated, as is our custom. I hope this may be remembered and attended to as soon as is practicable.

C. A. WASHBURN.

March 16.

MODALE.

DURING the greater portion of the winter I have been engaged in the work for "Christ's Object Lessons," and have sold ninety-six copies. I have also sold about fifty Outlook Signs, besides a few copies of "Christ Our Saviour," "Steps to Christ," "Mount of Blessing," "Arming of the Nations," etc. I have taken the territory by townships, and have tried to be careful that all should have opportunity to buy.

I have also visited the churches in the western part of District No. 2 in the interests of the book work. Here at Modale the brethren have done what they could, and are planning to continue the work. Including my orders, there have been ordered to Modale 175 copies. Some of these are yet on hand, but they will be sold before summer comes. Reports from other points in our district indicate that the work is onward. Some of the brethren at this place whose work is such that it is almost impossible for them to can-

vass, will pay expenses and wages to those who have time and ability. This is good. Others are planning to use the little leaflet, "To the Friends," in personal correspondence. Several have made sales to the merchants with whom they trade. These will sometimes buy as a mere business policy, especially when it is explained that it is a purely philanthropic effort. My hope is to be able to join my brethren in the "Song of Jubilee" and in beholding the glory of God. THOS. H. JEYS.

SIGOURNEY.

AFTER an absence of thirteen years, Eld. I. J. Hankins occupied the S. D. Adventist pulpit in Sigourney for three nights, beginning March 15. He spoke upon the theme of the "Second Coming of Christ," basing his remarks upon Rev. 10:7. A goodly number of old-time friends were present. On Sabbath he occupied the hour for service in telling of the work in South Africa, with which he has been connected. His recital, and answers to the many questions asked, inspired many of us to have a more thorough work of grace wrought in our hearts, that we may be ready to help in the needy foreign fields. Wednesday evening he lectured on "South Africa, the Country and Its Inhabitants."

Our elder, Bro. W. M. Adams, was with us a few days, consulting in regard to the book work. While our working force is small, we desire Sigourney to be in the forefront of the battle for the relief of the schools. The work is onward, and we expect to be among those who can sing from the heart the "Jubilee Song of Freedom." The unifying of our churches has begun; and I praise our God for his "wonderful works unto the children of men."

C. E. RENTFRO.

OSKALOOSA.

I HAVE now been in this place about eleven weeks, during which time I have sold over seven hundred copies of the Mid-summer and Mid-winter *Good Health* and Outlook Number of the *Signs*. I sell these three numbers for twenty-five cents. The Mid-summer is the best seller, in my experience. There is some prejudice against the *Signs* which is not met by *Good Health*. Then the many practical questions so plainly answered, and the simple, common sense treatments for the ills everywhere abounding, recommend it in almost every home. This valuable number is not out of date, and ought to be

sold in thousands of homes. It is well worth ten cents instead of five, too, in my judgment. I have also sold some fifty of our books, taken a dozen subscriptions for our good papers, and sold sixty dollars worth of health foods from our new bakery at Des Moines.

In my work I have found several aged persons who listened to the truth preached here over twenty years ago, and are firm believers in the Sabbath and some other features of the message. By request I have held two meetings a week from house to house; and a few of these people meet with our little company most every Sabbath. I firmly believe an effort made a little later in the season would result in bringing out a good company in this city; for I am convinced that there are those who willingly accept light when they see it. I pray for divine grace and wisdom "to speak a word in season to him that is weary." Isa. 50:4.

A. J. IDEN.

OBITUARY.

WARD.—Died at her home in Murray, Iowa, Feb. 13, 1901, Martha Ward, aged 77 years.

Deceased was a consistent member of the S. D. Adventist church at Osceola. Her faith in the Saviour was very bright and clear, and she ever lived in the hope of his coming. She leaves an aged husband to mourn. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church, and were conducted by the pastor, Rev. F. E. Pelton.

ELIZABETH REA.

STAHL.—Died at Council Bluffs, Iowa, Sunday morning, Feb. 17, 1901, as the result of an accident the same morning, Sister Nancy Stahl.

From childhood her life was dedicated to her Lord and Master; and since she accepted the advancing light of the third angel's message about twelve years ago, it has been one of peaceful rest and trust in her soon-coming Redeemer. To her this was indeed the "blessed hope." Although seventy-six years of age, she was faithful in her church relationship, and the day before her death she was in attendance at the Sabbath services. Her voice was often heard praising her Saviour and encouraging others to press forward. She leaves her husband at the advanced age of eighty-one years, three sons, and two daughters, to mourn the loss of a kind and faithful wife and mother. On Wednesday, Feb. 20, we laid her away, to await the realization of a bright hope of a part in the first resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken from 1 Thess. 4:13, by the writer.

B. L. DIEFFENBACHER.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

SHALL THE SUPERINTENDENT TEACH?

SHOULD the superintendent to teach a class?

In small schools it is sometimes found necessary for the superintendent to teach a senior class. But we think it is best for both the superintendent and the school that this officer should give his entire time to the general management and work. We have noticed that where the superintendent teaches a class, the order in that school is not as good as it should be. There are always some things in every school that need attention during the time of recitation. If the superintendent is engaged in class duties, he can not look after these things. Then there are times when teachers of some of the classes are not present, and the superintendent should be free to take charge of such classes when necessary. Taking everything into consideration, it is far better for the superintendent to be free from regular class duties.—*Sabbath School Worker*.

OLIN.

SISTER FLORA V. DORCAS was with us last Sabbath, and gave us some good instruction in regard to our Sabbath-school work. It did our hearts good to see Sister Dorcas once more in her old home church and Sabbath-school. We had felt the need of such a visit for a long time. We desire that our school may be just what God desires it to be; and we wish to heed the good suggestions given to each worker in the school,—officers, teachers, and pupils. Our school is small now; but we hope that as the warmer weather comes, our number may increase. We ask the prayers of all the dear ones.

M. L. STILES.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

S. E. HARRISON, WILTON: "I was glad you remembered us in the Sabbath-school work. We have no children in our school just now, but I think after it gets warmer again we will have a better attendance. There are only five in our Bible class."

B. J. CARPENTER, IOWA CITY: "Your last letter was received. I think the questions are good. We have no children among us any more, but still we enjoy our school and appreciate the help we have this winter from those who are here to attend school. We wish to be faithful to the end."

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DES MOINES, IOWA, MARCH 26, 1901.

—BRO. C. J. KUNKEL recently made a trip to the northern part of Minnesota.

—BRO. AND SISTER HOYT BEAMAN, of Churchville, met with the Des Moines church in quarterly meeting service last Sabbath.

—ONE of the members of the company at Dubuque writes of excellent meetings held there by Eld. C. A. Washburn and Bro. N. M. Jorgensen, March 19 and 20.

—MISS A. HELEN WILCOX left this city Sunday evening, to visit relatives at Vinton, Iowa, and Elgin, Illinois, expecting also to attend the General Conference.

—SISTER NELLIE KNAPP, who was first located at Memphis Tenn., on going to the South from our State, now has charge of a church school at Bowling Green, Ky.

—MRS. ROSE PRESCOTT, of Passaic, N. J., is visiting at the home of her parents in Osceola, Iowa. The Neal family recently had a re-union with every member present, Miss Margaret coming from Union College to join the circle.

—BRO. C. W. LARSON had the pleasure last Sabbath and Sunday of a visit from his brother, Julius A. Larson, and wife, as they were on their way from Colorado to Ruthven, Iowa. They also visited at the home of Bro. C. G. Larson, in Texas, *en route*.

—ELD. I. J. HANKINS, after an absence of about thirteen years, has been renewing old acquaintances at Sigourney. He reached this country from South Africa Feb. 14, accompanied by his two children. A report of meetings held at Sigourney on the occasion of his visit appears in this number.

—BRO. JULIUS A. LARSON and Miss Caroline Anderson were united in marriage at Colorado Springs, Colorado, March 5, 1901, Eld. H. M. J. Richards officiating. The bride was at one time matron of the Scandinavian department of Union College, and Bro. Larson is well known as a member of one of the oldest S. D. Adventist families of Iowa, having lived at Ruthven for many years, which place will now be their home. May this Christian union bring to each increased happiness and usefulness.

—“THE Seven Last Plagues,” *Words of Truth Series* No. 29, is a reprint of the interesting series of articles on that subject from the pen of Prof. B. G. Wilkinson, which were recently published in the *Review*. In this little tract these articles, with which all should be familiar, are placed in convenient form either for home study or use in missionary work. Price, three cents. Order of this Office.

—*Berean Library* No. 7 is entitled “The Great Nations of To-day,” author, Eld. A. T. Jones. The title alone should recommend this pamphlet to all students of history. S. D. Adventists above all others should be intelligent historians. This work contains 257 pages; price, 25 cents. Order of Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

—REMEMBER that the General Conference convenes April 2-23, and that if you wish a report of *all* the meetings you must send in your subscription for the *Conference Bulletin* immediately, if you have not already done so. Terms: *Daily Bulletin* during the Conference, 50 cents; *Daily and Quarterly Bulletin*, for two years, 75 cents.

—ALL our churches and isolated ones should remember that Sabbath, April 6, is the day appointed for the semi-annual collection for the Haskell Home and the James White Memorial Home, and prepare to contribute largely. Bear in mind, “that we should remember the poor.”

—THE *Sentinel* of April 4 will contain a report of the action of the Richmond (Va.) Baptist Ministers' Conference on “Sunday Observance and Religious Liberty.” This will be a special number, and will be furnished at the usual rate of \$1.00 per hundred. Order through this Office.

—THE addresses of the following persons are desired at this Office: Bertha Berkley, J. W. Kelchner, Mrs. Laura G. Dimmick, Lewis Finster, and Mary G. Evans.

—THOSE in attendance at the General Conference who wish to have any tailoring done are asked to patronize the College tailor shop.

—MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS spent last Tuesday here engaged in work for the State Sabbath-school Association.

—“It won't help your own crop any to look over the fence and count the weeds in your neighbor's garden.”

—“No matter who he is, the man who never gives is a slave.”

OUR STATE CAMP-MEETING.

AFTER carefully considering all the circumstances, it seems best to the locating committee to appoint the camp-meeting at Des Moines, Iowa, on Governor's Square, May 30 to June 9, preceded by a three days' workers' meeting. It is hoped that our people throughout the State will be well represented. E. E. GARDNER.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

NOTICE.—Brethren intending to plant nursery stock this spring, should write the Grant City Nursery, Grant City, Iowa, for prices.

WANTED.—A good girl or middle aged woman, Sabbath-keeper preferred, who knows how to bake bread, pies, cakes, etc., for a home bakery. Only two in family. Will pay fair wages. Write at once to Mrs. D. E. Howell, Box 34, Delmar, Ia.

FOR SALE.—Several small tracts of timberland, also a few neat homes with one to ten acres of land, near a good church school. References, Elds. E. E. Gardner and J. W. Adams, Des Moines, Iowa. Address C. Pelmulder and Sons, Grant City, Iowa.

APPOINTMENTS.

THE Lord willing, I will meet with the following churches:—

Waukon, March 29, 30, 1901.
Village Creek, “ 31, “
Meetings to begin the evening of the first day. Hope to see a general attendance. E. G. OLSEN.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

MASSENA, April 6, 1901.
We hope for a good attendance. All non-resident members who can not be present will please report to the clerk, Carolina Cron, Anita, Iowa.
PHILLIP CRON, *Elder*.

STOUC CITY, March 30, 31, 1901.
The change in date is made to accommodate those wishing to attend the General Conference.
C. FREDERICKSEN.

FONTANELLE, March 30, 1901.
A minister is expected to be with us. All members are earnestly requested to report in person or by letter.
S. D. LAW.

MT. PLEASANT, March 30, 31, 1901.
The members are requested to report in person as far as is possible.
C. A. WASHBURN.

AUDURON, March 30, 31, 1901.
All members are expected to report either in person or by letter.
GEO. A. LARSON, *Elder*.

LADOGA, April 13, 1901.
MRS. R. J. WALLACE, *Clerk*.

AMES, March 30, 1901.
GEO. PEABODY, *Elder*.