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### THE CHURCH MILITANT.

THE history of the church of God through all the ages has been one of spiritual movement. God calls for a "revival, a reformation," here in Iowa, this year, 1901. Shall it be delayed? or shall we as individuals seek God, put away sin, get cleansed, and go to work? "There is no halting place for us this side of heaven." "Nerve yourselves for duty, and dispute every inch of the ground. Instead of retreating, advance; instead of becoming weak and nerveless, brace yourselves for the conflict. God calls on you to engage with all your powers against sin in every form."—*Test. 32, pp. 64, 65.* "Put on the whole armor of God, and keep your eye steadily fixed on the Captain of your salvation; for there is danger ahead. Follow no false colors, but watch the banner of our holy faith, and be found where that waves, even though it be in the thickest of the fight. Soon the warfare will be over, and the victory won; and if you are faithful you will come off more than conqueror through Him that loved you."—*p. 65.* "The vital energies of the church of God must be brought into active exercise for the great object of self-renovation; every member must be an active agent for God."—*p. 22.* "Watchmen on the walls of Zion are to be vigilant, and sleep not day nor night."—*Special Test. p. 35.* "The suffering Jesus, his love so deep as to

lead him to give his life for man, was again held up before me; also the lives of those who professed to be his followers, who had this world's goods, but considered it so great a thing to help the cause of salvation. The angel said, Can such enter heaven? Another angel answered, 'No, never, never, never.' Those who are not interested in the cause of God on earth, can never sing the song of redeeming love above. I saw that the quick work that God was doing on earth would soon be cut short in righteousness, and that the messengers must *speed swiftly* on their way to search out the scattered flock."—*Early Writings, pp. 40-42.* "The third angel, flying in the midst of heaven, and heralding the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus, represents our work. The message loses none of its force in the angel's onward flight; for John sees it increasing in strength and power until the whole earth is lightened with its glory. The course of God's commandment keeping people is onward, ever onward."—*Test. 32, p. 139.*

L. F. STARR.

### FAITHFUL OR SUCCESSFUL.

I HAVE been much interested in the reports of wonderful success attending the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." I am almost amazed as I read of those who with little or no experience in book selling succeed in placing large numbers of this book in the homes of the people. There is one phase of experience, however, that I have not seen mentioned. It is that of the long hard pull of steady canvassing, with little apparent success,—the dull routine of constantly exhibiting with no visible results. I believe all who have had any extended experience will understand this. One might be lead to sup-

pose that the only thing necessary to do is to take out a book and offer it for sale, and that people will, as it were, fall over each other in their hurry to purchase. A few days canvassing will destroy such thoughts, and convince any one that canvassing means *work*.

Occasionally circumstances may arise where one or more books may be sold over a telephone line; but ordinarily we must get nearer to our customers. One person may be able to make ten exhibitions and take fifteen orders; but many other earnest canvassers may make fifteen exhibitions each, and count themselves fortunate to get one or two orders. O, but you are talking discouragement, some one may say. Not at all. Was Napoleon discouraged because some one told him of the hardships to be met in crossing the Alps?—No; he simply made preparation to meet those hardships. Jesus did not fail nor become discouraged, though, to outward sight, his life went out in obscurity. Then shall his workers who go out faithfully sowing beside all waters, become disheartened when the battle presses sore and the way is rough?

Continue to send in your reports of glorious achievements, of phenomenal success, and remarkable sales; but if you have canvassed all day and "caught nothing," remember that many other faithful workers have had just that kind of experience. There may be more reports in the *Review* of successful canvasses and quick sales than of less remarkable work, but if you could read in the book where *every* day's work is recorded, you might find a somewhat different reading. Be of good courage. The final plaudit will not be, Well done, thou good and *successful* servant; but "faithful" is the word.

THOS. H. JEYS.



## FIELD REPORTS.

## UNDERWOOD.

IN harmony with the recommendation of the Conference Committee, we pitched our tent at Underwood, a town of about two hundred and fifty inhabitants, and located seventeen miles east of Council Bluffs. The prevailing religious sentiment of the town and community seems to be that of the Latter-day Saints and Lutherans. Each sect has a church building here. A union Sunday-school is also maintained by other denominations. Shortly after we arrived here, we were informed that we were in one of the most ungodly little places that ever existed, and that of the entire male population only two men in the village made any profession of Christianity. It was also said that it was not the custom of the men to attend religious meetings whatever. We held our first meeting Friday evening, June 21, with an attendance of about fifty,—including a good delegation of men. The attendance since has ranged from thirty-five to one hundred and twenty-five. The majority of the people have treated us kindly, and have been thoughtful of our temporal needs. Two collections have been taken up, one last night and the other one week before. The first time we received \$4.22; the second, \$5.92.

A celebration was held here on the Fourth. Those having the matter in charge invited Bro. Dieffenbacher to deliver the oration. This he did, choosing for his subject, "True Patriotism." The danger that threatens our religious and civil liberties at the present time was set before the people. The Lord gave freedom in the presentation of these vital principles, and a good impression was made. We believe good will result from this; for it not only gave us an opportunity of setting these truths before a large gathering of people, but it also called the attention of the people to our work among them.

To outward appearances, this place is very much like all others as far as wickedness is concerned. One thing is certain; and that is, that there is an abundance of work to be done. We are of good courage in the Lord and in his work, hoping and praying that our efforts here may prove a glorious triumph for the gospel. We are thankful for a humble part in the great and glorious work of rescuing souls from the power of the enemy; and our aim is

ever to exalt the Redeemer in all his beauty, both by precept and example, so that souls may be drawn to the cross of calvary.

July 8.

B. L. DIEFFENBACHER,  
WM. J. JOHNSON,  
CALVIN STARR.

## MILLERSBURG.

IN the fall of 1892 Brn. J. W. Adams, H. M. J. Richards, and the writer held a very interesting series of meetings at a place in the country two miles east of Millersburg, known as the Ballard schoolhouse. The Reformed, or Dunkard, brethren have an organized church and hold regular services. Our meetings were well attended by the whole neighborhood. Much of the time many could not find room in the tent. A goodly number commenced the observance of the Sabbath, among them the Dunkard minister. At that time all the church were with us in sentiment, but the minister soon turned back and thus far has held his members. The following spring a small church was organized there. With the exception of one or two visits shortly after the organization, the church was left entirely without ministerial help for seven or eight years. During this time the larger part of the membership moved away, leaving five or six sisters somewhat distant from each other. Last May, at the earnest request of a young lady who desired baptism, and who was but a child when the tent was there, I visited the place, and preached five times to good audiences in the new and commodious Dunkard church building, which was kindly opened to us. I baptized the young lady above mentioned, and held Sabbath-school and meeting on the Sabbath. An earnest request was made for more meetings in the near future; and accordingly, Bro. Park Adams and I began meetings June 17, and continued them until July 7. During this time Sabbath-school and meetings were conducted each Sabbath, and twenty-one discourses were given, mainly on the prominent points of the message, to audiences averaging about thirty. Considering the extremely busy time for the farmers, who comprised our audiences principally, and the intense heat nearly all the time, surely there was a manifest interest to hear the truth. The meetings resulted in one good brother taking his stand with us again, and one young lady, who had never heard the message before, accepting the truth.

A number of others seemingly are almost persuaded. Six dollars' worth of books were sold, a small club of *Signs* ordered, and one subscription received for *Good Health*. A Sabbath-school was also organized. A very warm invitation to return and hold more meetings was extended by many of the interested ones. This we think should be done at no distant date, but at a more favorable time for country attendance. My address now is Oskaloosa.

H. NICOLA.

## WATERLOO.

WE came to this place June 18 expecting to commence meetings in a few days, but were disappointed. In looking over the city for a location we found it very closely built; however, there were some vacant lots which we desired very much but could not get. This continued until within about an hour of sunset Friday, June 21, when we secured a very desirable location in the best part of the city. It being two days before we could pitch our tents, the neighbors had time in which to protest. This time they used well; and by Monday morning, before we could get our tents on the ground, the owner informed us that we could not have the place. We went to see the neighbors, and found them decidedly up in arms. Their main objection was that we were followers of Alex. Dowie. These people are here, and are much despised. The evening of July 3, as they were out on the street preaching, the citizens threw firecrackers into their faces and egged them. We relieved the people's minds of this objection, and could soon have pitched our tent but for one young couple who were afraid it would disturb them. Thus again we were at sea. Finally we were shown a lot for which we were almost afraid to ask because of the environments; for should they grant it we did not really want it. On asking, our minds were soon at ease and yet more perplexed, for they freely granted us this undesirable location for eighteen dollars per month. At last we secured a place and are now at work. Our audience is not large, but we have every reason to believe that there is a work here the Lord would have done *now*. We would be pleased to receive, postpaid, clean copies of the *Review*, *Signs*, *Instructor*, and *Little Friends*. Address us at Corner Franklin St. and Oak Ave.

L. F. TRUBEY,  
E. H. ADAMS,  
CARL JENSEN.



## OBITUARY.

Cron.—Died at his home eight miles north-east of Massena, Iowa, June 20, 1901, Philip Cron, aged 57 years, 8 months, and 12 days.

The deceased came to America in early manhood, and was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Bierdimann, March 9, 1869. He accepted the Bible truths as taught by S. D. Adventists June 13, 1892, and has been a faithful member of the church. He leaves a wife, four sons, and three daughters to mourn their loss. While it is very sad to part with Bro. Cron, we sorrow not as do others who have no hope. We laid him to rest with the blessed hope of meeting him at the first resurrection. Comforting words were spoken from Psa. 23; 2 Cor. 3:3, 4; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Eccl. 9:5-10; Rev. 1:7 by Eld. E. G. Olsen. G. W. SMITH.

## THE BOOK WORK.

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

I HAVE just finished my work in Cedar Rapids, and am preparing to attend the Summer School. I praise the Lord for giving me the opportunity of laboring with him here. During the five summers spent in this work I have never met so many who are earnestly seeking for truth as this summer. Numbers have told me that they are not satisfied in the popular churches; they are longing for the old-time religion that satisfies the soul. With such I have spent time in explaining the Scriptures, with all boldness giving the message for to-day, and leaving with them tracts on the different phases of present truth. They have thanked me, promised to read and pass them on, and asked me to call again. One lady told me when I delivered her book that she was going to keep the Sabbath. I believe there is a harvest of souls to be reaped in Cedar Rapids, as well as elsewhere.

"Now is the opportune time to work. It will soon be more difficult than we can imagine." May God bless the canvassers and help them to be faithful, notwithstanding the difficulties in the way. Remember, "The trial of your faith worketh patience," and "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

PEARL D. BASCOM.

WE extract from letters received from Bro. Lewis Hilliard with his reports for the last two weeks of June. They present experiences from the

real life of a canvasser. During these two weeks Bro. Hilliard's orders and deliveries amounted to \$85.85:—

"I find the people are getting tired of canvassers, and it is hard to get places to stay, on account of smallpox. At one place they set the dog on me. One man told me he could not afford to give his hard-earned money to book agents. I called his attention to the tract on the 'Seven Last Plagues,' and succeeded in selling him some tracts that would give him light concerning some of the things to come. There are thousands to-day who are as the people of Noah's day, too busy planting and building to study the Word of God. If we can not sell them a book, we may be able to leave at least a tract with them. Thank the Lord for the privilege of carrying to the world the truth which will make them free. What if they do set the dogs on us, and we have no place to stay, and have to go hungry sometimes? The Saviour suffered much more than that for me, and all the trials that can come are nothing when we realize the peace on earth and good will to men sure to come."

"The Lord has blessed me in my delivery, and I lost only one order. I stopped for dinner with a German family one day. After dinner I asked the man of the house to look at my book, but he very positively told me that he had more books than he had time to read. I finally succeeded in calling his attention to a few points in the book, and after giving him a canvass, sold him one for cash. Now, this man did not want the book, but the Lord wanted him to have it. Let us show our books if we possibly can, giving the Lord a chance to work, and he will sell them for us."

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK END-  
ING JULY 5, 1901.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.				
Lewis Hilliard.....	26	8	\$14.50	\$ 4.45
HOME HANDBOOK.				
Carl Rasmussen.....	37	2	\$ 9.00	
LADIES' GUIDE.				
Phoebe Vosburg.....	17			\$2.60
Ruby McSparran.....	10			.35
THE COMING KING.				
H. P. Hansen.....	37	18	\$19.00	
O. N. Conklin.....	20	5	5.00	\$2.00
Tilda Ward.....	22	7	7.50	.95
Pearl D. Bascom.....	5	5	5.00	
DELIVERIES.				
	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
*Laura Beamer.....	4	\$ 7.00	\$ .50	
Pearl D. Bascom.....	30	30.00	4.00	10
J. B. Myers.....	9	12.25	3.35	
Lewis Hilliard.....	1	1.75		

## SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	10
" " orders.....	45
Value of ".....	\$ 60.00
" " helps sold.....	\$ 18.20
Total value.....	\$ 78.20
Value of deliveries.....	\$ 51.00
*Per Pearl Bascom.	

## THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY A. HELEN WILCOX.

## SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORTS.

AMES.—We began with the regular Sabbath-school at the usual hour; then after a short recess, the convention opened with singing and prayer, after which a paper was read on "The Sabbath school, Its Work and Field," which was discussed, not only by members of the Nevada church but also by Eld. J. W. Adams, Eld. J. O. Beard, Bro. C. M. Peabody, and others. The discussion of the paper, "Why Should We Give for the Sabbath-school?" occupied the remainder of the forenoon. A part of the noon intermission was spent in an interesting Bible study conducted by Eld. Beard, after which Sister Bertha Willson, of State Center, presented an excellent paper on "The Best Way to Conduct a Sabbath-school," which was freely discussed. "What Benefit Can We Derive from the Sabbath-school?" was the subject of the last paper. After another short recess, Eld. Adams closed the exercises of the day with a brief but very interesting account of the General Conference.

J. N. CROSS.

PARKERSBURG.—The children at the time appointed were all in their places; and the parents, not willing that the children alone should receive the blessing, had laid aside their work for the afternoon and come to the house of the Lord. Promptly at 2:00 o'clock the exercises were begun, and the Spirit of the Lord came in in a large measure. A paper on "Reverence for the House of God," was read. Several then spoke of the greatness of God, and the reverence we should have for the house in which he dwells. Recitations were given by the children, interspersed with singing. A special power accompanied these recitations, which touched the hearts of all. Chapters from the Bible were also recited by the children's classes. At the close a paper entitled, "Loyalty to God," was read and commented on, the thought being expressed that we owe the hope of our salvation to the loyalty of Christ to God. The help of Eld. L. F. Trubey was very much appreciated.

JUDSON CROUSE.

"I CAN understand the Bible all right, mama, only the teacher mixes it up so." Query: Did the little girl have a teacher?"



## Workers' Bulletin.

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—MISS MAMIE BURNETT came from Minneapolis last Friday for a short visit at home in Des Moines.

—ELD. N. C. BERGERSEN rejoined the workers in Des Moines last week, after a short stay with his family in Story City.

—BRO. P. P. ADAMS spent last Wednesday in Des Moines, on his way from Millersburg to join the tent company at Panora.

—MRS. C. A. WASHBURN and daughter Mable have recently returned to Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Angelia Hobbs is with them for a visit with old home friends.

—THE Summer School at Berrien Springs, Michigan, begins July 20. The appointment for Union College has been withdrawn. For particulars see *Review* of July 9.

—THERE has been a little delay in getting out the Mid-summer *Good Health*. All orders received at this Office have been promptly forwarded to the publishers, and the journals will come direct from the office of publication.

—MR. JOHN E. HEALD, of the American Medical Missionary College, in company with classmates, passed through Iowa this week, *en route* to San Francisco and other points in California. He will spend some time with relatives and friends in Healdsburg before returning.

—BRO. AND SISTER EDWIN S. BUTZ, returned missionaries from the Friendly Islands, are visiting at the old home of Sister Butz, *nee* Davis, at Fayette. Bro. Butz is improving a portion of his time in canvassing for "Heralds of the Morning," and reports thirty orders as the result of six and one-half days work.

—ELD. AND MRS. J. W. ADAMS and daughter Olive left this city last Friday for Dunlap, which is to be Eld. Adams' field of labor for a short time. They expected to make the trip with private conveyance, spending last Sabbath with the church at Adel. Eld. Adam's faithful work has been greatly appreciated at the Sanitarium and by the members of the Des Moines church, and we shall indeed miss his fatherly counsel.

—At the General Conference this resolution was passed: "We approve of the plan of printing special numbers of health journals, and ask the tract societies and people everywhere to aid in their circulation." We believe that these special numbers are a means of accomplishing untold and lasting good. They awaken an interest in health reform principles, and teach the people how to live so as to give nature a chance to remove and resist disease. Now is the time to circulate the special Mid-summer number of the *Good Health* for 1901. Price 5 cents per copy. Order of Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

—ELD. F. L. MOODY, in company with Bro. C. W. Neal, held meetings with the believers at Van Wert and Weldon last week. Eld. Moody and family have been making some farewell calls in Iowa before leaving for their new home, and Sister Moody has planned to spend a few weeks at her old home in Illinois *en route* to Battle Creek. As Eld. Moody goes from our State to assume the responsibilities as General Canvassing Agent for the Lake Union Conference, we wish for him the special guidance and blessing of our Great Leader.

—DR. CAROLYN GEISEL's address at our last Sabbath forenoon service was truly a source of inspiration to more faithful Christian service. It is not *reformation* but an entire *transformation* that is needed in our lives, to make them "true from the inside out." Dr. Geisel also spoke at the young people's meeting Sunday evening. Taking for her text 1 Tim. 4:12, "Be thou an example (sample) of the believers," she made the application to our daily lives,—"in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

—How often our hearts have burned within us as new and special testimonies have been read to us, and how many times we have wished that we might have these to study. This wish may now be granted. Volume 6 contains the most important of these, with much that is new in addition. Each Sabbath-keeping family should have one. It is sent postpaid at the following prices: Cloth, \$1.00; Library, \$1.50; Limp leather, \$1.50. Order of Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

—MRS. L. C. PETTENGILL, of Polk City, met with the church here last Sabbath.

—THE Mid-summer number of the *Signs*, to be dated July 24, is not intended in any wise to interfere with the work for "Christ's Object Lessons;" but it is designed briefly to call the attention of the people to the great concentration of wealth and the preparations for war and what they mean. It is expected to sell well, and to prepare the way for placing more reading matter in the homes of the people. Order of this Office.

### SANITARIUM NOTES.

DR. R. H. HABENICHT called at the Sanitarium yesterday.

BRO. J. N. CARR returned to his home in Nevada yesterday, accompanied by one of our nurses, Bro. E. H. Wilbur.

As we seek to use every God-given means for the relief of bodily suffering, it is our earnest endeavor to keep in view the remedy offered for sin-sick souls. A number of conversions have been the visible results, and many have gone to their homes deeply interested in Bible truths. One lady recently made a request for reading matter making a remark something like this: "A religion that will make people what these are here is good enough for me." May the abiding presence of the Lord continually be realized in all the work of the institution.

DR. CAROLYN GEISEL, of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, a field medical missionary, came last week to aid in presenting the gospel of health to the Chautauqua people. She is a gifted speaker and a devoted Christian worker, and her lectures upon such subjects as *Morals in Diet*, *How to Make and Unmake a Drunkard*, etc., can not fail to make a deep impression for good. We are glad to say it is conceded that the Hygienic Restaurant upon the grounds enjoyed a better patronage than the one which furnished a liberal bill of fare, including meats, etc.

### NOTICE.

SOME of our canvassers whose fields are in rural districts need a horse and buggy each. They could do more and better work if so supplied. Are there not brethren who could loan a horse or buggy or both? Here is an opportunity to have a part in the work. I will be glad to correspond with any who may be able to help in this way, or who wish to ask questions concerning the plan. THOS. H. JEYS.

Modale, Iowa.

### BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

WANTED.—A girl to do housework. Address Eld. C. J. Kunkel, Kensett, Iowa.