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### MY PRAYER.

I THINK not of to-morrow,  
Its trial or its task;  
But still with child-like spirit,  
For the present mercies ask.  
With each returning morning,  
I cast old things away;  
Life's journey lies before me,—  
My prayer is for to-day.

—Selected.

### OUR NEXT ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE.

As per previous appointment, our annual Conference and camp-meeting will be held on Governor's Square, Des Moines, Iowa, May 30 to June 9. There are many reasons for believing that this will be the most important meeting of the kind ever held in our State. Let us begin now to plan to make it a grand success.

Delegates should be selected as soon as practicable from all our churches. The basis of representation is one delegate for each organized church in the Conference, and one additional delegate for every twenty members. So a church with twenty members is entitled to two delegates, and a church with forty members should send three delegates, and others in the same ratio. There are so many important questions to be considered at this meeting that it is hoped each church will be fully represented with its best talent. The business of the Conference will need careful consideration by men of business experience and consecration. The

first session of the Conference will be held Friday, May 31, at 9 A. M. It is very desirable that there shall be a good representation at the first meeting. Blank delegate credentials will be sent to each church. As soon as the delegates are selected, their credentials should be filled out by the church clerk and sent at once to the Conference Secretary, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa. The usual reduction in railway fare is confidently expected.

Shall we not all begin now to seek God earnestly that this meeting may mark a new era in the advancement of the work of God in all its branches throughout the Iowa Conference!

In behalf of the Conference Committee,  
C. F. STEVENS, Sec.

### THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

A RARE opportunity, and an experience long to be remembered, is that of attending the present session of the General Conference. In addition to the representation from all parts of the world, Sister White's presence and timely counsel add an interest and impressiveness probably unequalled by any gathering of our people in the past. An appeal for re-organization, individual and collective, has met a hearty response, and calls for immediate action. Changes are being effected to hasten the proclamation of the everlasting gospel to the nations and peoples of earth, which in point of time and manner can be accomplished only by the universal consciousness that the hand and mind of God is directing and unifying his work and people.

It would seem that the time has never been when this people so highly appreciated the gift of prophecy as they do now. How grateful we ought to be, brethren, that the high and lofty One

who inhabiteth eternity and who rules the universe, has chosen one among us to whom he speaks so plainly, thus connecting with us so tangibly and closely. "For this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for?" Deut. 4:6,7. We, like ancient Israel, may soon enter the goodly land, except we fall, or seem to come short of it through unbelief.

It is gratifying to meet so many from Iowa who rejoice in the work of the Lord,—delegates, visitors, and some who are in service, or in training for it, here. It is yet more gratifying to believe that there are still in the home land a much larger number in faithful service, willing to obey the divine call and so abide till He comes. A re-union of Iowa people is appointed for the evening after the Sabbath in the Sanitarium parlor, which we hope will more fully unite us in the message and service of God. May we not have a gathering together of Iowa believers, old and young, at our coming camp-meeting which will result in an immediate advance in the good work in our State!

An awaking to a sense of the great work at hand will characterize all who are being sealed for immortality. We must be of that goodly number, brethren. Let none of the children say, I am too young for the service of the Lord. The children sang hosannas and were accepted of him when he was here on earth. He will receive them now. A brother in our State, who recently accepted this truth, has loaned his property, himself, and his



family, to help finish the Lord's work among us. I doubt not that the Lord is now inviting many others to make this same investment. It ought not to be regarded a sacrifice, but a privilege. Many will be able to see it so only too late. "Behold, *now* is the accepted time." "But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition, but of them that believe to the saving of their soul." E. E. GARDNER.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM FOR APRIL.

##### CONSECRATION MEETING.

Song. Prayer. Song.  
Responsive Reading, Psa. 51. Roll call.  
Study, Consecration.  
Closing Song.

##### IMPROVEMENT MEETING.

Subject, Christian Help Work.  
Song. Prayer. Scripture Reading. Song.  
Select Reading, Testimony No. 32, pp. 210-223.  
Sickness among the Poor.—How shall we  
Treat them?  
Interesting Experiences in Christian Help Work,  
Gleaned from the Medical Missionary.  
Closing Song.

##### TEMPERANCE MEETING.

Subject, Tobacco.  
Song. Prayer. Song.  
Cigarettes:—  
Effects on the Nerves and Mind.  
Effects on the Circulation.  
How Shall We Educate Our Young People to  
avoid the use of Them?  
Male Quartette.  
Tobacco.—General Effect on the System.  
Closing Song.

##### MISSIONARY MEETING NO. 2.

Subject, Mrs. E. G. White.  
Song. Reading and Prayer. Song.  
Portland, Maine.  
Childhood and Early Life of Ellen G. Harmon.  
Conversion and Early Religious Experiences of  
Miss Harmon.  
Recitation.  
Called of God.—When? Tests of True Visions.  
Marriage and Early Experiences in the Third  
Angel's Message.  
Collection.  
Next stop, Fairhaven, Mass.

#### FROM A FORMER IOWA SISTER.

I AM most happy to be able to report a part in the good work for "Christ's Object Lessons." I have canvassed in the city of Lincoln, and I find that there is a real experience for the canvasser. I believe, too, that if our sisters would enter into the work more, there would be more accomplished. Women find ready admittance to homes, and can easily enter into conversation with mothers and sisters. Then it is easy to introduce such a book as "Christ's Object Lessons," as just the help needed in the home.

I give two of my experiences, not to show my ability as a canvasser, but rather, to show that the book sells itself: I called at one home but found the lady was away. However, I was

impressed by the daughter's conversation to leave the book for examination. When I called again the lady said, "It is a splendid book, and one that I need in my Sunday-school work. I have a number of helps, but this brings things out so clearly that I would love to get it, but I have not the money." We talked a while, and as I rose to go she followed me out on the porch and said, "Perhaps you would leave the book on the installment plan?" This I did, and when I called again she had the money ready for me and was more pleased with the book than before. Another lady on whom I called thought the book was good and would be helpful for her children; but as she always provided such things by selling fascimators she could not get it unless I bought one. I was not in need of it, but I told her I might find a buyer for one. I went on, but got no orders. It was quite late when I called on one lady, who immediately said that she did not want a book. "Well," I said, "I will just show you the title that you may see it is a good one." "Oh," said she, "I am trying to sell the same book. Come in and we will see what success you have." In the course of our talk I told her of the lady with the fascimator. "I need a fascimator, and will take it, and you sell the book," she said.

These two experiences are not the only interesting ones I have had, for I form many pleasant acquaintances and have good talks on subjects which the showing of the book brings up. If a sale is not always effected, there are splendid opportunities for sowing the good seed. A Catholic lady got so interested in the change of the day that, although too poor to buy a book, with one of her neighbors, she is studying "Bible Readings." To me these experiences say that "The harvest is great," and that we all ought to be laborers together with God.

MRS. UNA CARTWRIGHT.

#### FIELD REPORTS.

##### ALBATON.

It was my privilege to attend the quarterly meeting services held at Albaton, March 23. The meeting was in charge of Bro. N. L. McClintock, and in some respects it was the most solemn and impressive occasion in my Christian experience. God came in by his Holy Spirit and our hearts were made tender. A few requests for

prayer were made, and as we knelt in his sacred and most holy presence, we felt the power of God as never before. Dear ones are turning away from the truth, which makes our hearts bleed, and earnest prayer was offered for them. Two children were taken into the church. May God bless the children and keep them until his appearing.

The Albaton church is small and the membership somewhat scattered, but they have done all they could to spread the truth by selling and giving away tracts, selling "Christ's Object Lessons" and "His Glorious Appearing," and otherwise helping wherever they could. May God encourage and strengthen each member of this little church and make them bright and shining lights in this dark and sinful world.

HENRY KRATZ.

##### FT. MADISON.

WE have been rather quiet for a while at this place; yet it is not because of inactivity or that the battle is over, we are glad to say. The enemy of all righteousness is still at work here as elsewhere. If this work were of man, it would soon come to naught; but because it is of God, it will stand in spite of all the attacks of the enemy, through his agents. We have steadily been gaining ground, and we believe *growing* in favor with the people. A few more have lately taken their stand with us on the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, for which we praise the Lord. While we would have rejoiced to see more accept this present truth at this place, we are confident that our work has been done as unto the Lord; and he says, "My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that unto which I sent it."

We have also realized the blessing there is in taking hold of the work for "Christ's Object Lessons." The prison work has also been an encouraging feature. During our work there, several, in whose hearts some principles of truth have taken root, have gone away, taking with them books, tracts, and papers. We have enjoyed the work and the association with the people, and our prayer is that the truths which have been made known may be accepted and carried out.

CARL JENSEN,  
MRS. EVA W. JENSEN,  
LIZZIE CARTER.

"THE love of God embraces the whole world, but it also singles out each individual."



## THE BOOK WORK.

### THE CANVASSING WORK AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

THE canvassing work is receiving more than usual attention at the General Conference. The efficiency of reaching the masses by means of the printed page, and the importance of redoubled energy in the circulation of our literature, have been forcibly presented at the general meetings of the assembly; and special meetings for the consideration of plans and methods for advancing this line of work are held daily. This branch of the cause has been especially recognized by the Spirit of God, through his servant, as a living issue of to-day, and it is fitting that advance steps should be taken at this time. We give in substance a few of the thoughts expressed by our leading workers at the meetings above mentioned:—

Eld. L. R. Conradi in relating their experience in Europe stated that although they were told at the beginning that the canvassing work could not be made a success there, it has constantly been growing until now they have sixty canvassers in Germany alone, and \$2,200 worth of books were sold in the month of February, and corresponding reports might be made for other parts of the European field. The Spirit of God has said that the circulation of our literature is the work to be done, and it must succeed in spite of every obstacle. The Lord has worked wonderfully in opening the way for the translation of our publications into the different languages and in enabling the canvassers to secure the necessary government license to sell our books. Many of the speakers emphasized the importance of our ministers crowding this work to the front, and as churches are raised up, educating the people in missionary work.

Eld. O. A. Olsen occupied the time during one of the special sessions in relating experiences in connection with the canvassing work in Sweden, also giving some general principles of value concerning the work of the canvasser. Among other things he said: "Just as soon as you put the commercial stamp on the canvassing work, presenting it as a money-making enterprise, you kill it. The fact is that no branch of the third angel's message can live under the commercial idea. Every part of the work needs the missionary idea, the soul-saving idea, the

truth of God idea, in order that it may be a success. All our institutions are built up for the one purpose,—soul-saving. That was Christ's mission, and it is our mission. In order that success may attend the canvassing work, we must have conscientious, devoted workers, who love the truth of God, and will give to it their life, strength, and labor, because it is for the advancement of the truth of God. The canvasser's whole soul must be in the work. The canvassing work must be supported by the ministry, in every place, and under all circumstances and conditions. The minister must speak encouragingly, not only to the canvasser, but to all with whom he comes in contact. The canvasser must live just as close to God, in order to have success, as the minister. He must work from the same standpoint. Just as sure as the canvasser goes to work from the commercial standpoint, he will make a failure and be defeated. But if he goes to work from the soul-saving standpoint, God will bless him in that, and will also give him commercial prosperity. In Sweden we have some canvassers who have been in the field since 1887. One sister is rather an illustrious model. She spends about three months in the year canvassing, getting enough ahead in that time to keep her nine months in the year at the Bible work without pay from the Conference. I know there is success in the work; but there must be union, there must be co-operation. The ministry must support the canvasser, and the canvasser the ministry, and the churches must back up the whole thing. By thus uniting all together we shall surely triumph in Christ Jesus."

"It is not easy to walk into temptation while you are kneeling in prayer."

### CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 5, 1901.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
OBJECT LESSONS.				
Belle Rame.....	36	6	\$ 7.50	\$2.50
DESIRE OF AGES AND COMING KING.				
O. C. Markel.....	19	1	\$ 1.00	\$1.50
HERALDS OF THE MORNING.				
J. B. Myers.....	21	3	\$ 4.25	\$3.75
DELIVERIES.				
	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
Belle Rame.....	3	\$3.75		
Orton Markel.....	1	1.00		
SUMMARY.				
No. of agents.....				3
" " orders.....				10
Value of ".....			\$ 12.75	
" " helps sold.....			\$ 7.75	
Total value.....			\$ 20.50	
Value of deliveries.....			\$ 4.75	

## THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

### NO CLASS PROGRAMS.

AMOS R. WELLS, in his book entitled, "Sunday School Success," says, "If I were asked to name the chief fault of the average teacher I should say, that of asking questions that can be answered by 'yes' or 'no.' A good question merely furnishes the starting point and pushes the scholar out along the course toward some goal of truth. ... Good questions are thought compelling, varied, short, personal, piquant, unbackneyed, brisk, and clear." Many teachers make the mistake of not getting the attention of their classes at the start by a good beginning, or, after getting it, of not keeping it. Mr. Wells says, "There are some beginnings that are sure to offend. There is the bag-pipe beginning,—the long droning prelude.... 'Now children; what's the lesson about? Quick!' There is the crape-dirge beginning, which solemnly hopes the children have studied their lesson and will recite better than they did last Sunday. There is the plead-guilty beginning, 'You will have to teach me to-day, children. I've been unable to look at the lesson.' When you appear before the class, get at once into your theme. The opening sentences must be business-like. There must be no indecision, no puttering."

"How do you keep order in your class?" was asked a successful teacher. She replied, "When my program is in order, my class is." Most teachers make a mistake in failing to prepare a schedule for their teaching; that is, the order in which they will take up the facts of the day's lesson. Ask yourself most earnestly, "What is the main lesson this scripture is to teach?" Having decided, go to this task swiftly. One truth a week means fifty-two truths a year, while fifty-two truths a week would not mean one truth a year. Form a schedule and carry it out. The life of the teacher should harmonize with the divine truth he teaches. Following this line of thought a writer remarks, "We need to be brave, not only in teaching the truth, but in living it. Words should flow from the heart and not from the head."

"It is the heart, and not the brain, That to the highest doth attain."

"We should not teach a truth until perfectly willing to live it. Precept and practice belong together."—*Sunday School Evangel*.



# Workers' Bulletin.

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—MISS METTA GARRETT, of Brighton, is attending the General Conference.

—"TESTIMONIES for the Church" No. 34, or Vol. 6, will soon be off the press. Further announcement later.

—BRO. W. M. ADAMS reached Battle Creek last Tuesday, and will attend the remaining sessions of the General Conference.

—It is the intention to publish in tract form a report of the special meetings held during the General Conference for the consideration of the book work. This will be a valuable manual of instruction for our canvassers. Announcement will be made as soon as it is ready for circulation.

—ALL our canvassers should have the little booklet recently issued containing selections from the Testimonies on the canvassing work. It is neatly bound in leather, vest pocket size, price 25 cents. Order through the Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

—BRO. E. CULVER, of Yale, has been having a good experience in the work for "Christ's Object Lessons." He tells how he sells books: "When I go out on business I take some books with me, and without much trouble sell them. It is a fine book, and gives good satisfaction. This work should engage our most earnest attention."

—MRS. KATE MARCHISEO, nee Ross, formerly of Nevada, Iowa, returned from Mexico several months ago much broken down in health, and has since been with her sister Ella in Battle Creek, Mich. She is regaining her usual strength, and went last week, with her little son, to join her husband at Iola, Kansas, where they expect to spend the summer, with the hope that she may fully recover.

—MARRIED, at Battle Creek, Mich., April 2, 1901, Mr. Charles L. Stone and Miss A. May Pines, Prof. P. T. Magan officiating. Sister Pines may be remembered as a former Iowa girl, and is at present employed as teacher in the second primary department of the Battle Creek church school. Bro. Stone has general oversight of the educational work in the Tennessee River Conference. Bro. and Sister Stone will make that field their future place of labor along educational lines.

—Those in attendance at the General Conference are enjoying golden opportunities. As one speaker said, "The possibilities of eternity are shut up in every hour." Messages of love, warning, and entreaty are coming to the people of God at this time. We are so anxious that those who are not permitted to be present may share these privileges and blessings. We are glad to tell those who have not yet subscribed for the *General Conference Bulletin* that all the back numbers may yet be obtained. Order through the Missionary Department of Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines; or, to avoid delay, send direct to the S. D. Adventist General Conference, Battle Creek, Mich. Terms: The Daily during the Conference, 50 cents; the Daily during the Conference and the Quarterly for two years, 75 cents.

—"THE Great Nations of To-day," *Berean Library* No. 7, treats of present-day themes, as its names implies, with which all should be familiar. The book contains 257 pages; twenty-three chapters; nine full-page illustrations; and six maps, one of which is in five colors. Get it, read it, and loan it to your friends. Price 25 cents. Order of this Office.

—BRO. F. W. PATTERSON left this city the evening of the 10th inst., for Battle Creek, Mich., to attend the remaining sessions of the General Conference. Sister Patterson, after enjoying the privileges of the first half of the Conference, returned home Friday morning.

—ALL donations to the material fund for "Christ's Object Lessons" should be addressed either to Missionary Department of Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa, or to the treasurer of the General Conference, care of the Review and Herald, Battle Creek, Mich.

—BRO. W. L. MANFULL has been in attendance at the General Conference from the first in the interests of the book work.

## SANITARIUM NOTES.

SISTER R. J. RICHARDSON, of Pleasanton, returned home recently, much improved by her stay here.


BRO. VERN PAUL, of Sioux City, and Miss Laura Brown, of Parkersburg, have joined the nurses' class.

SISTER HONORA HOLLIDAY, after a short stay at the Sanitarium, returned yesterday to her home at Coon Rapids.

—"It is easier to suppress the first desire than to satisfy all that follow it."

## CLUB RATES ON THE "MISSIONARY MAGAZINE."

WE repeat the new rates on this magazine, as follows: At 35 cents a year, if the number in the club equals the number of resident families in the church; at 40 cents a year, if the number in the club equals three-fourths of the number of resident families in the church; at 45 cents a year, if the number in the club equals one-half of the number of resident families in the church. Those who are already subscribers may be counted in deciding to which club you are entitled. Such may be added to the club when their individual subscriptions expire, at the rate of three cents a month, until the club expires, when all can be renewed together. Isolated families, who can not order with the church club, can secure the *Missionary Magazine* at 35 cents a year by ordering a club of five or more to one address. Order through Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.



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## BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

WANTED.—A firstclass S. D. Adventist to tend mason. To the right man I will give employment for a year. For particulars address Olof Johnson, Lock Box 309, Estherville, Iowa.

WANTED.—Employment on a farm with S. D. Adventists by a fifteen-year-old boy. Address Inor Nelson, 1503 Division St., Burlington, Iowa.

## APPOINTMENTS.

BURLINGTON, April 27, 28, 1901.  
 Eld. L. F. Starr will be present.  
 First meeting Friday night.

C. JENSEN, Elder.