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A SEED.

A WONDERFUL thing is a seed,
The one thing deathless forever;
Forever old and forever new,
Forever faithful and utterly true;
Fickle and faithless never.

Plant lilies and lilies will bloom,
Plant roses and roses will grow;
Plant hate and hate to life will spring;
Plant love and love to you will bring
The fruit of the seed you sow.

—Selected.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE IN BRIEF.

THERE are present at the General Conference now in session at Battle Creek, Mich., two hundred and sixteen delegates and about fifteen hundred visitors from all parts of the United States, making this the largest S. D. Adventist Conference ever convened. As has been expressed by many, this is also undoubtedly the most important gathering of the kind ever held by our denomination. Besides the business sessions considerable time is occupied in Bible study, with Elds. S. N. Haskell, W. W. Prescott, E. J. Waggoner, and A. T. Jones as the principal instructors. The needs of the work in foreign fields are receiving earnest attention, Elds. I. H. Evans and A. G. Daniells thus far leading out in presenting the present situation abroad. The Lord is sending most solemn and yet cheering Testimonies to his people at this time; and in the presence and counsel of his servant, Sister E. G.

White, we recognize an additional evidence of his love and care for his work and people. As on the day of Pentecost the believers gathered together with "one accord," so do those assembled on this occasion seem to be of one heart and mind in seeking the guidance and blessing of the Spirit of God. The devotional meetings, bringing together about two thousand five hundred people at 5:30 A. M., are an evidence of the desire to seek a closer connection with Heaven; and the earnest testimonies reveal a deepening work of grace in the hearts and lives of the believers. May our people everywhere continue to unite their petitions, that the Spirit of God may preside in all the councils of this assembly.

Only a vague idea can be given in a brief general report. We wish that all might have the privilege of reading and studying the *General Conference Bulletin*, which will contain a full report of each session.

THE VALUE OF TIME.

IN the eleventh chapter of Judges there is an account of a wild reckless man named Jephtha. His parentage was tainted, and he gathered "vain men" as his companions. Reckless, pleasure loving, his companions were of the sort that brings disgrace. His own conduct was such that he was driven out of his home. Amid these surroundings, his daughter, the only child, was born and grew up to young womanhood. Time went on, and the Ammonites oppressed Israel. Jephtha was bold and daring, and he was called to defend them. In accordance with his reckless nature, he impulsively vowed that if the Lord would give him victory he would sacrifice the first thing that came forth from his door on his return. The Lord intended to

give the victory to Israel; and as Jephtha returned, his daughter came out to meet him. In all its force his rashness then came to his mind. He wished that he had done differently, but it was too late. His daughter on hearing of the vow, nobly told her father to keep it; but she asked that she might have two months in which to bewail her virginity with her "fellows." Verse 37. What does this mean? It means that with a realizing sense of the shortness of her time, this daughter, reared in worldliness and folly, changed her course, and desired two months in which to go among her old associates,—"fellows,"—and bewail her past life. She made these days precious with confessions and expostulations among her companions. She asked this time to "bewail her virginity," to bewail the life she had led as a girl. How precious, then, must have been every day. But fifty days left, forty, thirty, twenty, ten,—at last but one week in which to work. How solemn were the days, then, both to herself and to those whom she sought "upon the mountains" of Israel. Her efforts were successful with many, as the last verse of the chapter tells us that there was a company formed among the "daughters of Israel" who held a four days' meeting each year in honor of this girl whose life ended so nobly. I do not think that any one could imagine that they came together four days in a year simply to weep, but that they came together to do the work of Jephtha's daughter. They laid plans, sought God, and in this way carried on her work. It was a young people's society to plan work for the Lord.

We now have a little time before our life work is ended. I believe that if we could see the exact time we have till our cases will be decided, the time would be spent in a far different

manner from what it is with maty. From the short time we have, each day takes a portion as it passes. Soon half of the time will be gone, later two-thirds, then but a few days will be left, and at last but one more day. Shall we learn the lesson of Jephtha's daughter, and redeem the time by going to those who have seen us indifferent and careless, and undoing the work of the past by faithful work in the little time that is still given us? We can do this; and God grant to each one a heart to say, I will. CLARENCE SANTEE.

"FOR ALL THAT ARE IN AUTHORITY."

It was Lord Bacon who termed a nation's lawmakers her "perpetual rulers," because, as he affirmed, they ruled the land in the laws they enacted long after they themselves were dead. Has it not often occurred to the reader that this very important class of men are sadly neglected by those who are charged with the duty of giving the great three-fold message to every creature? The Apostle exhorts that supplications "be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority" (or, eminent place, margin). 1 Tim. 2:2.

It is interesting and instructive to recall in this connection a declaration found on page 610 of "Great Controversy." "While many of our rulers are active agents of Satan, God also has his agents among the leading men of the nation. The enemy moves upon his agents to propose measures that would greatly impede the work of God; but statesmen who fear the Lord are influenced by holy angels to oppose such propositions with unanswerable arguments. Thus a few men will hold in check a powerful current of evil. The opposition of the enemies of truth will be restrained that the third angel's message may do its work. When the final warning shall be given, it will arrest the attention of these men through whom the Lord is working, and some of them will accept it and will stand with the people of God through the time of trouble."

While we view with sadness and regret the tendency on the part of our lawmakers toward evil legislation, let us think often and gratefully upon the fact that the "restraining influence of the Holy Spirit is felt" by these men, as well as by us. Let it also inspire us with hope and with energy to diligently undertake persistent and well-directed effort in behalf of these men in view of the assurance that "God has

his agents among the leading men of the nation," and that some of them will ultimately accept the final warning. Let us faithfully labor and pray to this end.

H. E. OSBORNE,

Sec. I. R. L. Association.

AFRAID.—NO. 2.

"Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Had Esther known that the Lord had permitted all this to come and had brought her to the kingdom to save his people, she might have gone gladly. Even so it is now. If we always knew the reason for, and the outcome of, all trials and difficulties, we might bear them more willingly. But, "The just shall live by faith;" and often we, as Esther, can only say, "So will I go...; and if I perish, I perish." Did Esther fail?—No, thank the Lord; and neither will we if we enter into our work as she did into hers. Who knoweth but the present condition of things has been permitted to come to give us an opportunity to prove to our unconverted husbands, wives, or friends that we not only profess to be "workers together with God," but that we are in deed. I know of several instances where the husbands who are not Christians, are exceedingly interested in the selling of our good book "Christ's Object Lessons." One sister started out to canvass. On showing it to a lady she was asked, "Do you belong to that people? I would not have that book in my house." The sister went home and said to her husband, "I am not going to canvass any more." He replied, "Now, aren't you ashamed? Of course you will. You will go over to Mrs. ——— to-morrow and sell a book." And so she did. He became so interested in her work that he went out to help sell the books. Another man became much interested in his wife's work, and suggested that she go to certain people. She went and told them her husband sent her to them. She failed to sell at only one of those places. The last I heard, she had sold twenty books. O, may no one say, I am afraid, or I know my husband or wife would not like for me to canvass. "Who knoweth?" Do you know, dear reader, what effect it would have on them? No; God only knoweth.

E. H. ADAMS.

"CHRIST'S life was crowded with temptations, but crowned with victories over them all." How is it with your life, reader?

FIELD REPORTS.

SANDYVILLE.

DURING the few meetings held here by Eld. N. C. Bergerson and myself, a good outside interest was manifest. Bro. Bergerson's faithful work in the evening services made a good impression on the people, and there was a real demand for more meetings. Later on, Eld. L. F. Starr and I held meetings ten days, and the interest was still good. The brethren, most of whom live from two to four miles from town, showed commendable zeal in attending in spite of the almost impassable condition of the roads. The early evening Bible studies conducted by Eld. Starr on "The Relation of the Church to the World," were timely and were appreciated. The "pure testimony" when presented, "will cut its way through." The Lord witnessed by the presence of his Holy Spirit. The enemy was on the ground to hinder, but as we sought the Lord earnestly for victory, it came. On the last Sabbath, when the call was made for those to come forward who wanted to give their hearts to God and unite with the church, eleven youth and children responded. Nine of these were pupils of the church school. The social meeting that followed was indeed good, parents and children all taking part. We thank God, to whom be all the praise and the honor and the glory for all that is done. Their church school teacher, Sister Pearl D. Bascom, felt loath to leave her work there until she could see it bound off; but now she leaves with a glad heart. I believe that the recent reaping to a great extent is the result of the faithful sowing done during the past six months by Sister Bascom.

The church school work is a success. By faith we knew it would be; by experience we know it is. The following is evidently true: "The springs of heavenly peace and joy, unsealed in the soul of the teacher by the words of inspiration, will become a mighty river of influence to bless all who connect with him. The Bible will not become a tiresome book to the student. Under a wise instructor the word will become more and more desirable. It will be as the bread of life, and will never grow old. Its freshness and beauty will attract and charm the children and youth. It is like the sun shining upon the earth, perpetually imparting brightness and warmth, yet never ex-

hausted." Dear parents, are *your* children gathered in from the contaminating influences of the world, which the Spirit of God says is become like Sodom for wickedness? Do you know that the blood, which alone can bring safety, is upon the door post, so that none of your loved ones will fall as prey to the destroying angel? If it is not, see to it that henceforth you avail yourselves of every means of grace that God has provided. Let us not be "busy here and there" until our loved ones are gone beyond the reach of our help.
C. T. ADAMS.

KELLEY.

The Kelley church was favored with a visit from Eld. N. C. Bergerson Sabbath, March 23. The Spirit of the Lord came very near as we listened to encouraging words from the Lord's servant. The ordinances were celebrated, and the Lord greatly blessed as we carried out our Saviour's instruction.

I now return to Battle Creek to complete my course in the nurses' class. I am always glad to receive the weekly visits of the BULLETIN. As I have been away from home much of the time for three years, the news that it brings each week are indeed glad tidings. I ask an interest in the prayers of our people.
F. F. JOHNSON.

"A MAN passes for what he is worth. What he is engraves itself on his face, on his form, on his fortunes, in letters of light, which all men but himself may read. There are confessions in the glances of our eyes, in our smiles, in our salutations, in the grasp of our hands."

OBITUARY.

THOMAS.—Eva P. Thomas was born at Floyd, Iowa, Feb. 24, 1899, and died at Rockford, Iowa, March 17, 1901.

Little Eva was the only daughter of Bro. and Sister O. A. Thomas, of the Colfax Sanitarium. While Sister Thomas was visiting at her mother's, near Rockford, Eva took sick with pneumonia, which resulted in her death. The parents sorrow and weep, but not as those who know not a Saviour's power. Many friends and neighbors came miles through mud and a driving storm to pay their respects to the darling child, whom the grave must soon give up. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Jer. 31:15-17.

L. F. TRUBEY.

THE BOOK WORK.

HOLD ON, CANVASSER.

Hold on to your courage. The Lord says to you, "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage." "I am with you alway."

Hold on to your purity. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." "The words of the pure are words of pleasantness."

Hold on to your faith. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." "According to your faith be it unto you."

Hold on to your hope. "We are saved by hope." "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast."

Hold on to your charity. "Charity suffereth long, and is kind;... is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil."

Hold on to God's promises. "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature." "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms,"—the promises of God.

Hold on to the Lord. "The Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not, I will help thee."
O. E. CUMMINGS,

Canvassing Agent Dist. 4.

CANVASSERS should speak modestly and engage in no controversy. Let every canvasser feel that he is on trial before the heavenly universe. "Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves:" Christ said to his disciples, "be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." Before you are many precious souls ripe for the harvest. Learn, therefore, to speak modestly and discreetly, and at the same time, show that you are Bible students and representatives of the Lord.—Mrs. E. G. White.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 29, 1901.

OBJECT LESSONS.				
O. C. Markel	32	2	\$ 2.50	\$9.00
J. B. Myers	31	5	6 25	8.50
GREAT CONTROVERSY.				
John Manuel	9	1	\$ 3.00	\$1.75
SUMMARY.				
No. of agents	.....			3
" " orders	.....			8
Value of "	.....			\$ 11.75
" " helps sold	.....			\$ 13.25
Total value	.....			\$ 25.00

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

ART IN QUESTIONING.

Much of the success in instructing a class depends on the manner of questioning. The worth of a teacher may be known by the character and adaptation of his questions. The opening questions are very important. That is the best questioning which best stimulates action in the learner, making him think and enquire for himself,—thus rendering him in a great measure independent of his teacher. There are three forms of questioning: Preliminary, or experimental, to find out what the pupil already knows; instructive, to lead the pupil to think; examinative, to learn if the lesson is understood. Questions should require thought and reason, as well as memory, on the part of the scholar. If you are teaching, you should lead him to say much while you say but little. Cultivate simplicity of language, and do not tell very much in your questions. Make them definite and unmistakable, and generally admitting of but one answer. Put them in an animated manner. Avoid questions which carry their answers with them. Never allow your scholars to guess. Encourage them to ask questions, but strive to lead them to earnestly ask that most important question, "What must I do to be saved?"—*Sunday School Monitor.*

WHERE ATTENTION BEGINS.

The apparently inattentive scholar is usually interested in something else, hence his inattention to the lesson. A child can seldom, if ever, rivet his attention on that which does not interest him. Therefore, while we can sometimes, with the aid of his conscience, lead an adult where we want him, we must use the child where we find him. From the point of his spontaneous natural interest, we can open the way for him to that truth which he ought to reach. And fortunately, "From every object in nature and life there is a way to God."—*Sel.*

"If men will become channels through which God's blessings can flow to others, the Lord will keep the channel supplied. It is not returning to God his entrusted gifts that makes men poor; withholding them tends to poverty."

Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, APRIL 9, 1901.

—ELD. AND MRS J. S. HART joined the Iowa delegation at Chicago en route to Battle Creek.

—BRO. P. L. HOEN spent a few days in Des Moines last week in the interest of the Scandinavian work.

—WE were especially glad to meet Sister Minnie Beaman, one of our Iowa workers in the South, at the General Conference.

—BRO. F. F. JOHNSON, who has been visiting at his home at Kelley, returned last week to his work in the Sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich.

—ALL mail for those in attendance at the General Conference should be addressed in care of the Review and Herald Office, Battle Creek, Mich.

—MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS, by invitation of the Conference Committee, is in attendance at the General Conference to consider the interests of the Sabbath-school work.

—ALL donations for the Haskell Home and James White Memorial Home should be sent immediately to Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

—BRO. AND SISTER H. S. PEEKE, of Colfax, and Bro. and Sister A. L. Hoyt and Minnie Emmons, of Libertyville, are among the Iowa visitors at the General Conference.

—BRO. AND SISTER CARL JENSEN, of Ft. Madison, and Bro. Charles Heald, of Libertyville, are among the Iowa Conference workers enjoying the privilege of attending the General Conference.

—MISS JENNIE LINDAHL, who has been attending the Des Moines church school, was called home to Kelley last week to attend the funeral of her grandmother, Bro. Peter Lindahl's mother, which was held on Sunday.

—BRO. HENRY WOOD makes a request for clean copies of the *Review*, *Signs*, *Instructor*, and *Life Boat*, to be placed in a depot reading rack. Please send postpaid to his address at 104 W. Locust St., Davenport, Iowa.

—SISTER PEARL D. BASCOM, who has been teaching a church school at Sandyville, and Miss Laura Beamer, of Eddyville, stopped over night at the Sanitarium last week on their way to Cedar Rapids to engage in the canvassing work.

—WE make one more appeal to each S. D. Adventist family in our State not already supplied with the reading of the *General Conference Bulletin*. You will suffer a great loss if you fail to make use of this means of keeping in touch with the message and work of God for this time. We repeat what others have said: This is the largest and most important gathering ever held by our denomination. You will probably be able to secure all the numbers from the first by ordering immediately of the S. D. Adventist General Conference Association, Battle Creek, Mich. Terms: Daily during Conference, 50 cents; Daily during Conference and Quarterly two years, 75 cents.

—THE trip to Battle Creek, Mich., proved to be a very pleasant one to those leaving Des Moines Sunday evening, March 31, for the General Conference. Our company was joined at Ames by Eld. N. C. Bergersen and family, at Belle Plaine by Eld. L. F. Trubey, at Cedar Rapids by Bro. J. W. and C. A. Dorcas and Miss Grace Mitchell. From Chicago a special train of seven coaches was furnished, which was occupied by one hundred and eighty of our brethren and sisters from different parts of the West. It is needless to say that the time engaged in exchanging greetings, reviving old associations, and forming new acquaintances, passed very pleasantly.

—BRO. R. J. MARSHALL left this city last Tuesday for Hayden, Colorado. Sister Marshall will visit a while at Yale, Iowa, and then proceed to Hayden, where they expect to make their future home.

—DR. W. D. KINNEY, of Colfax, spent the Sabbath in Des Moines.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

SISTER S. SCOVILLE, of Hillsdale, returned home yesterday, feeling much improved.

SISTER STELLA PFAFF, of Chariton, arrived Friday and has joined the nurses' class.

FOUR new patients arrived last week, among whom was Sister Honora Holliday, of Coon Rapids.

DR. AND MRS. SHIVELY left last evening to attend the Medical Conference which convenes at Battle Creek, Mich., to-day.

THE Sanitarium had the pleasure of entertaining at dinner last Thursday Major Hoyt Sherman, a brother of the late Gen. Sherman, and Judge P. M. Cassidy, President of the Des Moines Savings Bank.

WE are again indebted to Sisters A. E. Burnette and Marabe Jones for a nice quilt, upon which was bestowed much painstaking labor.

A PATIENT from Carbondale, one of the mining districts adjacent to Des Moines, was brought here Sunday evening for operation. We are glad that confidence in the work of the institution is growing.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Tithes received from Jan. 1 to March 31, 1901.—

Adel	\$63.08	Knoxville	70.61
Afton	46.50	Ladoga	35.35
Algona	87.79	Libertyville.....	66.52
Atalissa	45.78	Lisbon	168.84
Atlantic	73.18	Mncksburg	15.75
Audubon	35.75	Marshalltown....	135.98
Albaton	124.76	Maquoketa	7.75
Birmingham	12.00	Muscatine	21.97
Benton	3.80	Milford	142.55
Blencoe	131.08	Modale	111.32
Bonaparte	7.50	Monroe	34.19
Boone	87.19	Mt. Pleasant.....	207.85
Beaman	52.39	Muscatine	68.09
Burlington	98.62	Montezuma	10.00
Brighton	12.50	Nanson	48.22
Castana	55.76	Nevada	145.60
Croton	41.23	Nora Springs.....	1.25
Confidence .....	.23	Ohio	38.99
Coon Rapids	91.65	Osceola	40.00
Council Bluffs....	93.31	Onawa	37.39
Clarinda	18.63	Parkersburg	65.65
Columbus June	39.06	Perry	7.12
Clinton	1.60	Pilot Mound	157.24
Corning	10.00	Pulaski	163.75
Davis City	43.80	Providence	34.25
Davenport	55.77	Radcliffe	49.20
Des Moines	533.69	Riverton	78.65
Dunlap	13.35	Ruthven	224.25
Delmar	17.50	Russell	55.37
Darbyville	106.72	Sandyville	30.45
Dubuque	68.20	Sheldon	5.25
Elk Horn	31.51	Sharpsburg	68.73
Eddyville	32.60	Sutherland	24.25
Extra	35.00	Sioux City	99.39
Eureka	76.81	Smithland	62.30
Fairfield	49.80	Storm Lake	75.56
Forest City	12.00	Shelby	12. 0
Fontanelle	119.27	Sioux Rapids	9.55
Glenwood	68.68	Traer	78.00
Grant City	80.00	Village Creek	5.66
Gripnell	35.24	Waukon	16.33
Graettinger	205.19	Waverly	25.10
Gilman	22.87	West Grove	28.75
Hartley	108.79	Weston	23.56
Hawkeye	101.40	West Union	27.34
Harlan	21.35	Wilton	70.97
Harvard	8.00	Winterset	109.69
Iowa City	30.69	Winthrop	29.00
Jacksonville	92.55	Woodburn	120.39
Kelley	45.74	Individual	327.62
Keokuk .....	.50	Total	\$6,731.90

C. F. STEVENS, Treasurer.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

NOTICE.—Brethren in need of fire insurance, or who are interested in fancy poultry, please write at once for illustrated circular. C. H. Tyrrell, Sioux Rapids, Iowa.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

DAVENPORT, April 13, 14, 1901.
T. H. KENDALL, Elder.