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HAVE YOU?

HAVE you spoken a word for Jesus,
And told to some around
Who do not care about him,
What a Saviour you have found?

HAVE you lifted the lamp for others
That has guided your own glad feet?
HAVE you echoed the loving message
That seemed to you so sweet.

— Frances R. Haevergal.

LOCAL CAMP-MEETING.

A LOCAL camp-meeting will be held at Smithland, Iowa, Aug. 23—28. This seems to be the most favorable time that can be chosen for that part of the State. Brethren and sisters, the notice is short, but we shall look for a general gathering. Lay aside your cares for a few days, and come to seek the Lord. Bring your children. We expect acceptable laborers at this meeting. Do you see a need of growth in your church or company? Then don't fail to come, and ask others to come. Did you read the article in the *Review* of July 26? I quote, "The crisis is right upon us. We have only, as it were, a moment of time." Some will read this and feel no thrill, but the wheel rolls on just the same, whether we will it or not. Our account is not far off.

Come praying for a preparation for the rain of the Holy Spirit. Unless we share it, we are lost. We may have it.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

"RESPONSIBILITY comes with the opportunity of knowledge."

OUR PRESENT DUTY.

THE articles in the *Review* entitled "Go, Preach the Gospel" are of deep importance, doubly so when we remember that the Lord has warned us beforehand that some among us will awake to the fact that the day of probation has passed while we were looking forward to long years still to come. Jer. 8:15, 20.

I extract a few words from the second article. "The work now to be done in our world is to exalt the law of the Lord, and call the attention of the people to it. The time has come when the truth is to be proclaimed against falsehood and error. . . . The Lord has given his church a special work. The crisis is right upon us. We have only, as it were, a moment of time. We must now take our Bibles, and in the Holy Spirit's power, proclaim the great truth for these last days. It will not be long before every one shall have heard the warning and made his decision. Then shall the end come. . . . People are suffering for want of a knowledge of the truth. They do not understand what they must do to be saved. . . . Entreat them to tarry not; for he is calling, 'Come for all things are now ready.' These are days of peril. . . . Through God's commandment-keeping people, sinners are to behold the Sun of Righteousness. . . . The Lord says to those living in 1898, as he said to those of Israel who had chosen to serve him, 'I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the Lord.'"

These are precious words of encouragement to the faithful worker. They are solemn words of counsel to those who wait, that, as "We have only, as it were, a moment of time" left, we ought to make use of that time in putting off all doubts, by faithful service, receiv-

ing in return the assurance of acceptance. Just as the Lord closes his work the largest number will be saying "peace," "plenty of time," "not near," etc. Let us be of those who are watching. CLARENCE SANTEE.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

UNDER the leadership of Wilbur F. Crafts, the National Reform Association is in the field again for aggressive work. Realizing their mistake of the past in attempting to enforce Sunday laws without first educating the people in favor of them, this Association has now taken it in hand to mould and fashion public sentiment by the aid of the printed page, and they are flooding the country with their literature. Knowing this what shall we do? Shall we stand idly by and see that work done, without any effort on our part to check it; or shall we with the same means,— "the printed page," which the Lord has told us "is doing a much greater work than the living preacher,"— strive to bring the truth along this line to the attention of the people?

Set in the order of God, occupying a unique position among our periodicals, the *Sentinel* has a work to do, peculiarly its own. That work is to set before the people the evil results which only can follow the accomplishment of the purposes of the above and other kindred organizations. God has wonderfully blessed it in the past, and we believe that his blessing will attend it in the work before it. We feel that our people should remember Tennessee, and knowing what the *Sentinel* accomplished there, take hold with renewed zeal and do their best to bring to naught the devices of the enemy.

PUBLISHERS.

"ARMOR is of no service unless it be put on and used."

FIELD REPORTS.

ATLANTIC AND WIOTA.

THE meetings at Atlantic were not a great success in regard to the number of new believers, but we believe much good was done. One estimable lady signed the covenant to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, and will doubtless become a member and an earnest worker in the church at that place. We think that one or two others also will soon take a stand for the truth there. The new church building is well under way. It is a very neat structure, and stands on one of the best corners in the city. It will well represent the cause. It has a neat tower, and the windows are colored glass. It will be lighted by electricity, or else the improved gas burners will be used.

We are now at Wiota with the tent. This is a town of nearly three hundred inhabitants, about seven miles east of Atlantic. The attendance here is much better than it was at Atlantic, ranging from fifty to two hundred. The interest appears to be increasing. We began services Friday evening, July 22, and believe that God has some honest souls here. The tent is pitched in the schoolhouse yard, and is well protected. It is necessary for Eld. Olsen to be in Atlantic during the day, to oversee the work of completing the church building, but he drives over every night to meeting. Nearly every evening we also have present a number of brethren and sisters from Atlantic. It helps the interest when others see our own people take sufficient interest to drive over from Atlantic regularly. This is truly a manifestation of the gift of "helps," and will not lose its reward even here, if exercised for the love of the truth, which it is.

We are of good courage in the work.

E. G. OLSEN.

H. M. J. RICHARDS.

WM. J. JOHNSON.

SLOAN.

SINCE Bro. J. O. Beard and I began meetings here, July 6, we have preached twenty-five discourses. Our attendance has usually been rather small. There are a few who seem to be interested, and we are asking the heavenly eyesalve for ourselves, that we may be able to discern quickly the needs of those for whom we labor. Since beginning to present the Sab-

bath and the law, the interest has increased rather than waned. There are three churches here, viz., Methodist, Congregationalist, and Disciple. The people here, as elsewhere, feel rich and increased in goods and in need of nothing.

We are of good courage, knowing that it is not by might or by power, but by God's Spirit that the work must be done.

Aug. 1.

THOS. H. JEYS.

DAVENPORT.

It is with pleasure that I read in the BULLETIN of the work in the different parts of the State. I have therefore thought for some time of contributing my mite. I came here last December, to do Bible work in this city. The field near the tabernacle had been thoroughly canvassed by the Bible workers who had preceded me. People seemed to recognize me as an Adventist Bible worker. I have several readers in that locality who are searching for the truth.

Sister Johnson and I determined to do tract work in East Davenport, which is about two and one-half miles from the tabernacle. Upon my return from camp-meeting, I felt as if the Lord had returned me here for some purpose. I asked, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" A Sabbath school was presented before me, with other work. I asked permission of Sister Nellie Berger, the only Adventist in that locality, to have a Sabbath-school in her house, which request was readily granted by her and also by her husband, who is an unbeliever.

Feeling that the best time to commence the Sabbath school was at the beginning of the quarter, I began July 1. Satan has worked hard to keep some from coming.

Some refused their children permission to attend, and sickness prevented several. Still the Lord has blessed, as he alone can. With the exception of Sister Berger and her family, Sister Johnson, and myself, the school is composed of outsiders. I wish you might see their bright, eager faces as they listen to God's word. The children all call it the Sabbath school.

One lady told me her little girl was so anxious to go that she asked each day if that was the day to go to Mrs. Berger's. One lady who has not attended, gave me yesterday twenty-five cents, saying, "It is for your Sunday school." I was very glad to welcome

Sister Johnson back, as she could invite others of her readers to attend, and a teacher for the little ones was needed.

Sister Johnson and I have about seventy five tract and *Signs* readers in that locality, besides our Bible readers. One lady to whom I had loaned "Steps to Christ" exclaimed, "That is such a good book,—about equal to the Bible!"

The ladies of the Davenport church were favored with a short talk and visit from Sister Hicks, a Sanitarium nurse, last week. The Davenport church also had a visit from Bro. John Hoffman Aug. 1, which was enjoyed by all. He had been visiting the Atalissa church, and was on his way home.

NELLIE E. KNAPP.

GLENWOOD.

WE are glad to report an increased interest in the work here. Our brethren are becoming conscious of the fact that they all are to have a part in the work. The question of better Sabbath observance was presented last Sabbath; and as the light was set forth, many took a new stand, determined to worship God in mind as well as in action. The meeting was closed by a season of prayer, and we separated, rejoicing that God had given us the victory. It was a meeting long to be remembered. We feel that the presence of God was with us, and believe that he is leading us onward and upward. As these truths are presented, the people will surely look to us to see whether or not we live them out in our lives. May God help us to keep his commandments as he would have them kept.

E. L. TRYON.

NEVADA.

I wish to tell you something in regard to the work through our reading rack at this place. It was placed in the ladies' waiting room at the depot, and I took the responsibility of keeping it filled with papers. At first they did not go very fast, but now we can hardly keep the rack filled. We believe God's promise that his word will not return unto him void, but will accomplish the thing whereunto he sent it. Let us be faithful in these small matters, and God will reward us accordingly. I am glad to have some part in this closing message.

MRS. B. F. CARR.

"TOUCHING' Jesus is more than physical contact."

THE BOOK WORK.

GOD'S NEARNESS.

It is not high above the stars God walks,
 Removed far from all my grief and care;
 It is not from an unknown height he looks,
 And listens to the pleading of my prayer.
 But all his ageless strength about me cast,
 He walks with me these pathways lone and
 dim,
 His mighty, mighty love close bent to hear
 The faintest thought my soul breathes out
 to him.

—Chas. Macnamara, in S. S. Times.

THE CANVASSER'S PRIVILEGES.

FOR whom is the faithful canvasser working?—He is working for Jesus. If faithful is he working alone?—"I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." If we are unfaithful he cannot bless us; because he has an interest in the work, and he doesn't want any idle time charged to him. We have left his service, and are working for Satan. "No man can serve two masters." Let us give Jesus all the time, and when Satan comes in like a flood say, "Get thee behind me." When we give Satan a part of our time, he knows he can get more, since he has started an account with us,—an account which we will have to settle in the judgment.

We should try to introduce Jesus into every house. People would always rather become acquainted with Jesus. If Satan is already there, and manifests himself in cross words or ugly actions, let us fearlessly introduce Christ, and not do or say anything to grieve him away. He says, "Without me ye can do nothing." Just realize that although unseen he is right by our side, and his presence will be felt by those with whom we meet. As we go from house to house, let us talk with him, and call up his promises, asking him to guide in all we say, and to soften the hearts of the people and prepare them to receive us. Don't trust to self; let Jesus prompt in everything. While canvassing, send up a silent petition to God to help the people decide.

We have many things for which to be thankful every time we have the opportunity of showing our book,—thankful that we have made a canvass for Jesus; thankful that the people have had a chance to hear the truth, and that the world is thus being warned; thankful that it may be that a soul has been saved from death. When we bid them good bye, we should do so cheerfully and in love, thanking them for giving us their time.

Jesus wants to see everybody. Re-

member this, and do not pass any one by. In that great day how sad it would be to have any one say, Why didn't you warn me? Why didn't you make more of an effort to see me? I am lost through your unfaithfulness. But what a joy it will be to have it said to us, It was you who brought me here. We shall not be asked to give an account of the number of books we sell, but for our conduct. Christ will be responsible for the number of books we sell if we only put our trust wholly in him.

These thoughts have been very dear to me; and although I have not followed them, I expect to; and I am looking forward to the glad time when I shall see my Saviour face to face.

ARTHUR RHOADS.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 29, 1898.

| PROPHECIES OF JESUS. | | | |
|----------------------------------|------|------|---------|
| | Hrs. | Ord. | Val. |
| Burton Church, Fern | 34 | 4 | \$ 7.00 |
| Lewis Hilliard, Spencer..... | 37 | 11 | 19.50 |
| C. E. Vosburg, Council Bluffs... | 35 | 4 | 7.00 |
| F. G. Specht, Le Mars | 43 | 5 | 9.75 |
| H. L. Specht, " | 44 | 7 | 12.75 |
| D. G. Gaede, " | 38 | 13 | 23.75 |
| D. P. Powell, Sioux City..... | 31 | 7 | 13.25 |

| THE COMING KING. | | | |
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| | Hrs. | Ord. | Val. |
| H. B. Tilden, Hedrick, | 42 | 15 | \$15.00 |
| Sarah Duerksen, Independence.. | 7 | 3 | 3.00 |
| Dora Rasmussen, Sioux City..... | 19 | 6 | 6.50 |
| Cathinka Henriksen, " | 11 | 1 | 1.00 |
| Christine Henriksen, " | 16 | 4 | 4.50 |
| Susan Haskell, Nora Springs | 21 | 7 | 7.00 |
| Mary Haskell, " | 20 | 6 | 6.50 |
| Zettie Vosburg, Council Bluffs.. | 6 | 5 | 5.00 |
| S. B. Kephart, Stuart, | 34 | 3 | 4.50 |
| Elsie Fulton, Chariton, | 22 | 6 | 6.00 |
| Walter Johnson, Sigourney..... | 10 | 3 | 3.00 |
| A. Franklin French, " | 8 | 4 | 4.00 |
| Nettie M. Slater, Grant City..... | 21 | 8 | 8.00 |
| *Geo. Durkee, Winterset, | 2 | 2 | 2.00 |
| J. S. Fry, Montezuma | 18 | 2 | 2.00 |
| *Pearl D. Bascom, Manchester.. | 4 | 4 | 4.00 |
| Mary E. Hannah, Malvern..... | 7 | 3 | 3.00 |
| *Emma Beanan, Des Moines..... | 32 | 18 | 29.00 |

GREAT CONTROVERSY.

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| Martin J. Fritz, Atkins..... | 44 | 7 | \$18.00 |
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STORY OF REDEMPTION.

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| Ethan A. Brown, Jaunesville..... | 48 | 13 | \$14.50 |
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CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR.

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|---|----|---|--------|
| Martin and Oscar Johnson, Estherville..... | 31 | 2 | \$1.00 |
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DELIVERIES.

| | Books. | Value. | Lost |
|--------------------------|--------|---------|------|
| Sarah Duerksen..... | 54 | \$53.50 | 4 |
| Dora Rasmussen..... | 4 | 4.00 | 1 |
| Christine Henriksen..... | 3 | 3.00 | 1 |
| Zettie Vosburg..... | 6 | 6.00 | 0 |
| Nettie M. Slater | 1 | 1.00 | 0 |
| Geo. Durkee | 29 | 33.00 | 1 |
| Pearl D. Bascom..... | 67 | 67.00 | 1 |

SUMMARY.

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|------------------------|----------|
| No. of agents | 28 |
| " " orders | 173 |
| Value of " | \$240.50 |
| " " helps sold..... | \$49.60 |
| Total value | \$290.10 |
| Value of deliveries .. | \$167.50 |

*Delivering.
 †Two weeks.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

ESTHERVILLE.

I WAS appointed to send a report of our Sabbath-school convention held at Spirit Lake, July 16. A majority of the members of the Spirit Lake, Milford, and Estherville schools were present. A very interesting program was carried out, in which nearly all took part. Several very instructive papers were read. I must mention one of them,—a paper on "The Teacher," written by Johanna Bergersen, a blind sister. I wish it could be published in full. Lively discussion followed the reading of each paper. Some of the younger members gave recitations. The singing was not forgotten, and some not of our faith helped in this part of the program. The meeting was held in a grove near the lake, and the weather being so nice, it proved a great success. It was pleasant to meet with those of like faith, and we are encouraged to press onward until the victory is won. We voted to hold another convention the latter part of September. ORIE A. JOHNSON.

BE TEACHABLE.

DEAR Sabbath school teachers, be teachable. You are quite sure to seek to be "apt to teach." In order to most surely secure this desideratum we must first be teachable. Having become justified by faith and sanctified by the Spirit, we are then in a condition to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." Growing thus in knowledge we become able to comprehend with all saints the love of God which passeth,—is fletter, and hence goes ahead of knowledge." The knowledge of God's love is to be sought first of all. Learn of him who was meek and lowly how to love perishing men.—Selected.

"WHAT are the most important teachings in this lesson? and which of these are most needed by my class?" are questions which every teacher should ask and answer early in the week. Then he should be always on the outlook for methods by which to illustrate and enforce these teachings. "How can I bring the truth and the scholar into vital connection?" is a question to which we need to give no little attention.—Selected.

"THE heart of Sabbath-school work is teaching the Word of God."

Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, Aug. 9, 1898.

—THE tent company first located at Mason City have begun a series of meetings at Grundy Center.

—BRO. GEORGE EBEL has gone to Burlington, to engage in house-to-house work among the German people.

—A NUMBER of the Levey brethren and sisters participated in the Sabbath services at Des Moines last Sabbath.

—MRS. E. A. MITCHELTREE can use copies of our periodicals in a depot reading rack. Address her at Norwalk, Iowa.

—BRO. AND SISTER J. W. DORCAS, of Des Moines, drove to Tyner last Friday, to spend Sabbath with the little company there.

—COME to the local meetings prepared to take home a good supply of books and tracts, thus saving a large amount of postage.

—BRO. H. L. STENBERG, who has been laboring in North-eastern Iowa, has come to Des Moines in the interests of the work among the Swedish people.

—MISS EMMA BEACH, of College Springs, is now assisting in a music and jewelry store at St. Cloud, Minn. She is in the employ of Sabbath-keepers, and very pleasantly located.

—ELD. H. M. J. RICHARDS passed through Des Moines last Sunday, returning from Winterset, where he had been called by the death of Father Stiffer. An extended obituary notice will appear later.

—MISS MOLLIE LONG has been enjoying a two week's vacation at Lamont, sixty miles from Dubuque. She was not idle while there, as she writes of distributing papers and tracts and holding Bible readings in company with Sister Fox, and speaks of good visits with the people, and meetings held.

—BRO. AND SISTER J. V. WILLSON have been appointed to go to South Africa, there to connect with the Claremont Sanitarium. They, with their daughter Floy, have been visiting Bro. Lewis Willson and family at State Centre and go this week to New York State. Their boat sails September 15. Many Iowa friends will join in wishing for them God's blessing in their new mission field.

—THE Sunday-school scholars of the State of Texas are asked to give one cent each for the purpose of buying a Bible and a sword, to be presented to Captain Philip, the gallant commander of the battleship Texas. Larger contributions will not be accepted, as it is desired that the gifts represent thousands of people. A Bible and a sword! The religion of the Sunday schools of Texas must be somewhat incongruous. However, it is just what might be expected in a "Christian Nation" that engages in "Christian" warfare after the most approved heathen methods.

—THE question heading one of the articles this week, "What are You Doing," is addressed to each one of our readers. Are you reading the *Sentinel* yourself? Are you trying to interest others in the truths it teaches? The original drawings which so lucidly illustrate vital principles, and which are a new feature of the paper, make it especially attractive and its teachings more impressive. In fact the *Sentinel* is just the paper for general circulation at this time as never before.

—BRO. N. L. McCLINTOCK writes that he can use all the papers he can get in his colporteur work. He also asks us to inquire if there are any of our brethren and sisters who are willing to help pay for tracts for distribution. All who can aid him in his work, should address him at Glenwood, Iowa. He says that he is having some grand experiences in his work, and that he feels that the angels are going before to prepare the people for the message.

—THE workers at Keokuk express their thanks for the papers that have been sent them, and say that they can use more, both in English and foreign languages. Address J. C. Clemens, 1116 Timea St., Keokuk, Iowa.

—MRS. H. M. J. RICHARDS and children have gone to Battle Creek, Mich., where they will remain for several months. Sister Richards will take the course of instruction for teachers in church schools.

—THE Iowa Tract Society will send the new catalogue recently revised by the Review and Herald Office to any one desiring the same. Please send a one-cent stamp with your address.

—BRO. W. L. MANFULL visited the canvassing companies in North-western Iowa last week, stopping at Onawa, Sioux City, Le Mars, and Spencer.

—THE Conference Committee met in Des Moines on Monday.

—JOHN WESLEY said: "I dare no more fret than curse or swear."

—BRO. S. M. HOLLY, of Boone, attended Sabbath services at Des Moines last week.

—BRO. I. G. COLCORD left this city last week, to join his wife at Battle Creek, Michigan, and will remain for a time visiting relatives.

—TENTS at local camp-meetings will be rented as follows: 10x12, \$1.75; 12x14, \$2.00. Flys will be furnished with all tents except those which are new.

—MISS IDA POCH, formerly of Atlantic, Iowa, who has for some time been connected with the Rural Health Retreat, in California, is visiting her brother at Des Moines.

MORE PROSECUTIONS.

ON July 25 two of our brethren at Briceville, Tenn., were prosecuted and fined \$3.00 and costs for "Sabbath breaking." It seems that they were miners, and that they were at work 3200 ft. under ground; yet our informant affirms that the Judge swore that the work was "done in his presence." Probably he was working the "Lord's-Day-Defense-Committees'" plans,—"hunting cases on Sunday to report on Monday." The cases now stand appealed to the September term of court, and the brethren are released on bail. There will be more of these cases to follow wherever public sentiment has been influenced favorably to Sunday enforcement.

I. R. L. ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

THE International Religious Liberty Association are revising their books, and are now writing their second letters to members who are recorded as being in arrears in dues, asking for a *response* in regard to their future connection with this Association. We entreat our brethren who have received letters and have not answered, to respond promptly, advising us what to do with their names, and thereby save the Association much perplexity, work, and expense. We recommend that all who are behind in dues advise us to cancel them and then begin, anew this fall, upon the receiving of our annual letter, to pay dues to the Association, to assist in counteracting the present concerted efforts of our opponents.

I. R. L. ASSOCIATION.