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COME TO THE CAMP-MEETING.

As the time appointed for our annual State camp-meeting approaches, do we realize the importance of this occasion? and are we making suitable preparation for it? Do we appreciate the privileges that this meeting will afford? Do our hearts long to receive the blessing in its fullness that God has for his people at this time? We ask all to consider with prayerful hearts the instruction that the Lord has given us concerning these annual meetings:—

Let all who possibly can, attend these yearly gatherings. All should feel that God requires this of them. If they do not avail themselves of the privileges which he has provided that they may become strong in him and in the power of his grace, they will grow weaker and weaker, and have less and less desire to consecrate all to God. Come, brethren and sisters, to these sacred convocation meetings, to find Jesus. He will come up to the feast. He will be present, and he will do for you that which you most need to have done. Your farms should not be considered of greater value than the higher interests of the soul. . . . These camp-meetings are of importance. They cost something. The servants of God are wearing out their lives to help the people, while many of them appear as if they did not want help. For fear of losing a little of this world's gain, some let these precious privileges come and go as though they were of but little importance.—Vol. 2, pp. 575, 576.

The faith of most Christians will waver if they constantly neglect to meet together for conference and prayer. . . . They are required to love the truth enough to take some little pains to secure the privileges and blessings vouchsafed them of God. The least they can do is to devote a few days in the year to a united effort to advance the cause of Christ, and to exchange friendly counsel and sympathy.

Many devote nearly all their time to their own

temporal interests and pleasures, and grudge the few days spent and the expense involved in going a distance from their homes to meet with a company gathered together in the name of the Lord. The word of the Lord defines covetousness as idolatry; then how many idolaters are there, even among those who profess to be followers of Christ! . . . It will pay, then, to improve the privileges within our reach, and, even at some sacrifice, to assemble with those who fear God and speak for him.—Vol. 4, pp. 106, 107.

May the same Spirit that indited these words impress all our hearts, that we may be enabled properly to estimate the value of eternal interests.

THE SPECIAL MEETING AT DES MOINES.

Last week we promised a report of the meetings at Des Moines May 6, on the occasion of Sister White's visit. The first service was held at 11:00 A. M., at which time it was decided to consider our coming camp-meeting. Eld. L. A. Hoopes presented some precious and practical thoughts, from which we have selected the following:—

I am glad for this opportunity of having a short Conference meeting for the purpose of counseling together for the work that we have before us, so near in the future, in this great State. I am glad that we can come together under these circumstances, and that we have Sister White here to counsel with us in regard to our work. Why should not our hearts be full of praise and gratitude to God? He has committed to us the greatest work that was ever given to mortal man,—the last message of mercy that is to go to our world. This coming camp-meeting should be the best meeting we have ever had. The greatest means of reviving the love of God in our hearts is for us to be at work in the Master's service. The joy of the Lord is in seeing souls saved. It was his business while here on earth to set people to work. Has God changed? Has his work changed? Is the message of God

as given to his people any different now than when the Son of God walked here on earth? He is the same yesterday, to-day, and forevermore. What the Lord wants is that you and I come into that relationship with him that we may sense the leadings of his Spirit, and know what he has for us individually. What was the burden of Christ's message?—Luke 4:18-20. There are scores and scores of people in Des Moines who are hungering for the Bread of Life. Christ wants each one of us to be living epistles. All we want to know is just what we can do here at our meeting that will set the captives free. Every one must have a part in this work. This means *all*, both old and young. There may be those here who feel that they have passed the prime of life,—mothers, perhaps, who are burdened with home cares. There is many a mother in this city who is in just the same condition. They are wondering how they can get hold of the chain that will draw them nearer the kingdom of heaven. Those who have gone through these experiences are the very ones who can administer to them. Boys and girls, there is something for your little hands to do. It may be to give a cup of cold water that will quench the thirst. God will not be unmindful of such work as this. Young men and women, there is work for you to do. It may be to go to some home of the sick. It may be that you can administer treatment to them. This is the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, and it is recorded in the books of heaven. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto me."

Eld. W. C. White then spoke. He began by reading Isaiah 49:8-13. We give the discourse that followed almost entire:—

Jesus said to the woman at Samaria, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink, thou wouldest have asked of him and he would have given thee living water." "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst." We can claim this promise if we hunger and thirst. We need not feel the barrenness of soul that some feel. "And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted." Mountains represent difficulties. We want to realize that God is God, and that he rules among the kingdoms of men, and that we can trust ourselves with him. If we do this individually we shall understand that scripture which says, "Ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption."

When we came to the General Conference it was with fear and trembling on every side. The question was, How can things be harmonized? Human wisdom could not do it; but the Spirit of the Lord softened hearts. It enabled us to lay down prejudices and plans; it has given us the spirit of adoption, that all may be one family in Jesus Christ. And, brethren and sisters, we want this spirit of adoption.—reaching out, giving ourselves, not to be ministered unto, but to minister; not to be served, but to serve others. When this spirit takes possession of our hearts, what will it do for the city of Des Moines? the State of Iowa? We will be lights; we will serve as vessels through which the holy oil from the two olive trees shall flow. We shall then see the power of Jesus Christ working through his people. What a precious commission is given to us through this scripture: "Thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth." How many of us visit prisons to see prisoners? Do we have to go to the jails? Do we have to go outside of our own neighborhood, outside of our own homes, outside of our own personal experience, to find persons bound by their own shortcomings? Christ has opened the prison doors; go forth rejoicing. Let us say to the prisoners, "Go forth." Let the light reflect to others. Then, brethren and sisters, we shall rejoice to go forth to meet those who do not feel the freedom of acceptance with Jesus Christ. It shall be the greatest joy of our lives to meet people with cares and perplexities, because we have a word of cheer for them. We are talking of having a camp-meeting here in Des Moines. How are we

going to make it accomplish the most for this great city? What shall we do to work the works of God? This is the work of God that we believe on Him whom God has sent. Brethren, do we believe that Christ, our personal Saviour, will meet with us in a special manner when we gather in this great assembly? "Will he come up to the feast?"... May the Lord help us to understand that he will not measure the work we do by our mental power or physical strength. God has so ordered it that nothing shall be made perfect except through the co-operation of man. I can best understand why this is when I see mothers dealing with their children. The mother trusts her child to carry the dishes, although it may fall and mar the work. Everything the child does has some imperfection about it. It is easier for the mother to do the work alone. Why does she let the child help?—Because she loves it. God knows that it is for our salvation to have a part in the ministry. It is not what I do, but what he does. I am permitted to act a part, and heavenly angels are waiting to help me. Let us begin now to prepare for our camp-meeting; let it be a school where we shall learn how to work, and go home and carry on the same work. I pray God that he may give us the joy which goes with those who are co-laborers with Jesus Christ.

A report of the talk by Mrs. E. G. White at the afternoon meeting will be given, either in a future issue of the BULLETIN, or in leaflet form.

REDUCED RATES TO CAMP-MEETING.

THE Western Passenger Association has given a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, on the certificate plan, to our annual meeting at Des Moines, on the following conditions: Tickets for going passage must be purchased not earlier than May 30, nor later than June 5, purchaser paying full fare to the place of meeting. The purchaser must take a certificate of the agent for each ticket purchased (a receipt from the conductor will not do); and on reaching the camp-ground he must have these certificates signed by the secretary, and stamped by the joint agent who will be on the camp-ground Thursday, June 6. When one hundred such certificates have been so signed and stamped, the holder will be returned at one-third fare, the return limit being June 13. No reduction will be granted where the full fare one way is less than fifty cents. Be careful to get your certificates properly dated, and take a certificate of every agent from whom you buy a ticket.

C. F. STEVENS.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM FOR MAY.

CONSECRATION MEETING.

Song. Prayer. Scripture Reading. Song.
Subject,—to be chosen by the leader.
Roll Call. Quartette. Short Experience Service.
Closing Song.

IMPROVEMENT MEETING.

Song. Prayer and Reading. Song.
Bible Study, Ministration of Angels.
Quartette. Prayer Service. Closing Song.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.

Song. Prayer and Reading. Song.
Our Diet,—What Shall We Eat? Why?
Quartette.
Effects of Eating Between Meals.
Select Reading.
How Should We Eat?
Closing Exercises.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

Subject, Joseph Bates.
Song. Reading and Prayer. Song.
Fairhaven, Mass., Locate and Describe.
Early Boyhood of Joseph Bates.
Early Experiences in Preaching the Third Angel's Message.
The Printing of the First Tract on the Sabbath Question.
Collection. Closing Song.

PROGRAM FOR WORKERS' MEETING.

A PROGRAM has been arranged for the workers' meeting, for the consideration of the following subjects:—

How May the Canvassing Work Be Forwarded?
How May We Best Advance the Sale of "Christ's Object Lessons"?
Should Every S. D. Adventist Adopt the Ten-cent-a-week Plan?
The Sabbath-school Work.
Church Schools,—Their Importance and How They May Best Be Maintained.
What Should Be Done to Encourage the Young People?
What Can We Do to Strengthen the "Right Arm" of the Third Angel's Message?
Our Present Duty.

Although some of the workers have been asked especially to consider these topics, it is hoped that all will be ready to engage in the general discussion.

NOTICES.

THE Iowa Seventh-day Adventist Association will hold its eighth annual meeting in connection with the State camp-meeting at Des Moines, Iowa, May 30 to June 9, 1901, for the election of a board of trustees for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting. C. F. STEVENS, Pres.
C. W. SMOUSE, Sec.

THE thirty-eighth annual session of the Iowa Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the State camp-meeting at Des Moines, Iowa, May 30 to June 9, 1901, for the election of officers and the transaction of all other business pertaining to the Conference, including that of the Missionary Department.

E. E. GARDNER, Vice-Pres.

FIELD REPORTS.

IN THE FIELD.

Dear BULLETIN Family: No doubt you would be glad to hear from this part of the field. Of late I have been visiting from house to house in the neighborhood where I held meetings the latter part of the winter. I find many families that are becoming more deeply interested in the message of God for this time. Thus far six, all heads of families, have accepted the truth, and appear to be very firm. They seem anxious to learn the will of God, and they readily yield obedience. Some others are keeping the Sabbath, but have not taken so decided a stand.

Sabbath, April 27, quarterly meeting services were held at Davis City. Nearly all the members were present. The Lord came very near. At the close of the services a brother and his wife were buried in baptism. It is so good to see husband and wife start together. Others will be baptized soon. We hope to see some of the new ones at the camp-meeting.

F. L. MOODY.

CLINTON.

"I THOUGHT it good to show the signs and wonders that the high God hath wrought toward me (us). How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders!" Dan. 4:2,3. The Lord has wrought in mighty power here at Clinton. We have had a long and hard pull, but God has remembered us. Sabbath, May 4, we organized a church of fifteen members. Six of these were baptized at that time, Eld. C. A. Washburn officiating, the others having been baptized before. These are all in union and harmony, and we believe, have fully accepted "the faith of Jesus" as taught by us as a people. Quite a number of them hand in their tithe every Sabbath. The good Lord is continuing to work, and to-day, May 11, we had baptism again. Five more were "buried with Christ" in the great Mississippi, and one was received by vote, making a total of twenty-one members. We hope that as these have started in newness of life, they may continue so to walk in Him, that we may all meet on the sea of glass. As Bro. Washburn was called to Des Moines, we did not elect officers; but we hope that he may be back by next Sabbath to finish up the work thus begun. As still others are interested, there may be occasion again for bap-

tism and the acceptance of new members.

We praise God for what he has done, and still is doing, for fallen man. And may we one and all be found faithful, is our prayer in Jesus' name.

N. M. JORGENSEN,
BERTHA E. JORGENSEN,
H. L. STENBERG.

STRAHAN CHURCH SCHOOL.

Our school at Strahan closed April 25, having continued four months. We were very desirous of having a longer term, but circumstances seemed to hinder. However, all were glad to have even four months. The last month, especially, was most enjoyable, and those days will not soon be forgotten. We sought earnestly to be brought nearer to God and to each other. O, how good the Lord is! How true are the words, "His love can never fail." We realized, as the days passed by, that God was blessing. The last day was closed with a prayer and social meeting; and I am sure that angels of God were there, and bore messages of happiness and love to the courts above. Every one took part, thanking God for the success he had granted.

NELLIE L. DAVIS.

THE BOOK WORK.

HOW SHALL I SPEND THE VACATION?

As vacation approaches, this question arises in the minds of those attending our colleges and academies, and also confronts those teaching church and public schools. When considering this question let each enquire earnestly of God. How can I best spend that period of time? How shall I spend my vacation so that I may be of most service to God and to my fellowmen?

The capital of the majority of teachers and students consists of time rather than money, and it is as sinful to squander this talent as that of money: and just as strict an account must be given of one as of the other. All should plan so to spend their time that God will be honored, and many souls be brought to a knowledge of the truth.

No line of missionary work presents more opportunities for doing good than does that of canvassing. Just in proportion as the one who engages in this work helps others he is blessed himself. Many workers lose sight of this, thinking God has called them to this

work merely to enlighten others, and forget that the Lord is by this means training and developing his servants for greater responsibilities and broader fields of usefulness.

One of the most important lessons to be learned is that of dependence upon God, and nowhere will this lesson so quickly be learned as in canvassing. The canvasser has no human friend to whom he can take his troubles and difficulties, and this drives him nearer the Lord. The promise, "Lo, I am with you alway," becomes precious to him. He remembers the Lord has said, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

"Helpless? yes, so helpless;
But I am leaning hard
On the mighty arm of Jesus."

An institute will be held at Union College, May 13-26, that those who take up evangelistic canvassing may have the necessary instruction and training. Those having children or friends in the school would do well to advise them to take advantage of this opportunity, and thus prepare for earnest work during vacation.

There may be those in Iowa who are planning to enter the work, and who would find it profitable to attend this institute. All such will be welcome, and tuition will be free. May the Lord move upon the hearts of many to take up this important work.

O. E. CUMMINGS.

Canvassing Agent Dist. No. 4.

"THERE is a great deal of ordinary work to be done in this every-day world, and how fortunate that there are a great many ordinary men and women ready to do it. Major-generals are rarely in the thickest of the fight."

"CHARACTER is power."

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK-ENDING MAY 3, 1901.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.				
Lewis Hilliard.....	45	12	\$22.00	\$6.50
THE COMING KING.				
Laura Beamer.....	21	10	\$10.00	\$ 7.75
Pearl D. Bascom.....	26	6	6.00	1.00
HERALDS OF THE MORNING.				
J. B. Myers.....	6	3	\$ 4.25	
DELIVERIES.				
Books. Value. Helps. Lost.				
Carrie Tillotson....	28		\$ 7.00	
Lewis Hilliard.....	1		1.75	
SUMMARY.				
No. of agents.....				5
" " orders.....				31
Value of ".....			\$ 42.25	
" " helps sold.....			\$ 8.25	
Total value.....			\$ 50.50	
Value of deliveries.....			\$ 8.75	

Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, MAY 14, 1901.

—STATE camp-meeting May 30 to June 9, 1901, preceded by a workers' meeting of three days.

—ELD. B. E. FULLMER did not visit Jones county at the time expected, but left Des Moines for that place last Tuesday.

—TEXTS will be furnished to those attending the camp-meeting, at the following rates: 12x14, \$2.25; 10x12, \$1.75. Additional charge for fly, \$1.00.

—BRO. HENRY JOHNSON passed through this city last week on his way from Missouri Valley to Perry, expecting to go from there to Algona.

—As announced last week, soup will be served on the camp-ground, at a reasonable price, to those who prefer this to taking meals at the dining tent.

—ALL the members of the Conference Committee met here last week excepting Eld. C. A. Washburn, who joined them Sunday, remaining for a day.

—NEXT week's BULLETIN will be a special camp-meeting number, for distribution in Des Moines. Copies will also be mailed free if desired. Send in addresses at once for extra copies.

—ELD. C. F. STEVENS came to Des Moines last week Monday, to assist in auditing the Conference laborers' accounts; and will probably remain in our State until after the camp-meeting.

—BRO. AND SISTER O. M. KITTLE can use clean copies of the *Review*, *Signs*, *Sentinel*, *Instructor*, and *Little Friend* in connection with their work at Waterloo. Will those sending papers please prepay the postage, and address Turkish Bath Rooms, Waterloo, Iowa.

—HAVING spent a short time at Creston and Afton, Eld. F. A. Washburn came to Des Moines, and has been engaged the past week in house-to-house work in the vicinity of Levey. He reports a copy of "Christ's Object Lessons" sold to every family solicited.

—As it is difficult to obtain beans of the best quality here, we ask our brethren who can supply us with nice fresh beans, to correspond with those having the camp-meeting culinary department in charge. In writing please state what quantity you have to sell and at what price. Address F. W. Paterson, 607 Locust St., Des Moines.

—LETTERS have been sent to all the churches and companies, also isolated Sabbath-keepers, in our State, announcing the publication of Testimony No. 34, Volume 6. We especially request those receiving these to fill out the accompanying order blank as soon as possible. Do not plan to wait until camp-meeting. We hope to have the books for those who wish to supply themselves then; but in order that we may know how many we shall need to supply the demand, we must have your orders soon. Those who wish to get their books at the camp-meeting should so state when ordering. Address Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

—No. 8 of the *Berean Library* is entitled "The Battle of the Century," by Prof. P. T. Magan. The great struggle for civil and religious liberty from its beginning to the present, is considered, in harmony with the light shed forth from the prophetic word. That there is now a retrograde movement is startlingly revealed. Following are some of the subjects considered: Rome and the United States, The French Revolution, The Church Land Question, Church and State in the Philippines, American Sunday Laws. Price only 10 cents. Order of this Office.

—ELD. C. W. FLAIZ, President of the North-western Union Conference, spent last Sabbath in Des Moines. He addressed the church at this place Sabbath forenoon from the words: "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth." A meeting was held in the evening, to consider important matters pertaining to our State work.

—IN harmony with the request of the General Conference, Eld. and Mrs. W. A. Hennig will set sail for Australia May 29.—*Missouri Record*.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

THREE new patients came last week, among them Sister Addie Hare, of Battle Creek, Mich.

MRS. M. J. BIXBY, of Nevada, sent us last week some choice trailing plants, which are growing nicely.

COL. VANCE WALKER, of Winterset, spoke to the patients last Wednesday evening in the parlor, giving interesting reminiscences of army life.

MISS LILLIE CROUSE is nearly well again; but she will remain in the city at the home of Eld. J. W. Adams, for a short time, taking treatment here.

MRS. C. W. MITCHELL, of Runnells, returned to her home last Friday.

BRO. J. W. DORCAS is acting as steward and bookkeeper, taking the position made vacant by the resignation of Bro. W. E. Frederick.

MRS. W. E. PERRIN, of this city, had recovered sufficiently from a serious attack of blood-poisoning, as to be able to return home last Thursday.

THE West Side bathrooms have not been overlooked in the spring house-cleaning. With fresh paint and new wall-paper and carpets, and several pieces of new furniture, we are better equipped than ever before to secure the city patronage. The donation of \$25.00 coming from Dr. E. L. Rozelle, to assist in this work, was very acceptable. Bro. and Sister J. B. Gillis, graduate nurses from the Battle Creek Sanitarium, are still in charge, and will be glad to welcome friends visiting the city at any time. You will find them in the K. P. Block, corner Sixth and Locust Sts.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

WANTED.—To correspond with a good blacksmith, a Sabbath-keeper, who wishes to go into partnership in a shop, or work at piece work. Good reference required. W. F. Merrill, Diagonal, Iowa.

APPOINTMENTS.

RUSSELL, May 18, 19, 1901.
FRANK A. WASHBURN.

SANDYVILLE, May 17-19, 1901.
L. F. STARR.

MONROE, May 18, 1901.
Eld. C. F. Stevens is expected to be present, and the ordinances may be celebrated if it seems best.
W. E. PERRIN.

If the Lord wills, I will meet with the company at Birmingham, Sabbath, May 25. I hope all the members will be present if possible. Services 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
F. L. MOODY.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

COLUMBUS JUNCTION, May 18, 19, 1901.
Eld. H. Nicola is to be present.
U. P. LONG, Elder.

SIGOURNEY, May 18, 19, 1901.
We hope to hear from all the members who can not be present.
W. M. ADAMS, Elder.