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TERMS: 25 CENTS A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

THE COMING WEEK OF PRAYER.

ANOTHER year of privilege and blessing will soon be in the past. Another special season for seeking God has been appointed,—Dec. 21–28. I have felt for a number of years that the week of prayer was not observed as it should be. It has been observed by some, perhaps, because appointed by the General Conference. Some have read the readings, but did not attend the meetings. Others stayed away on account of business, or went to visit friends; while others were kept at home by company. We hope there will be a decided change in this matter this year.

What does it mean to have a week of prayer, and what is to be gained by it? The crisis is nearer to-day than when we first believed. There are some things we can dispense with, but we can not get along without the power of the Holy Spirit. In its absence we have only the semblance of life,—as a photograph may look like a man. Could we realize our accountability to God, we would spend this time in fervent prayer. Souls are perishing within the threshold of many homes, and there are our neighbors and friends. The fields are white for the harvest in the regions beyond. What can we do for them? We need to humble ourselves before God. We shall not do many mighty works without the power of God.

There is nothing very wonderful in Peter's sermon. It was plain, fear-

less, trenchant, and stated facts clearly; but it was brought home to the heart of every soul who heard it, and thousands were saved. O, for this power! There is one way to obtain it; and that is for all to assemble during this time, laying aside every care, confessing our sins and our lack of the faith that works, and pray as did the early Christians. Then will the old time experiences be seen. The church for this age should be the church that believes God, that prays incessantly, that works as best it can for the extension of the message, and that lives in expectation of its coming Lord. Then will its ministry be clothed with righteousness, and its people will sing for joy of heart. Then shall "the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name." May the Lord hasten this in His time.

L. F. STARR.

GENERAL MEETING AT DES MOINES.

THE general meeting held Dec. 3 to 8 was truly a season of revival and refreshing to the church at this place. For some time the Spirit of the Lord has been impressing many hearts with the importance of more earnest and aggressive missionary labor in this large city; and with this impression came a sense of weakness and a longing for more of the Spirit of God. As one important step in removing the barriers which would hinder the blessing of God in its fullness, a determined and successful effort was made to clear the indebtedness of nearly two hundred dollars which has been hanging over the church for several years. In this movement even the children and youth had a part; and

when the burden was lifted, all could join heartily in the service of praise which was held on Thanksgiving. And now at this time, our Heavenly Father, who is ever ready to bestow His Spirit upon those who earnestly seek for it, sent His servants to assist in carrying forward the needed reformation.

The meeting began Tuesday evening, in charge of Elds. Starr and Bergersen. Two services were held each week day following, beginning at 6:30 p. m., and in the forenoon and afternoon on Sabbath. For our learning and admonition, the history of the children of Israel on their way to the land of Canaan was rehearsed. On account of their murmuring and unbelief, only two of all the number that left Egypt were permitted to enter the promised land. God is calling for men and women now with the same spirit that actuated Caleb and Joshua, who by word and action will say, "We are well able to go up and possess the goodly land." We are living far beneath our privileges. As members of the royal family, "a chosen generation,.... a peculiar people," it is our high calling to "shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light." Our lives should so represent the principles of the kingdom of God that of us it may be said, "each one resembled the children of a king," and that all around us may know that "the shout of a king is among them." Genesis 3:9 was the text chosen as a basis for the discourse Sabbath forenoon, and the Spirit of God sent the question home to every heart, "Where art thou?" There can be no neutral ground, no wavering movements, no undecided action in this work of reform. "Who is on the Lord's side?" In the revival service that followed forty went forward, and as the entire congregation united in

seeking for a renewed consecration, the Lord came very near, and we received the evidence of His willingness to co-operate with those who yield all and present themselves for undivided service. At the close of the Sabbath, an ordination service was held, and two of the officers of our church, an elder and a deacon, were set apart to the sacred duties of their offices. Thirteen candidates presented themselves for baptism, and went forward in this solemn rite Sunday afternoon.

We believe that this is but the beginning of a new experience for the Des Moines church; and as the work goes on in each heart, may it indeed be seen that "the glory of the Lord is risen upon" His people here. We ask the prayers of the dear brethren and sisters throughout the State for the work in this city, and also for all the interests of the cause centered here. Shall we not all unite in most earnestly seeking the Lord for His special blessing during the coming week of prayer?

MISSIONARY WORK.—NO. 8.

QUALIFICATIONS OF THE SECRETARY.

(Continued.)

HE must be interested in the missionary work. Did you ever see a strong, active, healthy boy hoeing corn or digging potatoes, while his brothers and friends were in a neighboring pasture trying to break a colt? He had been told, perhaps, that he must do a certain amount of work before he could join them. How slowly the work progressed. He had ability to work, and was healthy and active. What was lacking?—Simply an interest in what he was doing. Had you seen the same boy a little later as he joined his companions, you would have been surprised at the energy of his movements, and his willingness to "lend a hand" when called to help control the colt. He put forth his very best efforts then. Why?—Because he was interested in his work. So it is with every one. Our very best efforts are put into the work in which our interests center, and the missionary work is no exception. A person may be highly educated, he may be able to plan work for each individual in the society, and may have ability to enthuse the members with a desire to accomplish the work planned; but unless he has a deep interest in the work, it will prove a failure. He can never become a successful missionary secretary. An interested secretary will secure every

available means of increasing his knowledge of missions and of missionary work. He will become so enthused with the subject that he will naturally inspire his co-workers to follow where he leads. Christ was such a missionary leader as this. His whole life was one grand missionary effort. His whole interest was centered in the work of soul saving. He planned the work for His followers. Luke 9:1, 2; 10:1. He led out in it, and taught them how it should be done. Luke 7:19-22. There is none other who is so willing to assist every other missionary worker as He, if they will only take the time to study plans and methods with Him. At one time He administered a gentle reproof to His workers because they failed to accomplish some work they had undertaken. Matt. 17:14-20. The trouble was this: They felt sufficient for the work, and so failed to obtain the power before attempting it. Their interest was centered more in the honor they were to obtain than in the task they undertook to perform, consequently they failed ignominiously. The Master tells us in this text just how power to do missionary work acceptably is obtained.

DELLA WALLACE.

FROM OKLAHOMA.

I HAVE been thinking for some time of penning a few lines for the columns of the BULLETIN, believing that its many readers, with and for whom I have had the pleasure of laboring in the past, will be interested in knowing of my welfare and the progress of the truth in this part of the Master's vineyard. During the past summer my time was spent in the Cripple Creek district of Colorado's Rocky Mountains. We had some most excellent meetings with our people at that place, God adding His blessing to the preached word, to the increase and encouragement of the believers. At an elevation of more than nine thousand feet above the sea level, while those living down on the plains and in the valleys were sweltering beneath the burning heat of the summer's sun, we were enjoying the cool, refreshing mountain air, as well as the grand and lofty scenery.

I am now in Oklahoma, in response to the wishes and urgent invitation of the Oklahoma Conference. I bade adieu to the Colorado brethren at the close of their last camp-meeting, and decided to make this my future field of labor, at least for a time. Since coming here about five weeks ago in company

with Eld. G. G. Rupert, the President of the Conference, I have visited with the believers at Woodward, Richmond, Putnam, and Gip. I have had the pleasure of renewing acquaintance with a number of Iowa brethren and sisters; and have been glad to find them still faithful and true, and rejoicing in the glorious truth. I have baptized thirteen souls into Christ since coming into this field, and organized a church at Gip. I leave Tuesday, November 26, for Oklahoma City, rejoicing in the blessing of God and the grace of heaven. At Gip I have been comfortably and pleasantly entertained at the home of Bro. and Sister Syp, formerly of Afton, Iowa.

Having taken this opportunity of conveying to you, my former brethren and sisters in Christ, the assurance of my continued love and interest in the present truth, and the hope that some day we may all meet again beyond the swelling tide of life's toils and turmoils, in the Eden home of the blest, I bid you all, Be steadfast and true to the end. Fare ye well.

MATTHEW LARSON.

OBITUARY.

LONG.—Died, Oct. 29, 1901, Hazel, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Long, of Boone, Ia.

Little Hazel was born in Nov., 1900, and had been such a bright and happy babe until stricken by the brief illness from which death called her. The bereaved parents and family have the sincere sympathy of many friends in this great sorrow which the heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, has permitted to come upon them; but they sorrow not as those without hope, for they know that soon the dear Saviour will come and call the lambs into His heavenly fold. Then shall death be swallowed up in victory. Funeral services were conducted from the family residence, at 2 p. m., Wednesday, Oct. 30, by Eld. Henry Johnson, with interment at Linnwood cemetery.

EMMA MAY NORTON.

BLAIR.—Died, at Harlan, Iowa, Oct. 17, 1901, the infant son of Charley and Lillie Blair.

While the father and mother deeply mourn the loss of their little one, they are comforted by the thought of leaving him in the hands of Him who doeth all things well. A few words of comfort were spoken at the cemetery by the writer from Job 14:1, 2, 14, after which the babe was laid to rest, awaiting that beautiful morning when all the dead in Christ shall rise.

A. C. NELSON.

THE BOOK WORK.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK END-
ING NOV. 27, 1901.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.				
Lewis Hilliard.....	33	8	\$14.25	\$5.00
THE COMING KING.				
Tilda Ward.....	11			\$1.75
LADIES' GUIDE.				
Phebe Vosburg.....	8			\$.70
Mrs. A. A. Barcus.....	11	8	\$18.25	
HERALDS OF MORNING AND MARVEL OF NATIONS.				
G. W. Anglebarger.....	4	9	\$13.00	\$1.00
HOME HANDBOOK.				
Henry A. Johnson.....	16	3	\$16.50	\$8.50
BIBLE READINGS.				
A. A. Toliver.....	34	4	\$ 9.00	\$5.00
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Mrs. M. E. Merida.....	36		\$21.50	
*O. C. Haugsted.....	15		25.75	\$ 3.75
Mrs. Henry Rorholm.....	45	24	22.65	10.00
CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS.				
W. E. Frederick.....	15		\$18.75	\$1.50
Henry Johnson.....	8		10.00	
F. M. Corbaley.....	24	17	21.25	
J. H. Wierts.....	9		11.25	
Calvin V. Starr.....	12	1	1.25	.25
H. L. Stenberg.....	40	7	8.75	.30
Carl Jensen.....	28	8	10.00	
C. E. Rentfro.....	17	6	7.50	5.75
Lloyd Manfull.....	2	2	2.50	
Ollie G. Manfull.....	4	2	2.50	
L. Tillie Earle.....	4	2	2.50	
Katie Earle.....	2	2	2.50	
T. H. Jeys.....	53	13	16.25	
Henry Rorholm.....	31	10	12.50	5.65
*A. R. Shrake.....	40	14	17.50	
Wm. Guthrie.....	8		10.00	
W. B. Everhart.....	15	8	10.00	
Bertha E. Jorgensen.....	24	17	21.25	
*Mrs. Arthur Rhoads.....	15	4	5.00	
*Peter Lindahl.....	42		52.50	
*N. C. Bergersen.....	25		31.25	

DELIVERIES.

	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
Lewis Hilliard.....	1	\$1.75		
Tilda Ward.....	14	14.50		
Peter Lindahl.....	36	45.00		
Bertha E. Jorgensen.....	5	6.25		
Henry Rorholm.....	11	13.75		
T. H. Jeys.....	4	5.00		
Katie Earle.....	1	1.25		
Ollie G. Manfull.....	1	1.25		
C. E. Rentfro.....	2	2.30		
H. L. Stenberg.....	1	1.25		
Calvin V. Starr.....	1	1.25		
J. H. Wierts.....	3	3.75		
O. C. Haugsted.....	5	5.25		
Mrs. M. E. Merida.....	28	15.85		
N. C. Bergersen.....	23	28.75		

SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	29
" " orders.....	326
Value of ".....	\$415.90
" " helps sold.....	\$ 49.15
Total value.....	\$465.05
Value of deliveries.....	\$147.15
*Two weeks.	
+Four weeks.	

It may be that some of the Conference workers do not understand that a report should be sent to this Office each week, as well as to the State Agent, in order for them to be included in the published summary.

"To live for self is to perish."

THE SANITARIUM.

CONDUCTED BY EMMA A. PERRINE, M. D.

HEALTH HINTS.

It is better to avoid taking a cold, and far easier, than it is to cure one. In fact there is no need of catching cold, if we are particular to observe the laws of health. With the skin and circulation in good tone after the cold friction bath in the morning, we are ready to begin the day's duties. Nothing should tempt us to neglect this bath. The amount of clothing worn should be regulated according to the nature of our work. Soft woollen clothing is best worn next the skin, unless it is irritating. If this is the case, a light gauze suit can be worn between the woollen suit and the skin. Sufficient underclothing should be worn to protect from the cold, so that heavy skirts need not burden the shoulders and hips. The feet should be warmly dressed, and the ankles protected. When going out in the cold, extra clothing should be worn, the amount to be governed by the weather and the nature of the exercise. Avoid wearing too heavy clothing, for much weight on the delicate skin shuts off the capillary blood vessels, and this may produce a sense of chilliness. Do not over-load the stomach, which clogs up the system, and this will aid in keeping the health good. If our exercise is less in the winter, our food should be less accordingly. Enough exercise to cause perspiration should be taken each day; this with proper food will insure good digestion. Adam was told to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow, and we shall have to do likewise if we expect to keep in health. Doing all these things, we need not be disabled the greater part of the winter by a cold or any other disease.

NOTES.

BRO. J. C. BARCUS is at Creston, nursing a patient.

BRO. E. H. WILBUR is assisting at the down town bathrooms.

THE new Sanitarium catalogue will be mailed free upon application.

SISTER HORTENSE HEIVILIN is at her home at Clarinda, spending a pleasant vacation.

MR. FRANK BREWER, of Montgomery, Iowa, was among the new arrivals during the past week.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY A. HELEN WILCOX.

QUESTIONS ON "TESTIMONIES ON SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK."

(December Study, pp. 47-52.)

OBJECT OF SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK.

Third week.

1. For what are teachers and students responsible? What testimony should they bear?
2. What will a Christian teacher discern?
3. What plan is suggested by which converted youth may be a blessing to others?
4. What answer is given to the much-asked question, "Should young people be given any responsibility in Sabbath-school work?"
5. Describe the efforts now going on to enlist into two opposing armies the inhabitants of the world.

THE BRANCH SABBATH-SCHOOL IN
DES MOINES.

THE Spirit of the Lord has been moving upon the hearts of some in the Des Moines church to do missionary work in the city. As a result, we are glad to report that we now have a well organized branch Sabbath-school in South Des Moines, with an attendance of from thirty-five to forty. One sister pays the rent of a small store building, and others have furnished a stove, organ, several seats and chairs, black-board, etc. So we have a comfortable place of meeting. The young people of the church are the teachers, and they canvass the neighborhood for pupils each Sabbath. We hope the work thus begun will eventually develop into a mission. Preaching services are now held each Sunday evening.

MRS. A. E. BURNETT.

THIS school in South Des Moines is located in one of the poorest districts of the city, and the people living there are sadly in need of clothing with which to make themselves presentable in the place of worship. The ladies of the church expect to hold their afternoon prayer meeting in this district; visit the people in their homes; teach them principles of economy and healthful living; and relieve their suffering as far as possible. If there are those in the State who would like to make donations of clothing, they would be gratefully received. Address the same to A. Helen Wilcox, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

"THE Lord is not glorified when the children are neglected and passed by. They are to be educated, disciplined, and patiently instructed. They require more than a casual notice, more than a word of encouragement.—*Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work.*"

Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, DEC. 10, 1901.

—PLEASE notice our holiday offer.

—BRO. J. N. CARR, of Nevada, met with the church in this city last Sabbath and Sunday.

—Two of the young people from Sandyville, accompanied by their teacher, met with the Des Moines church last Sabbath.

—ELD. T. H. JEYS spent last Sabbath with the Clarinda church. He expects to visit Hawleyville, Sharpsburg, and Creston this week.

—A NUMBER of the pupils of the Ruthven church school are canvassing for "Marvel of Nations," their teacher leading out in the work.

—DR. EMMA A. PERRINE, of the Iowa Sanitarium, will attend the general meeting at Grant City, Dec. 17-22, in the interests of the health work. Any one wishing medical advice can see her at that time.

—ELDS. L. F. STARR and Bergersen held a meeting at Colfax last evening. From there Eld. Starr goes to Eddyville, Ottumwa, and Bladensburg, to be joined at the last named place by Eld. C. A. Washburn.

—ELD. G. W. ANGLEBARGER writes from Cedar Rapids: "We are having an excellent interest in our work here. Meetings are held Sunday evening, also on Sabbath, with a very good attendance. Some are deciding for the truth."

—CONSIDERABLE enthusiasm is manifested among the younger pupils of the Des Moines church school in the circulation of the *Signs and Life Boat*. One little boy has sold one hundred and seventy papers during the past two weeks.

—CLARENCE AND HELEN PETERSON, thirteen and eleven years old, members of the Onawa church school, write: "We are glad to say that we have met with good success in selling our books. We found a ready sale for them, and have had some good experiences."

—ELD. R. C. PORTER has disposed of most of his personal property at Hamilton. He and Sister Porter have gone to St. Louis to take charge of the work in that large city. We trust that their health may be sustained, and that their work may be prospered of the Lord.—*Missouri Record*.

—THOSE who find it necessary to seek a milder climate in order to derive benefit from sanitarium care during the winter, should correspond with the Colorado Sanitarium. In the shelter of the mountains, it is enabled to offer some inducements which institutions located in an open country can not. Address Colorado Sanitarium, Boulder, Col.

—WILL all who are taking orders for Christmas delivery please report weekly, also send in orders to this Office two weeks before date of delivery? Unless these requests are complied with, we can not promise to get your books to you on time.

—SISTER DAN T. JONES has been visiting her mother at Marshall, Mo., since the death of Eld. Jones. She and her daughter Edna returned to Guadalajara, Mexico, last week, where they will make their home.—*Missouri Record*.

—WORK at Oakwood moves along substantially, with the students growing daily and hard at work. We believe the Lord has been especially near in the work this year.—*Prof. B. E. Nicola, in Southern Watchman*.

—READINGS for the week of prayer will be mailed this week to church elders and Sabbath-school superintendents, also to our isolated Sabbathkeepers. Any failing to receive these should report to this Office.

—"THE Master's Greatest Monosyllables" comes highly recommended. It is a splendid little volume, and a very appropriate holiday gift. Price 50 cents postpaid.

—*Signs and Good Health* clubbed together, both for one year, \$1.75. Address orders to this Office.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY OFFER.

UNTIL the holidays the books named below will be sent to any address, charges prepaid, at the prices quoted:—

Naomi a Friend of Jesus, paper	-	\$.15
cloth	-	.30
Fireside Sketches (former price \$1.75)	-	.50
Gospel in Creation, board	-	.15
cloth	-	.25
Gospel Reader, board	-	.30
cloth	-	.45
Sketches of Bible Child Life, cloth	-	.30
Story of Redemption, plain	-	.60
gilt	-	.75
Peril of the Republic	-	.50
Great Controversy, Morocco	-	2.25
Half "	-	1.75

Address Missionary Department
Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Dear Brethren in Iowa: I wish to say a few words to you about the school for teachers to be held at Marshalltown in February and March. There is an urgent demand for teachers,—teachers who are Christians and who understand how to teach a true Christian school. "The management and instruction of children is the noblest missionary work that any man or woman can undertake.... The great day of God alone can reveal the good this work will do."—*Vol. 6, p. 205*. Are there not many in the State having education and ability to teach who will consecrate themselves to this work, and come to our institute to study with us how to carry it forward? Let every church seek out and send to the school those who have this talent, that it may be developed. God has as many to whom He has given the gift of teaching as He has churches, and He will hold all such accountable for this work.

It is planned to take up in the institute the various subjects taught in the church school, and conduct the work as nearly like it would be conducted with the children as is possible. Prof. E. A. Sutherland promises to spend some time with us if the attendance warrants it. I shall be glad to answer all inquiries from those interested. Remember that the canvassers' school will be held at the same time and place. More will be said about this later. In the meanwhile study what God would have you to do. FLOYD BRALLIAR.
603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

NOTICE.

DR. W. B. HOLDEN, surgeon at the American Medical Missionary College, Chicago, Illinois, will be at the Iowa Sanitarium the first of next week, to perform several operations. Any one wishing to see him should come the last of this week.

J. D. SHIVELY, M. D. Supt.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

FOR SALE.—A good home. S. D. Adventist church privileges, two blocks from church school, five from I. W. University. handy to good public schools. Well sell cheap and on easy terms. Address 106 E. Harlan St., Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

APPOINTMENTS.

NOTHING preventing, we expect to meet with the following churches during the week of prayer:—

Grant City, Dec. 21-23, 1901.
Elk Horn and Exira, " 24-30, "

L. F. STARR,
N. C. BERGERSEN.