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CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT.

A DISTRICT Conference will be held at College View sometime during the winter (date not yet given), which will be attended by Elds. Irwin, Haskell, and other laborers from abroad, with special instruction for all laborers. After counseling with the Committee, and writing to as many of the laborers as we well could to get their minds, we have decided to withdraw the appointment for a State meeting Dec. 19-24, and to encourage the Conference laborers to attend the District meeting. It does not seem possible to plan for an attendance at both meetings.

We believe that this change will be most acceptable to our workers, and that they will receive blessings in the instruction given at the District meeting that all will need. We have the promise of a dormitory for our laborers, where we can hold special meetings and plan for the work. We will announce the time as soon as it can be definitely known. So all will now understand that the State meeting is withdrawn, and that plans will be laid for a general attendance at the District meeting.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

THERE is no loss in all the range of possible losses that is so great as the breaking of our communion with God.
—Selected.

CLOSING MEETINGS OF THE SCANDINAVIAN CONFERENCE AT SIOUX CITY.

ON Friday, Nov. 3, Eld. Flaiz, of Minnesota, and Eld. Millman, of Dakota, arrived, also Eld. Santee. The presence and counsel of these dear brethren, together with Eld. Morrison, was a source of great encouragement to us all. Eld. Morrison read several articles from Sister White. One of special importance was read Sabbath morning. After the reading of this message, opportunity was given for social meeting. The Lord came especially near, and all were made to rejoice in the truth. The presence of Bro. Pilquist, a Swedish laborer, who has been a missionary to China, added much to the interest of the meeting. His description of the people and their needs found a ready response in many hearts. This brother expects to return to China, to continue his work among that people. I understand that plans are being made to support him and his work.

Many excellent thoughts were brought out in the discussion of the plans and resolutions presented. Some changes were suggested by the committee on distribution of labor; and when all parties concerned have been counseled, these will, no doubt, be effected. The workers all had rooms and board at the mission home. This gave us a good opportunity to become well acquainted. The mission family did all in their power to make it pleasant for us, and we all enjoyed our stay. Thus closed the first meeting of this nature held among the Scandinavian workers in this country. We trust that the future results will prove that it was indeed a profitable meeting. May God help us all to be faithful.

E. G. OLSEN.

FROM A WELL KNOWN WORKER IN A FOREIGN FIELD.

A LARGE number of our readers are acquainted with Bro. Zach. Sherrig; and all, especially the canvassers, will be pleased to share with us a portion of a late letter received from him. He writes:—

"I came to Denmark the 13th of May, and left my family with our relatives, and went to Norway to attend the Conference. From there I went to the Swedish Conference and then to the Danish Conference. It was decided that I should work in Norway and Finland, and so I moved my family to Hamar, Norway. We could find no rooms at first, so we had to start house-keeping in a tent. July 24 I went to attend the Finnish Conference, and since that time I have been around in Finland a good deal, and have become somewhat acquainted with the work. I can only say that the harvest is great but the laborers are so few. One minister for the whole country,—about 5,000,000 people! We now have ten canvassers, and by the Lord's help we will have more by and by. About two weeks ago I spent a couple of days at St. Petersburg. I tell you, brethren, I can better appreciate now the liberty you enjoy in America in spreading the truth than I could before. O, for more power from on high! I understand better now what Zach. 4:6 means than ever before. It certainly means, especially in these countries, just what it says, 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit.' But in spite of all the difficulties, I am happy in God and his truth. As we work in the different parts of the world for the same cause and the same God, may we often meet before our Father's throne. Remember us over here; we need God's Spirit in all our work. My family are well, and the children are learning the

"ARISE, shine; for thy light is come."

Norwegian language. I do not forget any of my dear brethren and sisters, especially those in the canvassing field. I have spent so many blessed hours with them. God bless you all in the work."

FROM A FORMER IOWA WORKER.

WE are gladdened by the weekly visits of the BULLETIN, bringing us, in our thoughts, home again around the firesides and into the presence of many friends made dear to us during the greater part of our life, as it has been spent in the cause of God. We long for the realization of the "blessed hope," when we shall meet in a home where partings will be no more. We always read the BULLETIN through without stopping, save for breath or friendly comments.

We are greatly pleased that the Sanitarium enterprise has been so satisfactorily conducted. I have always believed that an Iowa Sanitarium should be built, and that such an institution would be largely patronized and greatly blessed of God, if conducted in his name; and I still believe this with all my heart, and thank the Lord that he put it into the hearts of his people to put shoulder to shoulder and accomplish this. May the Iowa Conference Sanitarium ever be what the Lord intends it to be,—a help to the suffering, and a radiating point from which the rays of precious truth shall reach many who are now in the darkness of sin.

Every institution we have should be controlled by the one ambition, to proclaim the third angel's message.—the full gospel of Christ as it is. This is why the Lord has placed these among us. All that is in harmony with our Leader's mind must prosper, and all that is not must perish. The Iowa Sanitarium will prosper if conducted as the mind of the Lord indicates.

H. M. J. RICHARDS.

Loveland, Colorado, L. Box 471.

FIELD REPORTS.

CHEROKEE AND QUIMBY.

SINCE my last report I have visited Cherokee and Quimby. Last Sunday evening I spoke in the Christian church at Cherokee to a fair audience of attentive listeners, on the plan of redemption through Christ. At the close of the service they took up the usual collection, and gave it to me. A

few appear to be somewhat interested in the truth. I spent some time visiting with our people and others, and I trust some good was accomplished.

I was with the company at Quimby Sabbath, Nov. 4, and we had a good meeting at the home of Bro. H. Krolls. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings I spoke in the M. E. Church at Quimby. Some of the people are quite friendly, while others appear to be full of prejudice. At each service I tried to hold up to the people the risen Saviour as the one to be desired above all others. I go from here to Blencoe, to spend the Sabbath, expecting to go from there to my home at College View, after an absence of five months.

J. S. HART.

RED OAK.

WE enjoy reading reports better than writing them; but lest others follow our example, we will tell you how the work is progressing here. We have just disposed of sixty copies of the Harvest Number of the *Signs*. All were taken, and none of them were left for the reading rack either. Our Sabbath meetings are increasing in numbers constantly, and there is a good prospect for a church organization. But we have learned not to count interest for members, or donations for interest, yet we have some of each. Our time is not all taken up in town, and we have some good listeners about four miles out in the country. Among these we look for fruit. God being able to give the increase. Red Oak is a place where prejudice runs high, although we have lowered the high water mark somewhat. Pray for us that we may hold forth the truth in its beauty, and the interested ones be brought to a saving knowledge of the truth.

CHAS. A. HANSEN,
MAY CHITTY.

STORM LAKE.

OUR quarterly meeting was held Oct. 7, and the church officers elected. The following Sabbath Eld. J. S. Hart was with us, and the ordinances were celebrated. Some of the brethren from abroad were present, among others Bro. Eageberg and family, from Alta. A deep solemnity pervaded the entire audience as the ordinance of humility was performed. There was perfect union, and I believe all can say that it was good to be there. We are of good courage and a greater interest is manifested than for some time

past. Eld. Hart remained with us over three Sabbaths, and several good meetings were held. Sunday, Oct. 24, by invitation, Eld. Hart spoke twice in the Christian church. Both services were well attended, and all united in expressing their gratitude for the words of truth spoken. We believe a good impression was made, and hope good may result from the words of truth sown.

C. H. TYRRELL.

OSCEOLA.

I HAD the privilege of being with my home church last Sabbath. The attendance was fair and the interest was good, both in the Sabbath-school and meeting. This was evidence to me that there is an interest to live the truth. I spoke a short time on the relation of the Testimonies to the law of God, showing that as that gift is ignored and we find that we are not in harmony with God's law, the natural result will be to seek harmony with God by abolishing his law. But God designed to write his law so indelibly upon our hearts that it will be our very life; then Satan can not overcome us with his temptations. We can not then be tempted by being "led away with our own lusts and enticed;" then we can look upon the "things of others" with an equal interest as members of the same family,—brothers and sisters with one common interest.

C. W. NEAL.

CENTERVILLE.

I AM glad to report that the little company of Sabbath-keepers at Centerville is greatly encouraged to press forward, notwithstanding the many adverse circumstances. On account of sickness, only a few of our little flock have been able to attend meetings. Some have been called away to other duties. I have been here nearly a year in the canvassing and colporteur work, and have found this a good mission field. Many are interested, and eager to investigate the truths that pertain to our time. We were all greatly encouraged by a visit from Bro. A. J. Iden, from Ottumwa, who came with his heart filled with the love of the closing message. We seldom hear preaching, and greatly appreciate such visits. We hope others will soon visit us with words of cheer. We are living in a time when these truths grow more precious.

A. J. SCOTT.

THE BOOK WORK.

FOR the BULLETIN.

SOWING AND REAPING.

He that goeth forth with weeping
Sowing precious seed with care,
Doubtless shall return rejoicing;
Many sheaves he'll also bear.

For the Lord has told us truly
That the one who sows in tears
Shall enjoy a happy reaping,
In the glad millennial years.

Courage, then, my weary brother,
Though your labor seems in vain,
Jesus leads the way before you;
Look to him, and try again.

ASA SMITH.

SELECTIONS FROM A RECENT TESTIMONY.

"PRAY and work. More will be accomplished by the Christ-like humble prayer than by many words without prayer. Work in simplicity and the Lord will work with the canvasser. The Holy Spirit will impress minds just as he impresses the minds of those who listen to the words of God's delegated ministers, who preach his word. The same ministry of the holy angels attends the one who gives himself to canvassing for books for the educating of the people as to what is truth."

"Doctrinal points should not be forced upon the people by the canvassers; but if the people lead out by asking questions, give them "the reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." What fear?—Fear lest your words should savor of self-importance, lest unadvised words should be spoken. The words and the manners are to be after Christ's likeness."

"Those who are fitting for the ministry can engage in no other work which will give them so large an experience as will the canvassing work. All who want an opportunity for true ministry, and who will give themselves unreservedly to the Lord, will find in the canvassing work opportunities to speak upon many things that pertain to the future immortal life."

FROM THE CANVASSERS.

MARY L. HASKELL, IOWA CITY: "I have been greatly blessed of God this week, although a great deal of my time has been spent with Bohemian people, some of whom could not speak the English language."

A. J. SCOTT, CENTERVILLE: "My health and courage are good. I feel like praising God with my whole heart for the light of truth."

CORA B. COUNTRYMAN, IOWA CITY: "About two-thirds of the people I canvassed this week were Bohemian Catholics, but I know that the Lord has been with me, and some of the Catholics have taken books."

PEARL D. BASCOM, INDEPENDENCE: "The people were anxiously waiting for their books. I praise the Lord for the successful delivery, although it was past the date set. One Sunday-school superintendent ordered two dozen copies 'Gospel Primer' for Christmas delivery. Next week I shall try to put in good time canvassing. So many buy books for holiday presents, and why should they not have those containing present truth?"

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 3, 1899.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Mary L. Haskell.....	12	2	\$2.00	\$1.25
Cora B. Countryman.....	15	2	2.00	1.50
Susan Haskell.....	27	8	8.00	.75
Nettle E. Brown.....	26	4	4.00	1.25
Pearl D. Bascom.....		1	1.00	5.10
Mrs. H. B. Tilden.....	12	5	5.00	1.25
Mrs. Arthur Rhoads.....	14	2	2.00	.75
A. J. Scott.....	25	11	11.00	
Cora M. Davis.....	46	14	14.00	2.20
Burton Church.....	20	0		1.25

PROPHECIES OF JESUS.

Lewis Hilliard.....	32	8	\$14.75	\$4.00
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HERALDS OF THE MORNING.

Lloyd Manfull.....	42	12	\$15.25	\$3.40
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DANIEL AND THE REVELATION.

Edward Everett.....	16	1	\$2.25	\$1.00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Blanche Rhoads.....	8	23	\$7.40	
A. J. Ideu.....	20	14	16.25	

DELIVERIES.

	Books.	Value.	Lost.
Lily M. Jones.....	1	\$ 1.50	0
Will Mulder.....		150.00	0
Edward Everett.....	1	2.25	0
A. J. Ideu.....	4	5.00	0
Olive Lefave.....	40	50.00	2
Lewis Hilliard.....	1	1.75	0
Pearl D. Bascom.....	26	26.50	0
Susan Haskell.....	1	1.00	0
*Cora Countryman.....	1	1.00	1

SUMMARY

No. of agents.....	18
" " orders.....	107
Value of ".....	\$104.90
" " helps sold.....	\$23.95
Total value.....	\$128.85
Value of deliveries.....	\$239.00

*Per Burton Church.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK AND THE BIRMINGHAM CONVENTION.

SUNDAY morning, Oct. 15, our convention was opened by song and prayer. The schools at Libertyville and Fairfield were represented. Papers were read by members from each

school treating upon different phases of Sabbath-school work. After the reading of each paper, time was given for general discussion. All present seemed to manifest a desire to see this branch of the Lord's work flourish, and to accomplish more by means of it in the future than has ever been accomplished thus far during the history of the third angel's message. We are now living in a time when this message is going to the world at almost lightning speed. Only diligence in Bible study will keep one abreast with the truth of God to-day. It is a lamentable fact that wherever one goes in the professed Christian world, he will find that Bible study has almost become a thing of the past. Even among a great many S. D. Adventists this has become too true. The Lord says: "Consider what I say;" "Study to show thyself approved unto God;" "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." Certainly if these scriptures were heeded by all, much more life would be shown in the Sabbath-school.

There is nothing more inspiring in all the world, than to attend a Sabbath-school where each member is in his place at the appointed time, with lesson well learned, eager to answer any question that may be asked. While on the other hand, there is nothing that will cause a more deadly stupor to pass over one, and make him feel that the Christian life does not amount to anything, than to attend a Sabbath-school where a portion of the members are late, and scarcely any interest is taken in the lesson. Superintendent, ask God to help you in all your efforts, that this branch of the Lord's work may be raised to a higher standard. Teacher, seek the Lord before standing in the presence of those who may be placed in your care, that you may be able to speak the words of life unto them with power. Individual member, do your work faithfully. When this is done, all working in harmony, we may be assured that the Sabbath-school will be a success.

After the day had been spent in counseling together, all separated with renewed interest, and a stronger determination to make the Sabbath-school just what the Lord would have it be. May the Lord help us all to awake and be prepared to meet him in peace.

C. W. HEALD.

He "gave to every man his work."

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DES MOINES, IOWA, NOV. 14, 1899.

—ELD. J. W. ADAMS met with the Knoxville church last Sabbath.

—BRO. JASPER WAYNE, of Charles City, was in Des Moines last Thursday.

—ELD. D. P. GAEDE has returned to Iowa, and is holding meetings at Dumfries.

—MISS INEZ V. GEORGE, of Salina, has entered the church school at Mt. Pleasant.

—BRO. S. B. KEPHART and family returned to Stuart last week from an overland trip to North-eastern Iowa, stopping at Des Moines Wednesday night.

—ELD. E. E. GARDNER attended the Sabbath-school convention at Weston, last Sabbath, filling the appointment for the President of the State Association.

—BRO. C. F. NELSON, of Exira, visited Des Moines over Sunday and Monday. His son, who has been at the Sanitarium for a few weeks past, returned with his father.

—MRS. C. F. STEVENS came from College View last week to visit at Knoxville. Following the meeting of the Conference Committee, Eld. Stevens joined her there.

—MISS MARY BUHALTS, of the Charles City tent company, returned to her home at West Grove, last week. Her Des Moines friends were favored with a call between trains.

—It was decided by the Scandinavian Conference that Eld. H. R. Johnson, who has been in charge of the city mission in Sioux City since its opening, change his field of labor to Dakota.

—ELD. S. F. SVENSSON, formerly a worker in Iowa, was among the attendants at the Scandinavian Conference. In returning to the East from Sioux City, he visited at Stuart, and made a brief call between trains at Des Moines.

—MARRIED.—At the home of the bride's parents, near Parkersburg, Mr. O. O. Petersen and Miss Anna M. Peterson, Bro. P. A. Hansen performing the ceremony. One hundred twenty-five were present, and partook of a bountiful dinner. The BULLETIN joins with other friends in extending congratulations.

—THE following resolution passed at the late General Conference Council is one of special import to Iowa: "That Mrs. L. Flora Plummer be appointed Corresponding Secretary of the International Tract Society, to devote her attention, under the auspices of the General Conference, to the interest of the Reading-Circle work." For a number of months plans leading to the above action have been in contemplation. Sister Plummer has accepted the position, at the same time resigning her office as Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Department of the Iowa Conference. While by this change she will not be able to devote her efforts so exclusively and directly to our State work, we may be assured that in taking the general oversight of the same line of work, thus entering a broader field, she will not slight its interests in Iowa. She retains her office as Conference Secretary, probably remaining in Des Moines for a time.

—ARRANGEMENTS were made with the publishers to mail to each of the editors in our State a marked copy of the Harvest Number of the *Signs*, at the earliest date possible. This issue has thus found its way into over 1,100 printing offices; and by its attractive appearance will surely arrest attention and elicit favorable mention by way of extracts or otherwise in many instances. We trust that by this means alone thousands of homes may be reached.

—BRO. H. L. STENBERG, of Luton, and Miss Ida Pines, of Boone, were united in marriage last Tuesday evening, Nov. 7. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride, Eld. Clarence Santee officiating. We wish for them increased happiness and usefulness in the cause to which their lives have been devoted.

—BRO. C. W. SMOUSE writes that the church school at Mt. Pleasant is progressing nicely, and speaks especially of the interest taken in the sewing class. They have room for at least ten more pupils.

—MISS HATTIE DAWSON, of Grundy Center, has lately become a member of the nurses' class at the Sanitarium; also E. Swap, of Des Moines, and Louis Noggle, of Marshalltown.

—A NEW edition of "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation" is just out, in cloth binding, which sells for \$1.00. For sale at this Office.

—MRS. F. W. PATTERSON, of this city, is visiting in Corydon.

—BRO. W. L. MANFULL spent last Sabbath with the Sandyville church.

—BRO. J. W. DORCAS left Des Moines the first of the week for Sioux City, to have the direction of our city mission work there this winter.

—BRO. ADOLPH PFEIFFER, after nearly six years of faithful service on the BULLETIN, as compositor, has decided to enter another line of work, and will take a business course in one of the colleges in this city. In his stead, the services of Bro. Edwin H. Wilbur, of the Review and Herald Office, have been secured. He has had considerable experience as a printer, and comes highly recommended.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS.

AMONG other matters of importance coming before the Conference Committee at its recent session, the following are of general interest:—

Since a District Conference is to be held at College View, Neb., in the near future, and it is thought that many of our Conference laborers will want to attend that Conference, it was decided that the appointment of a State meeting, to be held at some place in our State, Dec. 19 to 24, be withdrawn.

As Sister L. Flora Plummer has resigned her position as Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Department of the Iowa Conference, Sister Jessie L. Adams was appointed to take up this work until our next annual State Conference.

C. F. STEVENS, Sec.

APPOINTMENTS.

BURLINGTON, Nov. 24—26, 1899.

This meeting will take the place of the quarterly meeting, and the friends there will please prepare to celebrate the ordinances. Will all the members of the church please report in person or by letter? The first meeting may be appointed for Friday, at 7 P. M.

C. A. WASHBURN.

THE Lord willing, Eld. L. Johnson and Bro. H. L. Henricksen will visit our Scandinavian churches in Southwestern Iowa, as follows:—

Jacksonville,	Nov. 24—28, 1899.
Shelby,	" 29, 30, "
Elkhorn,	Dec. 1—5, "
Exira,	" 6—11, "

This will be a rare opportunity of meeting with these brethren, and we trust that God's precious blessing will be present in all the meetings.

E. G. OLSEN.