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GUARD WELL THY LIPS.

CONDEMN not, judge not,—not to man
Is given his brother's faults to scan;
One task is thine, and one alone,
To search out and subdue thine own.

Indulge no murmurings; oh, restrain
Those lips so ready to complain!
Let words of wisdom, meekness, love,
Thy heart's true renovation prove.

Guard well thy lips; none here can know
What evils from the tongue may flow,—
What guilt, what grief, may be incurred
By one incautious, hasty word.

Be "slow to speak;" look well within,
To check what there may lead to sin;
And pray unceasingly for aid,
Lest unawares thou be betrayed.

—Selected.

CHURCH SCHOOLS.

We are now prepared to receive applications from churches where consecrated teachers are desired for church schools. We have several applications, and expect more. State the number of scholars, the accommodations, ability to pay a teacher, etc., and any points that will help us to understand the needs at your place. We have some good, consecrated teachers in our Institute at Des Moines, studying God's methods of teaching; and they will be ready to take schools by the first of October. Some may not be able to pay much toward a school, but write in; and we will, if possible, arrange for a teacher. We believe that a consecrated teacher, who has taken practical lessons in nursing and teaching, and Bible lessons,

will be an invaluable aid to any church among us.

Send in applications at once, and we will do all that we can to supply you. I shall recommend no one as a teacher whom the Institute instructors can not commend in a present spiritual experience.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

EKENAS, FINLAND.

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Iowa:
We are now in the midst of our yearly meeting. We have a tent—the only one we have—pitched on a lot where there are three dwelling houses, besides a potato patch on one side, and a hedge on the other with a hole through the hedge just large enough to crowd through from the street. The brethren who attend can easily be numbered, in all between thirty and thirty-five, so we have lots of room in our tent, although it is only 35 ft. by 22 ft. The evening meetings are well attended by the people of the town.

This town only has 2,300 people, but quite a number of religious denominations are represented here. The Lutheran is the State church; but the Methodists have a large church building, and the Mission Friends and Salvation Army also have quite a following. A few Holiness people, a few Baptists, and a few Adventists are here, but not any one of these last named have any organization.

Eld. O. A. Olsen, Bro. Zach. Sherrig, and the undersigned do most of the preaching. Eld. Olsen's talk tends to show the reason why we are a separate people, and what has called us into our work. Bro. Sherrig's line seems to be the Holy Spirit's work, and how necessary it is for us to be endowed with the Spirit of God before we can carry the message for our time and age. I have dwelt on the signs of the times and the coming of Christ.

A good spirit seems to prevail, and all our meetings are very much blessed of God.

Plans are laid to extend the work in this country. Two nurses have just come from Battle Creek, and we will try to have them begin work in the city of Helsingfors. The missionary boat has been doing good work among the islands of the Baltic, and plans are laid to try to enlarge the force of workers on the boat. The brethren in California have sent us the money to pay for the boat. Bro. Sherrig is trying to get some more canvassers started, and so the work is going in this northern country. Of course we have very limited resources, and do not know how to reach nearly 3,000,000 souls with only one preacher, and he not knowing the language of the country; but the Lord knows all, and he can help us. May the Lord help our friends in Iowa and other places in America, to be careful not to spend too much means on themselves, when there are fields like this where souls are dying for want of the Living Water, and no means at hand to send any one to them.

JOHN HOFFMAN.

Jagaregatan 2, Helsingfors, Finland.

OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

It is with much pleasure that I see in the BULLETIN the names of those with whom I have formed an acquaintance, especially the members of the recent Canvassers' School. I am rejoiced to know that so many of them are meeting with success in their work. Those who are engaged in this line of work, have most abundant reason to be of good courage in their efforts. I find here, as well as elsewhere, that many who have accepted present truth have been led to do so from reading our publications.

I find myself more than 1,000 miles

away from the home of the WORKERS' BULLETIN, and under another flag, but very much the same conditions and needs exist here as in our home field. In this city, the capital of Canada, is a small company of believers in the third angel's message, with a broad field for labor extending all around them. It will be seen by consulting the map, that the Dominion of Canada is about equal in size to the United States, and this city is to Canada what Washington is to our native land.

Parliament is now in session, and one of the leading questions under consideration is the matter of the boundary between the British possessions and Alaska. It appears to the legislators here, that America is taking a selfish course in this matter; and judging by the present conduct we are following toward the Philippines, it would not be hard to believe they have some ground for their view of the matter. With all the stir that is being made about bringing in a condition of peace among the nations, how evident it is that even between the most closely allied there is a feeling of mutual jealousy and suspicion; for all the proposals for peace are founded merely on selfishness and greed, and the national condition mentioned in Rev. 11:18, has surely been reached. Let us get ready for what is before us.

Ontario, the leading province of Canada, has a strict Sunday law; Quebec has not. Toronto, the capital of Ontario, has been regarded by Sunday law advocates as the model city of this continent, because it did not tolerate Sunday street cars; but for a few years Toronto has had Sunday cars, to the great dissatisfaction of the friends of Sunday. And now in the capital city of the Dominion, in Ottawa itself, the same move has been made. Sunday, July 23, for the first time, Sunday cars began to run here, and were filled with people going to the parks, Sunday tickets being sold at a lower figure than the ordinary tickets. Of course this makes a great commotion among the clergy, because the empty seats in the churches correspond to the full seats in the street cars. But the city counsel refuses to reconsider the matter. So another element is now added to the growing contention over the Sunday question.

We have a case to be tried in Toronto before the supreme court of Ontario, in September, for Sunday labor, that of one of our brethren who was arrested for working Sunday, May 7. It

will be an important case for our cause in this field. We ask the prayers of all, that this may be turned to the glory of God, and the advancement of his cause.

F. D. STARR.

"WHAT GOD HATH WROUGHT BY US."

Report for Quarter Ending June 30, 1899.

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| No. of societies..... | 123 |
| " " members reporting..... | 747 |
| " " letters written..... | 773 |
| " " letters received..... | 464 |
| " " Bible readings held..... | 576 |
| " " subscriptions for periodicals..... | 403 |
| " " periodicals distributed..... | 25,784 |
| " " pp. reading matter distributed.... | 209,018 |
| " " missionary visits made..... | 1,199 |
| " " hours spent in Christian Help work. | 2,800 |
| " " persons supplied with clothing.... | 486 |
| " " " " " food..... | 1,316 |

Forty-two isolated individuals and members of family schools reported directly to the State society. Their work has been included in the above report; but thinking that all will be interested in knowing the amount of work which should be credited alone to them, we give it. These have written 127 letters, received 45 letters, held 9 Bible readings, took three subscriptions for periodicals, distributed 1,172 periodicals and 12,919 pages of books, tracts, and reading matter, made 164 missionary visits, spent 94 hours in Christian Help work, and supplied 25 persons with clothing and 36 persons with food.

We are sorry our report shows a perceptible falling off from some of our former reports. Undoubtedly this is due to the fact that this season of the year is not so favorable a time for many to work as during the winter. We do feel that in some respects we have reached a crisis in our work. We trust that each one will so plan as to be able to spend a portion of time each week in missionary work. Surely this is not too much for the Lord to ask of us.

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER, *Cor. Sec.*

SUMMER SCHOOL.

During the past week the Lord has greatly blessed the Battle Creek Summer School. Much light has been given in regard to the true object of physical culture, physiology as the basis of psychology, and the use of the Testimonies. There is a basis of truth for physical culture, as well as for any other subject taught in our schools. Much can be discerned of a person's character by his manner of walking and standing. God made man upright, and bringing man back to that position physically, as well as spiritually,

is certainly a part of the work of restoring the image of God in the soul.

All statements found in the Testimonies are based upon the principles in the Bible, and it is our duty to search out these principles. Bible farming was used to illustrate the proper use of the Testimonies. The Spirit of Prophecy has said that the "Farms have preached louder than words can." *Test. Vol. I, page 152.* Jesus gave these same principles in the example of the rich man, as recorded in Luke 12:18, 19. God can not bless the farms of our brethren as long as these brethren are not living up to the light God has given them. *Test. No. 31, pp. 147, 148.* With God's blessing twenty acres of land will be as productive as one hundred. *Ib. p. 148.* God blessed Isaac, and as a result his land yielded a hundred fold. Gen. 26:12. Why could not we, by bringing the land back to its original condition as far as possible, and living as God directs, receive just such an increase? God has promised to bless us abundantly, and even "the desert shall... blossom as the rose." Isa 35:1, 2.

NANNIE KELLAR.

FIELD REPORTS.

JACKSONVILLE, ELKHORN, AND EXIRA.

It has been my privilege of late to spend a short time at each of the above named places. Before visiting them Eld. P. A. Hansen and I spent a few days at Harlan. We found the little company of believers in that place of good courage in the Lord. The meetings held were well attended, especially on the Sabbath, when some came quite a distance. As the members have not been able to erect a church building, they meet in a dwelling house. During our stay these rooms were filled to their utmost capacity. On the Sabbath the ordinances were celebrated, and the love of God, through the influence of his Spirit, touched and tendered our hearts. When the subject of true education was presented from a Bible standpoint, considerable interest was manifested, and we look for good results in the near future.

From Harlan we went to Jacksonville by team. On the way we passed the schoolhouse in which Eld. J. G. Matteson first held meetings in this vicinity. It has been moved from its original site; and although now dilapidated and shabby in appearance, it

still stands as a monument to commemorate the faithful work done by this devoted servant of the truth, the results of which time can not efface. At Jacksonville Eld. Hansen left me. The members of the Jacksonville, Elkhorn, and Exira churches are nearly all Danish people, and therefore most of the meetings were conducted in that language. During my stay at Exira, a Sabbath-school convention was held. There was a good attendance also from members of other churches. Papers were read, and various plans and methods of work considered. Our churches and Sabbath-schools are greatly in need of intelligent, consecrated workers. God has established schools in our midst, where individuals may receive a training for such work. The object of our schools is to educate, not for this world, but for eternity. "He is a Christian who aims to reach the highest attainments for the purpose of doing others good. Knowledge harmoniously blended with a Christlike character will make a person truly a light in the world." This is the spirit which characterizes true, Christian education. The gratification of self with worldly ambition is lost sight of, and there is a manifest willingness to sacrifice and to serve. It does not exalt the individual above his fellow-beings, but makes him "little in his own eyes." As the time for the opening of the Union College school year, Sept. 20, is at hand, we will be glad to welcome all who have a desire to train and use their God given talents in the Master's service.

P. E. BERTHELSEN.

GLENWOOD.

SABBATH, Sept. 2, was a good day for the Glenwood church. At our regular services our new church house was quite well filled. After a short sermon on baptism, we repaired to the water, about two miles distant, where seven precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. It was a most solemn occasion, as testified the flowing tear. One dear sister was suffering with neuralgia, but the pain left her as she stepped into the water; and she stated some time afterward that she had felt no more of it. A dear old man who had been standing off for some time, came forward after we had closed, and offered himself for baptism. We expect that two more will be baptized next Sabbath. Our hearts are filled with praise to God for what our eyes witnessed and our hearts felt during this precious day.

J. W. ADAMS.

THE BOOK WORK.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 1, 1899.

| | Hrs. | Ord. | Val. |
|------------------------------------|------|------|--------|
| THE COMING KING. | | | |
| H. B. Tilden, Grinnell..... | 22 | 9 | \$9.00 |
| Mrs. H. B. Tilden, New Sharon, 24 | 5 | 5 | 5.00 |
| Susan Haskell, Bloomfield..... | 19 | 3 | 3.00 |
| Nettie Brown, "..... | 17 | 3 | 3.00 |
| Pearl D. Bascom, Independence..... | 43 | 18 | 18.00 |
| Christine Henriksen, "..... | 42 | 19 | 19.00 |
| J. S. Fry, Montezuma..... | 22 | 4 | 4.00 |
| Jesse R. Marsh, Orchard..... | 23 | 1 | 1.00 |
| Ervin W. Warner, Bethlehem..... | 54 | 7 | 7.75 |

PROPHECIES OF JESUS AND COMING KING.

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|-------------------------------|----|---|--------|
| Burton Church, Bethlehem..... | 24 | 1 | \$1.00 |
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PROPHECIES OF JESUS.

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| Lewis Hilliard, Algona..... | 40 | 16 | \$28.00 |
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HERALDS OF THE MORNING.

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| Olive Lefave, Hawarden..... | 14 | 7 | \$8.75 |
| Lloyd Manfull, Waterloo..... | 7 | 1 | 1.25 |
| Will Mulder, Orange City..... | 32 | 4 | 7.00 |

SUNSHINE AT HOME.

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| J. P. Gaede, Radcliffe..... | 8 | 3 | \$2.00 |
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MISCELLANEOUS.

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| P. W. Atkinson, Ringsted..... | 43 | 10 | \$17.45 |
| S. B. Kephart, Stuart..... | 44 | 4 | 7.00 |

DELIVERIES.

| | Books. | Value. | Lost. |
|----------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| Pearl D. Bascom..... | 1 | \$1.00 | 0 |
| Nettie Brown..... | 1 | 1.00 | 0 |
| Mary Haskell..... | 30 | 30.00 | 1 |
| Cora Countryman..... | 32 | 32.00 | 0 |
| *Susan Haskell..... | 2 | 2.00 | 1 |
| *Nettie Brown..... | 3 | 3.00 | 0 |
| J. S. Fry..... | 4 | 4.00 | 0 |
| Jesse R. Marsh..... | 9 | 9.00 | 0 |
| Ervin W. Warner..... | 36 | 56.00 | 3 |
| Cora Quinn..... | 9 | 9.00 | 3 |
| Burton Church..... | 1 | 1.00 | 0 |
| Elsie Fulton..... | 14 | 18.75 | 1 |
| J. P. Gaede..... | 6 | 5.50 | 0 |
| Edward Everett..... | 11 | 27.75 | 0 |
| Henry Baetke..... | 6 | 6.25 | 0 |

SUMMARY.

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| No. of agents..... | 23 |
| " " orders..... | 111 |
| Value of "..... | \$142.20 |
| " " helps sold..... | \$79.87 |
| Total value..... | \$222.07 |
| Value of deliveries..... | \$186.25 |
| *Per Burton Church. | |

PEARL D. BASCOM, INDEPENDENCE: "I think the busiest people are the happiest, especially when they are working for the Lord. I never knew what true happiness was until I entered the canvassing work. While there are trials and difficulties on every hand, the Lord is a present help in time of trouble. I desire to so overcome that not a thread of selfishness may be woven into my work."

MARY L. HASKELL, NEWTON: "I know that the Lord answered my prayers, and prepared the way for me to deliver my books. Many of the people would say, 'I am so glad to get my book. I know I shall be pleased with it.'"

CORA B. COUNTRYMAN, NEWTON: "I thank the Lord for opening the way for me to deliver my books. Not one person refused to take 'Coming King.'"

THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE IOWA SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The following is the report for quarter ending June 30, 1899:—

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| No. of schools..... | 192 |
| " " reporting..... | 189 |
| Present membership..... | 3,541 |
| Average attendance..... | 26.00 |
| No. of classes..... | 473 |
| Total contributions..... | \$655.61 |
| Donations to missions..... | \$288.58 |
| To Oakwood School..... | \$7.60 |
| Camp-meeting donations..... | \$67.98 |

A number of new schools have been added during this quarter, but for various reasons the same number has been dropped, so the number of schools remains the same as for last quarter. We are always sorry to drop schools from the list, but where schools are small they are easily broken up by removals. Some are now attending neighboring schools. We trust none are dropped because of a lack of interest.

Surely, now if ever, we should be active and earnest in studying God's Word, and in meeting together to strengthen and encourage one another; for all things show that the "day is approaching." Many of the letters received show that this is being realized, and that there has been an awakening among the schools throughout the State. The Lord has been pouring out blessings. Some have been ready and anxious to receive them, and are rejoicing "with great joy." We are sure these will be like the leaven, and we are expecting to hear sounds of praise from others as our next reports come in. May we all learn to rest in the One who is able to make us perfect.

MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS, Sec.

SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION AT EXIRA.

A SABBATH-SCHOOL convention was held at the Exira church Aug. 12, 1899. The weather was fine, and the attendance large. Bro. Berthelsen, of College View, was with us. Members of the Audubon church were present, and took part in our meeting. Three papers were read: How Teachers Can Secure the Best Interest in Their Classes, The Duties of Superintendents and Teachers, and The Best Way to Carry Forward the Work in Our Sabbath-schools. The youth and children were ready with the parts assigned them. A good interest was manifested by all, and the Spirit of God was present with us.

ROSA E. BOOSE, Sec.

"As is the workman, so is the work."

Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPT. 12, 1899.

—THE Des Moines church school will begin Monday, Sept. 18.

—BRO. IRA S. HANON was baptized last Sabbath, and received into the Des Moines church.

—BRO. C. W. SMOUSE, of Mt. Pleasant, is visiting at his old home in Cumberland, Maryland.

—ELD. CLARENCE SANTEE came to Des Moines last Wednesday, to counsel with the workers.

—ELD. W. B. EVERHART and Bro. Henry Johnson have moved their tent from Mineral Ridge to Ames.

—BRO. F. W. PATTERSON, proprietor of the Hygienic Cafe in this city, went to Battle Creek, Michigan, last Tuesday, for a short visit.

—MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS joined the tent company at Ottumwa after the Cherokee camp-meeting, stopping for a day in Des Moines *en route*.

—ELD. WM. GUTHRIE, of the Stuart tent company, was in Des Moines a day last week. They have moved their tent to another part of that place.

—DR. M. M. MARTINSON called at the Home Monday. He and his wife will take their last year's work in the Medical school at Keokuk, this coming fall.

—ELD. J. W. ADAMS is conducting the Bible class in the Teachers' Institute. He is making arrangements to locate here, and his wife and daughter will join him soon.

—ELD. F. A. WASHBURN goes this week to Iowa City, to enter upon a medical course at the State University. His sister Mabel will also take up some line of educational work in that city, and their mother accompanies them.

—BRO. B. F. FULLMER visited in Des Moines a couple of days last week, while on his way to Iowa City. Bro. Fullmer will take his second year's course in medicine at the State University. Sister Fullmer is visiting at her home in Marshalltown, and will join her husband soon.

—ELD. C. F. STEVENS, having sold his home at Knoxville, moved his family to College View, last week. This change is made in view of the educational advantages of Union College. Eld. Stevens, however, will still be connected with the work in Iowa, and will spend the most of his time here.

—It is none too early to begin to plan as to how many copies of the World's Harvest Number of the *Signs of the Times* you can use. This number will be a thirty-two page issue, with a four-page cover additional. The publishers say: "No pains, no expense commensurate with our facilities, will be spared to make this the finest, and in many respects the most valuable issue of the *Signs* ever published." The paper will be dated Nov. 29, but will be ready by Nov. 1, a month in advance of its date. Over 10,000 copies of the Quarter-Centennial number were used in our State. Shall we not do still better in the circulation of this forthcoming special number? The retail price will be ten cents; in quantities of five or more to one address, five cents per copy. Address orders to Missionary Dept. Iowa Conference.

—CARDS have recently been received by friends in America announcing the marriage of Miss Anna C. King to Mr. George Shone, at Kenilworth, near Cape Town, South Africa, June 12, 1899. Bro. Shone is book-keeper at the Claremont Sanitarium. The bride is too well known as a former worker in Iowa, and also at Battle Creek, Michigan, to need an introduction. A host of friends will unite in wishing for them a life of added and ever increasing happiness and usefulness.

—PERMISSION has been obtained by our workers at Ft. Madison, to leave papers in the reading rooms of two of the largest hotels in the city, also in one of the hospitals. Who can supply them with clean, late copies of our leading periodicals? Address C. Jensen, 711 Fifth St., Ft. Madison, Iowa.

—THE Missionary Department of the Iowa Conference now occupies the new office room in the main building, in connection with the office of the Business Manager of the Sanitarium, —first door to the left of the main entrance.

NOTICE TO UNION COLLEGE STUDENTS.

THE C. R. I. & P. Ry. Co. have agreed to reduce the fare from Des Moines to Lincoln for Union College students, to at least \$4.75, and possibly \$4.10, providing ten students will go from here by their route. Those wishing to take advantage of this reduction must meet here so as to take the train Tuesday morning, Sept. 19, at 8:35. All such should write *immediately* to C. W. Larson, 603 E. 12th St, Des Moines, and he will let you know whether the necessary number can go from here.

THE INSTITUTE.

THE Teachers' Institute is now progressing day by day. It was a real privilege to be with the teachers at the opening exercises Wednesday morning, the 6th, and to see the good spirit manifested. Some are late in coming, but with reviews I think that the later ones will be able to receive the benefit of the whole course. God will bless these teachers who thus give their lives to the work of God. This is certainly a line that is destined to grow in importance, as a factor in the closing of the message.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

CANNED FRUIT.

It will be impossible for those who will have the care of the Iowa Sanitarium, to put up all the fruit that will be needed for the first year, as the work will commence so late; so we call attention to this matter again. All who can put up a small amount for the Sanitarium in addition to that for their family use, will confer a great favor. Write to T. S. Jackson, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, stating the amount you can donate; and it will help him in deciding the amount necessary to expend in these things.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

My address is now 201 North 4th St., Marshalltown, Iowa. If those who have occasion to write me often will make a note of this, it will save possible trouble in mail delivery.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

THE SANITARIUM FUND.

THE following cash donations have been received on the Sanitarium fund since the last report:—

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| Mrs. Daniel Bugh..... | \$23.01 |
| Simon Stoelting..... | 5.00 |
| Jane Hoskins | 5.00 |
| John Battern..... | 5.00 |
| Geo. H. Eymer..... | 2.00 |
| Fred Hendrickson..... | 2.00 |
| Wm. Orris..... | 2.00 |
| Mrs. M. J. Lamb..... | 2.00 |
| Christ Jacobson..... | 1.00 |
| Mrs. S. J. Smith..... | 1.00 |
| Mary Jacobsen..... | 1.00 |
| S. J. Smith..... | 1.00 |
| Manle Jones..... | 1.30 |
| Carl Rasmussen..... | 1.00 |
| Mrs. S. E. Smothers..... | 1.00 |
| D. C. Chapman..... | 1.00 |
| A Friend..... | 1.00 |
| Sarah Eernisse..... | 1.00 |
| Henry Hansen..... | 1.00 |
| L. A. Wykoff..... | 1.00 |
| Geo. Jeys..... | .80 |
| Earl Jeys..... | .80 |
| Mrs. Geo. Noble..... | .50 |
| Mary Coates..... | .25 |
| J. B. Sankey..... | .25 |
| J. F. Stenberg..... | .25 |