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IN HIS PRESENCE.

LORD, what a change within us one short hour
Spent in thy presence will prevail to make!
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take!
What parched grounds refresh, as with a shower!
We kneel, and all around us seems to lower;
We rise, and all, the distant and the near.
Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear.
We kneel how weak! We rise how full of power!
Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this
wrong,
Or others, that we are not always strong,
That we are ever overborne with care,
That we should ever weak or heartless be,
Anxious or troubled, when with us is prayer;
And joy, and strength, and courage are with
thee?

-Selected.

SHALL WE STUDY?

STUDY what?—The Bible and the Testimonies. The Lord has pointed out from time to time our failure to study the truth for this time. Friends may prove false and lead us astray; but God's Word and the Testimonies, if studied and believed, will prove safe guides. "In the Scriptures thousands of gems of truth lie hidden from the surface seeker." Every day you should learn something new from the Scriptures. Search them as for hid treasures, for they contain the words of eternal life. "He who will study the Bible with a humble and teachable spirit, will find it a sure guide, pointing out the way of life with unflinching accuracy. But what does your study of the Bible avail, brethren and sisters, unless you practice the truths it teaches?" *Test. 32, p. 59.* "Inquire, Do

you believe the testimonies of reproof which have been given you of God?... Do you keep these testimonies of warning fresh in your minds by reading them often and with prayerful hearts?" *Vol. 3, p. 362.*

L. F. STARR.

SHALL WE TEST THE LORD?

AGAIN and again did the Lord invite ancient Israel to put him to the test, to try his promises and learn for themselves whether they could trust him or not. The same appeals, together with admonitions, illustrations, and renewed promises, cry aloud to God's people today to prove his promises to the utmost. The need for this is urgent; because in a little while, in the climax of the time of trouble, human counsel and human help will be absolutely useless. We will then have only God's promises upon which to depend; and if we have not proved those promises, our faith may fail us and we be lost. But if we have tried his promises until they are familiar to us, until we truly know them and God through them, we need not fear the fiery trials that are just upon us. Of all these invitations to put his promises to the test, none are made more clear or emphatic than the one in Malachi 3:8-12. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." That this has not been done is evident. The past year has been a prosperous one. There has been plenty of work at good wages, and stock and grain have brought better prices than before. These conditions would demand an increase in the tithes; but instead of increasing, they have decreased more than one thousand six hundred dol-

lars during the past year. Because of this, God says, "Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation."

Shall we not prove God, that this curse may be removed? At our late camp-meeting the people began to seek the Lord, and his blessing flowed in freely and abundantly. But we have not finished yet. We must not only hold what we have, but we must also receive more. May God by his Holy Spirit stir our hearts to put his promises, Mal. 3:10 included, to the fullest test; so that the curse may be removed, and we receive that fullness of blessing which will fill us and then overflow upon those about us and bless them.

J. O. BEARD.

THE MID-SUMMER "GOOD HEALTH" FOR 1901.

THE time has come when the *Good Health* journal should be circulated as never before. Last year a large number of the Mid-summer Number were disposed of, but we should do more this year. We are getting this new number early, and all should take up its sale at once, and fifteen thousand copies should be sold in our State.

The Lord has given us light on the health reform above any people on the earth. Our neighbors and friends need to become acquainted with these great principles. Many are brought to the light of the third angel's message through the health reform. The sale of the Mid-summer Number will bring people to our Sanitarium. It will educate them on health principles, and help them to become better acquainted with the message for this time. May we all take hold of this work with old-time zeal. "God will bless the consecrated worker."

Some may say, We have some of the

last year's number left. The last year's number may be thrown in with this year's as a help to aid in selling it. Sell the new number at the regular price of 10 cents, but throw in the old number free. I hope that large orders will be sent in. God will bless those who take hold of this in earnest. May it be said of this people that they "had a mind to work." Children and all can have a part. Let us "sow beside all waters" while we have opportunity; for the day will soon be past when we can labor to save souls. Therefore let us labor while probation lasts. Wholesale price of magazine 5 cents. Order of Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

L. F. STARR.

THE GODS OF TO-DAY.

MAJESTIC, sublime, 'round the great wheel of time.

The earth through the ages rolls on;
From shadow to light, from the star-sprinkled night

To the gold and the roses of dawn;
But the hordes of mankind to the spectacle blind,

With faces bowed down to the dust,
Creep on to their graves as the manacled slaves
Of selfishness, hatred, and lust.

They turn from the dream of the glories that gleam

In the deific light of the stars,
And cease to aspire as they kneel in the mire
At the altars of Mammon and Mars.

This is the first stanza of the splendid poem which will appear in the midst of the equally splendid illustration on the front cover of the forthcoming Mid-summer *Signs*, to be dated July 24. It will be a very interesting number on a most interesting subject. It will give the meaning of current events, about which every thinking mind is now more or less troubled. Buy it. Sell it. Scatter it. Price \$2.00 per hundred; per copy 5 cents. Address all orders to Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

"PRAYING ALWAYS."

THE word came to us at the late Conference in Des Moines that there was too little praying among us. As ministers and people we acknowledged and confessed, and we believe that the Lord forgave our sins. More solemn responsibilities are upon us now than ever before; and O, how much we need the blessing of God. How much we as workers need the prayers of the church. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all

saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel." Eph. 6:18,19. There is a most solemn warning message to be given to the world in this generation; and when ministers and people unitedly and earnestly seek the Lord, will not the work go with power? I believe that time has come. Then when persecution comes, the experience of Acts 12:5 will be repeated. Brethren, pray for us. E. G. OLSEN.

FIELD REPORTS.

SIoux RAPIDS.

AFTER spending two weeks in this field, we will report to those who sent us here, and who we hope are praying for us. We find before us here an open door, for the people seem glad to hear. We have a very suitable and pleasant place for our tents, and are busy with the work given us to do. Our attendance is good, and regular as well. While the people seem pleased, a number have said, "Your meetings are so different from other tent meetings." We are glad for this, and shall try to hold the standard high. We are of good courage in the work. Brethren, pray for us as we lead the dear people up to the testing truths, that they may learn to love the truth for this time.

B. E. FULLMER,
CHAS. W. HEALD,
C. E. RENTERO.

WESTERN IOWA.

SINCE June 17 I have been visiting the canvassers and churches in western Iowa. I have found those at Blencoe, Onawa, and Smithland who have been impressed by God's Spirit to engage in the canvassing work. I hope soon to know that these dear brethren are actively engaged in the work. Monday, June 24, I called on the tent company at Sioux Rapids. They are very comfortably situated, and seem to have a good hearing. I have made calls at Cherokee, Terril, Estherville, Spirit Lake, Sibley, Hartley, Sanborn, Sheldon, and Sioux City.

I have sold several copies of the Mid-summer *Good Health* while waiting for trains, etc. I wish to say concerning this good journal that it can be sold, and in my opinion it is a mistake to let them lie on the shelves, or to throw them away, or yet to give them away. By judicious effort, I am con-

vinced that each canvasser may almost pay his expenses by the sale of *Good Health*. Our ministers in the field could sell many of them, without hurting their interest or influence. I should like to hear from parties throughout the State who have supplies on hand that they think they can not use.

THOS. H. JEYS.

Modale, Iowa.

OELWEIN.

WE pitched our tent in Oelwein, and began meetings June 22. Our attendance has not been large except on Sunday evenings. We are, however, seeking to awaken a deeper interest. This is not an entirely new field, as Elds. A. G. Daniells and Ira J. Hankins held meetings here some fifteen years ago, and a local camp-meeting was held here about three years ago. It does seem to us, however, that in a place of three or four thousand people there ought to be found some honest hearts. We shall be glad to have any of our brethren and sisters living in the vicinity of Oelwein attend the meetings as far as consistent. We earnestly request the prayers of God's people for the success of the work in this locality, that precious souls may find pardon for sin.

W. E. FREDERICK,
C. T. ADAMS,
A. W. JOHNSON.

FROM AN IOWAN AT BATTLE CREEK.

WITH pleasure I renew my subscription to the BULLETIN. Praise God for fulfilling his word in Iowa. By faith you went forward to do the work he gave you, and the result has been exactly what he said it would be. Now, never look back; go onward led by the Spirit; press together, press closer to Jesus; seek still "higher ground." God said that if we would go forward to relieve the schools he would show us what to do next, and he has; and will continue to do so just as long as we walk in the light. The lifting of the burden in Christiana will prove another great blessing to all who lift. I want to share all these blessings with you. Soon if faithful we will be beyond the reach of torrid heat, waves, storms, and all suffering and death. Let us be faithful in all things, leaving results entirely to the All Wise. I was sorry my sickness prevented me from meeting more of you during the General Conference; but I am looking forward to the grand reunion. I am on the altar to be consumed in God's service.

MRS. S. J. WENTWORTH.

THE BOOK WORK.

"AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?"

"WHERE there is one canvasser, there should be one hundred." Are you the one, or are you one of the ninety-nine?

The story is told of a son to whom the request was made, "Go work in my vineyard." At first he refused, but afterward repented and went. May not this be the blessed experience of many sons who have long been refusing the Master's call?

Some say, "I don't like to canvass." Suppose you do not. Are we not accustomed to doing many things in this life that we do not like to do? How many of the faithful workers out in the field are there because they like it? Duty, and not inclination, is the watchword of the Christian. There are souls out in the world who are really hungering for the truth that we may bring to them. God could send angels, and angels are longing to go; but he waits, and long has waited, for human beings to co-operate with the heavenly intelligences.

How many are planning to enter the ranks as resident canvassers? Turning the question around, Who of those looking for the soon coming of our Saviour should *not* be so enlisted? When the spirit of sacrifice and labor fills our hearts, we shall be willing to forego comfort and pleasure in order to advance the kingdom of our Christ.

When God said to Cain, "Where is thy brother?" he was not making an unreasonable demand. He yet asks each of us the same question. How are the answers being returned? We sometimes hear of the great responsibility of the gospel minister; but has it ever occurred to you that the gospel neighbor has a very great responsibility resting on him also? The woman of Samaria was a resident canvasser. To be sure, she had not a good supply of tracts, but she did the best she could without, and said, "Come, see a man, who told me all things that ever I did; Is not this the Christ?"

THOS. H. JEYS.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

RUBY MCSPARRAN, COLFAX: "It has taken some hard struggles to keep at work during the past week. The weather has been so very warm, and Satan has used that as an excuse for me to stay in; but I have found that the heat did not affect me as much

while out canvassing as when in my room dreading to start out. I know the Lord has given me victories this week."

J. B. MYERS, CHEROKEE: "I spent the last two days delivering books, with very good success. I praise the Lord for the way he has blessed me. To him be all the praise; for of mine own self I can do nothing. I pray that many others may take up this most important work."

PEARL D. BASCOM, CEDAR RAPIDS: "While great indifference is manifested by many, some are earnestly seeking for light. One lady wishes me to spend Sunday afternoons with her in Bible study. As I talked with her, she said with tears in her eyes, 'I do want to understand these things.' Some of the seed is falling on good ground. God will give the increase."

LET young men show that they have resting on them a burden from the Lord. The only way for them to prove that they can stand firm in God, having on the whole armor, is by doing faithfully the work God has given them to do.—Mrs. E. G. White.

"WHEN the heart is afire, some sparks will fly out through the mouth."

CANVASSING REPORT FOR TWO WEEKS
ENDING JUNE 28, 1901.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.				
Lewis Hilliard.....	81	19	\$34.75	\$10.35
HERALDS OF THE MORNING.				
J. B. Myers.....	77	5	\$ 6.50	\$9.50
Louis Manfull	11	4	5.75	.60
HOME HANDBOOK AND HERALDS OF MORNING.				
A. N. Allen.....	39	9	\$30.50	\$2.50
HOME HANDBOOK.				
Carl Rasmussen.....	13	2	\$10.00	
LADIES' GUIDE.				
Phebe Vosburg.....	27	5	\$15.00	\$4.25
Ruby McSparran.....	25	4	12.50	1.55
THE COMING KING.				
H. P. Hansen.....	86	49	\$50.25	
O. N. Conklin.....	10	1	1.50	\$.75
Tilda Ward.....	25	10	10.00	1.55
DESIRE OF AGES.				
Pearl D. Bascom.....	25	5	\$ 9.75	\$.75
DELIVERIES.				
	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
Laura Beamer.....	2	\$ 2.00	\$.50	
O. N. Conklin.....	1	1.50		
Ruby McSparran.....	1	3.00		
Phebe Vosburg.....	2	6.00		
A. N. Allen.....	1	5.50		1
J. B. Myers.....	17	22.25		
Lewis Hilliard.....	20	40.75		

SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	12
" " orders.....	113
Value of " ".....	\$105.50
" " helps sold	\$ 32.30
Total value	\$227.80
Value of deliveries.....	\$ 81.00

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY A. HELEN WILCOX.

A CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY MEETING.

IN harmony with the suggestion made by the President of the Sabbath-school Association, a missionary meeting for the Southern field was held on the camp-ground at Des Moines, Wednesday, June 5, at 4:30 p. m. It was a pleasing sight as about one hundred and forty children gathered in the children's tent to consider the needs of the colored children in the South. It was indeed a practical meeting, as many can testify who saw the barrels and boxes of clothing brought in, besides cash donations amounting to \$36.74. The most of this money was earned by the children themselves, as we learned at the experience meeting. Some sold papers, others washed dishes, cut wood, planted potatoes, cut weeds, or engaged in various other lines of work in which children can be useful. Some of the gifts came from the parents. Among others we mention a barrel of clothing from Fayette; a sack of flour from Sheldon; one large package from Coon Rapids; a cash donation of \$7.79 from Council Bluffs; \$9.00 from Ladoga, with the promise of \$5.00 more; and \$5.00 from Denmark, Iowa, the payment of a vow made some time before.

After the presentation of these gifts, Bro. B. F. Gowdy, from the Southern field, spoke of its needs. He described the simple lives of the people there, and told how much they would appreciate the things sent them and how economical they would be in the use of them. His remarks increased the desire within our hearts to work for our "neighbors."

The Oakwood Industrial School at Huntsville, Alabama, is the recipient of one barrel and one box; a large box was sent to the Hildebran (South Carolina) Industrial School; and still another box was donated to the only canvasser in South Carolina, who has a hard time to make a living. In a letter received the other day by our State S. S. Secretary, he says, "If I were to tell you how hard we have it, you would not believe it. I have given all I owned in order to carry this precious truth to others. I know there are places where I could do real well, but I do not want to leave this field," and then he quotes what the Testimonies say in regard to it.

In behalf of these different missions, we extend heartfelt thanks. We trust that the birthday boxes will not be forgotten this year, as this is one means of keeping up a steady fund for use in the Southern field.

MRS. E. E. GARDNER.

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DES MOINES, IOWA, JULY 9, 1901.

—BRN. CLYDE GRAHAM and Elbridge Adams left this city last week for Mills county, to canvass for "Home Handbook."

—MISS DELLA WALLACE, our Corresponding Secretary, is enjoying a much deserved rest with home friends at Grinnell.

—BRO. AND SISTER J. W. ADAMS and daughter Ollie have been spending a few days with Eld. Adams' sister Mrs. Jennie Akins, at Mingo.

—ELD. J. H. KRAFT spent a short time in Des Moines last week on his way to New Hampton, at which place the German tent company are located.

—BRO. W. E. PERRIN with his family spent last week with friends and relatives at Monroe, conducting quarterly meeting services there Sabbath, June 29.

—LATE clean copies of our papers and tracts are desired by Mrs. E. A. Phillips, of Laurens, Iowa, for use in a postoffice reading rack. Please send postpaid.

—BRO. STANLEY MCNEILL, professor of penmanship and bookkeeping at Union College, is taking some special studies at the Capital City Commercial College, in Des Moines.

—THE Hygienic Restaurant at Chautauqua is proving a success as a means of directing many thinking people to the light on healthful living. Miss Bessie Stanfield, of Boone; Miss Nellie McDonald, of Grinnell; and Bro. A. L. Hoyt, of Fairfield, are here to assist during the Assembly.

—WEDNESDAY evening, June 29, was a pleasant occasion at the home of Bro. and Sister C. W. Neal, at Osceola, as a large company of relatives and friends gathered to witness the marriage of their daughter Gertrude to Dr. Elmer L. Eggleston. Eld. R. C. Porter officiated. The bride is well known throughout the State, having lived here from childhood; and Dr. Eggleston is a member of the faculty of the American Medical Missionary College. After a visit at the home of the doctor's parents in Hamilton, Missouri, Dr. and Mrs. Eggleston will go to their future home in Battle Creek, Michigan. Most sincerely do we unite with the host of friends who extend congratulations.

—THE Des Moines church were favored with a discourse last Sabbath forenoon by Eld. C. A. Hansen. Taking for his text Acts 27:20, he showed how the Lord often uses the elements as a means for accomplishing the one great purpose of redemption. Bro. and Sister Hansen and little daughter left this city last evening for New-foundland. We know that earnest prayers will ascend from many hearts and homes in Iowa for them as they take up the work in a new field, and that all will look eagerly for the promised letter to the BULLETIN family.

—ELD. M. LARSON reports a recent debate with Rev. Warlick, a Christian minister, near Keene, Texas, beginning June 3. He says: "We had a grand time. I had the pleasure of baptizing twenty-two on the Sabbath and Sunday following the debate." It is the intention to publish the discussion in full. Eld. Larson expects to hold tent meetings this summer at Victor, Colorado.

—THE offerings made Sabbath, July 6, for the Christiana Publishing House, by the people of Iowa, should be forwarded to Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines. A notation, showing the amount contributed by each church and company, will be published as soon as the returns are all in.

—THE Fourth was celebrated in a very profitable manner by the little company at Stuart, the home of Elds. L. F. Starr and Wm. Guthrie. They had with them Eld. C. A. Hansen and family; and combined with social intercourse an interesting program was carried out, consisting of missionary talks, songs, etc.

—MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS has been appointed Sabbath-school Secretary for the North-western Union Conference. While our State is now deprived of her more direct labors in this line of work, we feel sure that Iowa will receive its share of attention. She is now in attendance at the Manitoba camp-meeting.

—ALL interested in the Educational Conference and Summer School beginning July 10, should take note of the change in location. Instead of at Gull Lake, it will be held at Berrien Springs, Mich. For further particulars, see last week's Review.

—WILL those who wish a copy of the Testimony for Iowa read at the camp-meeting please enclose a two-cent postage stamp in writing for it?

—ABSENT members of the Winterset church are requested to report to Mrs. N. C. McConnelee, clerk, as Mrs. Maggie McDonald has moved to Grinnell.

—It has been decided that Eld. J. O. Beard will remain for a time longer in our State, instead of going to Manitoba as seemed probable at the close of the camp-meeting; and Ft. Dodge is now his assigned field of labor.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

BRO. J. N. CARR was among the new patients coming last week.

MISS MATILDA BROWN is nursing a critical case of scarlet fever in the city.

MISS STELLA PFAFF accompanied a patient to her home in Pleasantville last week.

MISS ANNA PELMULDER has returned to Grant City, much benefitted by her stay here.

BRO. J. C. BARCUS has gone to Guthrie Center, in response to a call for a Sanitarium nurse.

MRS. J. C. BARCUS goes to Blencoe this week for a short rest at home, and Bro. Barcus will follow later.

LITTLE RUTH ENGERBERG returned home Monday, having made a fine recovery from her surgical operation.

DR. J. H. KELLOGG spent last Wednesday here, performing four surgical operations, and attending a meeting of the Sanitarium Board.

MISS MABEL HOWE, of the American Medical Missionary College, came as expected, to take charge of the physical culture exercises at Chautauqua. Dr. Shively lectured yesterday before the School of Health. At the Sanitarium reception tent all who are interested in health culture and hygienic living are made welcome.

CHURCH SCHOOLS.

We wish to hear from all the places where church schools are to be held the coming year, and also from those who desire to teach, stating experience and amount of preparation. We wish also to hear from those who anticipate taking the preparatory course at College View or Berrien Springs, Mich., this summer. Address me at Stuart, Iowa. L. F. STARR.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

DAVENPORT, July 13, 14, 1901.
T. F. KENDALL, Elder.

By request I will meet with the Clarinda church July 13 and 14, to hold quarterly meeting. J. S. HART.

SIoux CITY, July 13, 14, 1901.
Absent member who can not be present, please report. Also please send with your report your donation for the relief of the Christiana Publishing house. C. FREDERICKSON.