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### OUR STATE CAMP-MEETING.

THIS meeting, as all doubtless have noticed, has been appointed for May 30 to June 9 and located in Des Moines, on Governor's Square. There are several considerations which seem to suggest this location for the meeting at this time. Des Moines is more accessible to all parts of the State than any other place, and it is hoped that a general representation of our people throughout the State can be in attendance at this meeting. Efforts are being made to provide the best help from the General Conference, and to make the occasion of the greatest possible benefit to our own people. To this end it seemed proper to secure a place where a large gathering can be provided for. Then it is due our people and the work in our State to become acquainted with the Iowa Sanitarium and Health Food Bakery, situated five blocks from the camp-ground.

Shall we not, dear brethren, in testimony to the mighty truths we hold, make the necessary sacrifice and come to this meeting, that we may study and counsel together, that we may be prepared for an advance in the work given us of God to do for his glory. Great light in fulfillment of the prophetic word is now shining on our pathway; and shall we allow it to become darkness to us by our indifference and ingratitude? When we come near to our

divine Commander, and thus press together as brethren and co laborers with God and with each other, then may we see eye to eye and all speak the same thing, thus giving the trumpet no uncertain sound. Then will the earth soon be lightened with the glory of the Lord.

We hope that all our people will provide themselves with the *General Conference Bulletin*, at 50 cents for the daily during the Conference, or 75 cents for two years. We trust that many earnest prayers will ascend in behalf of this important gathering in the interest of the work of God in the earth.

E. E. GARDNER,  
J. W. ADAMS,  
J. W. DORCAS,

*Camp-meeting Committee.*

### AFRAID.—NO. 1.

THIS was the condition of a person at a very critical time when life depended on performing the duty at hand; but from a human standpoint, to refuse to perform the task was the only reasonable thing to do. So it is many times. The person was a Jewess, and her people had come to a crisis. The wicked Haman, and there are many such to-day, had secured writings from the king to have all the Jews put to death on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month. "When Mordecai perceived all that was done, he rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes." How many to-day are grieved as was Mordecai, when a crisis comes in the work. "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." Esther heard of her cousin's sorrow, and sent to know of the cause. Mordecai sent Esther a copy of the decree and asked her to go unto the king to make supplication for her people. Esther returned word that she was afraid her husband would

not be pleased, and therefore she dare not go. God's people have reached another crisis. "God is testing his people... in this thing." (Selling "Christ's Object Lessons.") Have any of us said, "I am afraid my husband or my wife would not be pleased with such work"? This answer came back to Esther: "If thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time... thou... shalt be destroyed." What is the word that comes to us who say we are afraid? "Those who in this great crisis allow themselves to be more on the side of the world than of God, will eventually place themselves *wholly* on the side of the world,"—"if we are not active in the service of Christ, we are ranking in with those who are in positive hostility against him." May God help us all to answer to as did Esther, "Go, gather together all the Jews... and fast ye for me... I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go... and if I perish, I perish." Such a blessed example for us just now. Let none of us think we are excused because of hindering circumstances; but do as Esther did. Fast, pray, and go, leaving the results in God's hands. She went, and God gave her favor and success.

E. H. ADAMS.

[THE above article, the first of a series on the subject, was received just after Bro. Jeys' article, "Who Knoweth?" was in type, and so was reserved until this issue of the BULLETIN. We trust all will carefully read these articles, and learn from the experience of Queen Esther a valuable lesson, one that is especially applicable to us in our present work.—ED.]

"As the will of man co-operates with the will of God it becomes omnipotent."

"THERE can be no growth in grace without Christian service."

"RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY."

SUCH is the title of *Religious Liberty Library* No. 15. This thirty-two page tract is a review of the century just closed, touching the relations of church and state and freedom of conscience. It is as full and complete as anything could well be made in so brief a space. The sub-headings will give a good idea of the scope of the tract: The Sunday Mails, Intolerance Meets a Crushing Defeat, Decisions of the Courts, Organized Movements to Secure Union of the State with Religion, Allies of National Reform, Forms an Alliance with the Papacy, Christian Endeavor Society, Religious Measures Pressed upon Congress, The Blair Bills, Congressman Breckenridge Champions the Cause, The Columbian Exposition, Other Religious Measures, Religious Persecutions, Other Persecutions, Sectarian Appropriations, Religious Freedom in Canada, Religious Liberty in Europe, General Observations. The tract has four appropriate illustrations, which will, we feel sure, add very much to its popularity. They are entitled, "Changing the Fundamental Law of the Land," "Here Protestants and Catholics Meet on Common Ground," "The Practical Workings of a Sunday Law," and "Seventh-day Adventists in the Chain-gang."

This tract is brimful of facts that every one ought to know. It explains the necessity for our religious liberty work better than any other tract now in print. It is valuable for reference, but even more valuable for missionary work. The price of this tract is two cents per copy, with usual discount on unbroken packages. Order of Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

I. R. L. ASSOCIATION.

THE MISSIONARY SECRETARY.

[We publish the following thinking that it will be read with appreciation by our missionary secretaries. We trust that each member may also study these suggestions carefully. The one whom you have asked to lead in the work needs your assistance, especially in the matter of reporting. Are you each prepared to report your missionary work for the quarter just closed?—ED.]

The librarian should be one of the most active members of the church in missionary work, thoroughly alive in

circulating the truth at home and abroad by means of missionary effort. The librarian should see that each member of the church is taking our leading papers and magazines as far as possible. The *Review*, *Signs*, *Sentinel*, *Missionary Magazine*, and *Good Health* are all important factors in keeping alive to the message, and should be taken by all. The librarian should not neglect to place the State paper in every family in the church, so that all the Conference membership will know what is going on in the State, and keep in touch with all the plans of work in the local Conference as well as the work abroad. The librarian keeps the accounts, and orders supplies from the State society. He should not allow a debt to accumulate against the society. Hence he will ever be on the alert to keep members prompt in paying up on subscriptions and in making donations to the society. All general plans and efforts of the denomination, such as the present move to put out three hundred thousand copies of "Christ's Object Lessons," should be taken hold of by the librarian and pushed as much as possible in the church. It falls largely upon the librarian to plan for, and take charge of, the missionary meeting, unless other arrangements are made. May God give our librarians wisdom and largeness of heart to take in the breadth of this work, with tact and a burning love for humanity and the gospel of peace in its closing work on earth. The activity and prosperity of the church in missionary work, which is its life, depends very much upon the librarian getting the members to work, and to be faithful in sustaining the home and foreign missions.—*Eld. R. A. Underwood, in Keystone Gleaner.*

TESTIMONIALS FOR "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS."

It is an excellent plan to secure recommendations for "Christ's Object Lessons" from pastors of churches wherever you may be working. Although bogus testimonials have done much toward lessening the value of recommendations, the bona-fide testimonial from a resident minister, who is known by reputation at least to most every one in the community, can not but have some weight with those whom you canvass. In order to remove all room for doubt, it is well to have them written on the regular printed stationery which most pastors use. We have recently received two testimon-

ials which the brethren at Afton secured from local ministers; and we publish them, not expecting that they will do you any good in your work,—for the recommendations you need are those which you can probably secure from pastors in your community,—but simply as samples of what may be secured, that others may go and do likewise.

AFTON, IOWA, Feb. 27, 1901.

To whom it may concern:—

"Christ's Object Lessons" is an elegant, valuable book, more than worth the money. Buy it for your own benefit, and add a worthy cause.

S. T. DAVIS.

Pastor Presbyterian Church.

AFTON, IOWA, Feb. 28, 1901.

To whom it may concern:—

I have examined the book entitled, "Christ's Object Lessons," and find it to be such that a careful reading and study of it will tend to develop the spiritual life and cause us to have a greater love for the simplicity and beauty of God's truth. It is not a doctrinal, but a devotional, work; and the writer has beautifully portrayed the truth.

G. W. MAINE.

Pastor Methodist Church.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

*Dear BULLETIN Family:* We have enjoyed many blessings since coming to this place. We are in the most pleasant and healthful climate we have ever found. I think it is the garden spot of the world. During the past two weeks, we have been selling "Christ's Object Lessons" and have over twenty orders. Some want the book at once, without giving their orders. What a delight to feed hungry souls. I never found more real pleasure in any work than that of selling this book. While out canvassing we find many who are glad to have Bible studies at their homes. A Sabbath-school with a membership of twelve was organized here last week. Following the school we will have the study of the Berean lessons.

We made a visit to Hildebran, a small village five miles east of here, where Eld. D. T. Shireman has labored for several years. He enjoyed talking about the dear old soldiers in Iowa. The church school at this place has just closed. We attended services in the new meeting house. I was reminded of the Puritans as I watched the honest toilers wending their way through the forest to the place of worship. Eld. Johnson's text was, "Prepare to meet thy God." Last week we received a letter from a reader in Wilmington, stating that she had kept two Sabbaths.

MINNIE BEAMAN.

Hickory, N. C., March 22.

FROM ANOTHER IOWA WORKER IN THE SOUTH.

EVER since coming to the South I have thought of writing to the BULLETIN family. How good the Lord is to me. I enjoy the South very much, and find the people very pleasant and hospitable. I was not able to do as much work in Memphis as I desired, on account of the time taken in getting settled and then preparing to move again in three months; but I left several interested readers.

I am now in the church school at Bowling Green, Kentucky, and find my work very pleasant. Two outside children attend. There is no study in which the children take keener delight than the Bible. We are studying the Berean lessons, the children taking an active part. I have fourteen enrolled. We have formed a missionary society. The children sent for two hundred and twenty-five of Bro. Haughey's tracts on the Second Coming of Christ, and have sold fifty in two afternoons. They are all interested in its sale. We are also preparing a missionary garden,—flowers in front, and vegetables at the back, of the schoolhouse. We expect to do other missionary work. Our schoolhouse is small, but neat and new. I wish the prayers of the BULLETIN family, that the children and I may be "shining lights."

NELLIE E. KNAPP.

SIoux RAPIDS.

THINKING that the readers of the BULLETIN are like myself, always anxious to hear from the different churches and companies in our State, I will say that we are all of good courage and are trying to live Christ before the people of this place. Eld. J. S. Hart was with us March 9-11, and held three meetings. We appreciate the love of God in sending his servant to instruct us and to warn us of the dangers that surround us in these last days. Sabbath evening, March 9, we received instruction from the parable of the barren fig tree. It is our sincere desire to be fruit bearing Christians, so that we may not be a cumbrance to the cause of Christ, and be cut down. We desire to be reflectors in God's hands, that the beautiful light of Jesus may be mirrored to others. There is a good interest in our Sabbath-school; and I praise God for the light he has given us in our study on Galatians and Malachi. They seem like new books, and have brought Christ nearer. We hope to have a tent here this summer.

Mrs. C. H. TYRRELL.

THE BOOK WORK.

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS.

MANY canvassers are greatly lacking in thoroughness and system in their work, thus materially reducing their chances of success. This is the real secret of nine-tenths of all the failures that have ever occurred in the canvassing work. Don't forget that, although this is God's work, and he has promised to work with you, your success depends very largely upon your own efforts. He has ordained it so. He desires us to be not only "fervent in spirit," but "diligent in business."

Be thorough. Make careful preparation. Learn to describe your book clearly, briefly, and in a natural tone of voice. Make the thoughts your own, and as far as possible express them in your own words. Try to canvass every one in your territory. Don't skip about. Don't pass by any house, great or small. Don't miss a day if it can possibly be avoided. Remember your place is in the field at work for at least five days each week. Be systematic. Have a certain hour to begin work, just as the mechanic and business man. Determine that you will work a certain number of hours each day. You can if you desire, or occasion demands, work more, but do not allow yourself to stop with less. Cultivate the habit of working regularly and systematically, and you will find it easier to work, you will like it better, and have better success. Do not leave a customer as long as there is a shadow of a hope of making a sale. Many a decision not to buy has been changed by judicious, careful, persevering work. Be courteous and pleasant, but don't be too easily put off.—*F. E. Painter, in Keystone Gleaner.*

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 22, 1901.

GREAT CONTROVERSY.				
John Manuel.....	22	4	\$ 9.00	\$6.50
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.				
Lewis Hilliard.....	2	1	\$ 1.75	\$ .75
OBJECT LESSONS.				
O. C. Markel .....	34	11	\$13.75	\$ .25
J. B. Myers.....	36	6	7.50	3.00
MISCELLANEOUS.				
H. F. Lamb.....	13	12	\$16.00	
DELIVERIES.				
Books, Value. Helps. Lost.				
Cort Nielsen.....	4		\$ 4.00	1
H. F. Lamb.....	10		14.75	
SUMMARY.				
No. of agents.....				6
" " orders.....				34
Value of " .....			\$ 48.00	
" " helps sold .....			\$ 10.50	
Total value .....			\$ 58.50	
Value of deliveries.....			\$ 18.75	

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

OFFICERS AS MEMBERS OF CLASSES.

SHOULD the superintendent and the secretary of the Sabbath-school belong to a class? If not, how can the average attendance of the school be obtained?

As a general thing the superintendent and the secretary should not be teachers of, or pupils in, classes. Unless the school is very small so that their help can not be dispensed with in class work, they should be free to oversee the school and to look after its interests. If they are alive to the responsibility of their position, they can serve the school much better if they are not confined to a class during the school session. In a very small school, as a family school, the officers must of course be teachers, as well.

The fact that the officers are not members of any class has no effect whatever on the average attendance of the school. The officers are members of the school just the same as are the teachers and pupils. Each school is composed of a certain number of classes, and a certain number of officers. The teachers keep a record of the number present in their respective classes, and the secretary keeps a record of the attendance of the officers. Then the officers appear in the average just the same as though they formed another class in the school.

We can not refrain from adding a word in regard to officers who are not in classes on the Sabbath. There is danger that they may feel they are absolved from all obligation to study the lesson. Not being called upon to recite, they neglect to learn the lesson. This should not be. No one in the school should have better lessons than the officers, from highest to lowest. Since they can not have the benefit of class recitations on the Sabbath, except a little at a time here and there, they should be most diligent in their attendance at teachers' meeting. The Sabbath-school officer whose duties as officer interfere with his study of the regular lesson, should be released from his position so that he can have an opportunity to study, and his place should be given to some one who can study as well as work.—*Sabbath School Worker.*

"God never calls any one to teach his word who will not take time to study it."

## Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, APRIL 2, 1901.

—ELD. C. A. WASHBURN spent last Sabbath and Sunday at Clinton.

—ELD. J. W. ADAMS spent last Sabbath with the Winterset church.

—MRS. MADISON BROWN, of Sharpsburg, visited friends in Des Moines and Polk City last week.

—BRO. J. W. DORCAS left this city last Thursday, to visit in Linn county en route to the General Conference.

—MISS HANNAH JOHNSON, of Everly, left this city Sunday evening for Battle Creek, Mich., where she will take the nurses' course.

—THOSE of our workers who failed to receive the January number of the *Missionary Magazine*, can now obtain it by addressing this Office.

—WE were glad to have a call from Bro. E. Swap, last Thursday. He spoke very encouragingly concerning the Christian help work in Grinnell.

—“SOME one Cares for Your Soul” is the title of *Apples of Gold Library* No. 69, by W. S. Sadler. Price,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent per copy, with usual reduction on orders of 50 or more.

—ELD. H. M. J. RICHARDS, of Colorado, stopped at Des Moines on his way to General Conference. He occupied the morning hour in church service last Sabbath, basing some very practical remarks on Rom. 8:14.

—“HYPNOTISM, What is It?” is the title of *Words of Truth Series* No. 28, by A. J. Bourdeau. This subject is of vital importance. You should read this tract and then loan it to your neighbors. Price per copy, 3 cents. Order of this Office.

—AGAIN we call attention to the necessity of ordering the *Conference Bulletin* immediately. If you delay longer, you may miss some of the very numbers you wish most to have. Terms: Daily *Bulletin* during the General Conference, 50 cents; Daily and Quarterly, two years, 75 cents.

—BRO. J. V. VAUGHN, of Mt. Pleasant, writes: “I am working at my trade in the daytime and selling ‘Christ’s Object Lessons’ in the evening. I always ask the Lord to go into the house with me and sell the book, promising to give him all the praise, and he is giving success. I am glad I can do a little in this humble way.”

—A TIMID sister thus relates her experience in selling “Christ’s Object Lessons: ‘It was hard for me to get started, but I told the Lord I was ready to go if he would sell the books, for I knew that I could not do that. He sold them all, and I delivered them. All the praise be to him. I rejoice that I could have a part in the good work.’” “The same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.” Rom. 10:12.

—THE following delegation left Des Moines, in a special car, at 9:30 p. m., Sunday, March 31, to attend the General Conference at Battle Creek, Mich.: Elds. E. E. and C. M. Gardner and families, Elds. J. W. Adams, H. M. J. Richards, L. F. Starr, and Wm. Guthrie, Bro. A. J. Iden, Park Adams, V. B. Watts, Floyd Bralliar, and Henry Eide, and Sisters Jessie V. Bosworth and F. W. Patterson.

—MR. EDWIN M. FOSTER, of Clarinda, and Miss Ella Zuver, were united in marriage Monday evening, March 25, at Pleasantville, Iowa, Rev. Smith officiating. Mr. Foster holds a position of trust in the Hospital at Clarinda, while the bride needs no introduction. The best wishes of many friends will go with her to her new home.

—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.”

—ELD. C. M. GARDNER and wife, with their two children, spent several days last week visiting friends in Des Moines, Eld. Gardner also meeting with his old home church at Osceola on Sabbath. They expect to return to California after the General Conference.

—BRO. J. W. BIGGS and Sister Elizabeth Robinson, both of Winterset, were united in marriage Friday, March 29, Eld. J. W. Adams officiating. May many blessings attend this couple as they thus travel together on the journey of life.

—ELD. WM. GUTHRIE and family stopped at the Sanitarium last Wednesday night, returning from Allendale, Missouri.

—BRO. A. J. IDEN came up from Oskaloosa last Friday, to visit his sister Mrs. C. M. Gardner and other relatives.

### SANITARIUM NOTES.

THREE new patients were received last week.

WE acknowledge with sincere appreciation the donation of a quilt by Mrs. Geo. Watkins, of Lima.

THE Sanitarium is in receipt of a nice quilt, the donation of Sisters A. E. Burnett and Marabe Jones, of this city.

MISS ELSIE FULTON returned to her home in Bladensburg last week, having recovered nicely from a surgical operation.

MATILDA BROWN, of Parkersburg, Delta Vaughn, of Mt. Pleasant, and Hortense Heivilin, of Clarinda, have joined the nurses' class.

MRS. ESTHER MOORE returned Monday to her home at Hawleyville, feeling much improved in health as the result of successful surgical operation.

SISTER IVA J. TURNER, of Moravia, returned home yesterday, having recovered nicely from surgical operation. Her health was improved much in a general way also by her stay here.

DR. AND MRS. SHIVELY had the pleasure of entertaining Dr. Ida M. Herr, now of Cleveland, Ohio, last week. She has been visiting at her old home in Woodburn, also spending a short time at College View, Neb.

### QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

ATALISSA, April 13, 1901.

I hope all can be with us at this time. If any of you can not come, please send your testimony, also your tithes and first-day offerings, to Mrs. Lizzie Henry, and the reports will be read at the meeting.

E. H. ADAMS, *Elder*.

WILTON, April 6, 1901.

The Lord willing, the ordinances will be celebrated. I trust all will be present if possible, or send reports, with their first-day offerings and tithes.

E. H. ADAMS, *Elder*.

MODALE, April 13, 14, 1901.

Brethren at Little Sioux, Missouri Valley, and Echo are invited to meet with us.

THOS. H. JEYS, *Elder*.

MARSHALLTOWN, April 6, 1901.

We would be glad to see a full attendance, or receive reports from those who can not come.

BURT FULLMER.

RIVERTON, April 6, 1901.

We trust there will be a good attendance.

F. J. DUNN, *Elder*.

HAWKEYE, April 6, 1901.

All are cordially invited.

CARRIE C. HATHAWAY, *Clerk*.