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THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The week of prayer will soon be here, and this is another reminder that the year is almost gone. The century that has marked all the grand achievements that are in themselves tokens of the end, will also pass with the closing year. The religious world is making broad plans for a decided advance with the ushering in of a new century. I am satisfied that they little know what their advance steps mean, and we are not awake to the changes that this increased activity will bring to us. If we were, we would use these moments of peace so differently from what we often do.

God has said, "Those professed believers who come up to the time of trouble unprepared, will in their despair confess their sins before all, in words of burning anguish, while the wicked exult over their distress. The case of all such is hopeless. . . . Those who have delayed a preparation for the day of God, can not obtain it in the time of trouble, or at any future period."—*Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 1, p. 123.* (This time of trouble is not the little time of trouble just before Christ ceases his work as High Priest, but the one after Christ leaves the sanctuary.—See same page.) God has said that we are now in the time of trouble just preceding the closing of Christ's work, when every case

must be made right, or left behind. "We need not say, 'The perils of the last days are soon to come upon us.' Already they have come."—*Special Testimonies No. 11, p. 12.* Then how doubly necessary it is that we see that our robes of character are spotless now. It is not a matter of a few weeks or months that is to be decided, but it is eternal life, and an eternal home, where there will be no more wandering to and fro, with "no certain dwelling place."

Then shall we not get everything prepared so that we can enjoy the blessing of God in the coming week of prayer, and enter the coming century, with its closing struggle,—which will be brief but sharp,—confident that "the eternal God" is our refuge, and that "underneath are the everlasting arms"? Dear brethren and sisters, shall we not see to it that no grudge rests in our hearts, no dark spots in our experience? It is not the unfounded grudge given up that marks us victors, but the yielding up of that which was founded upon actual injustice done to us. Look to your honesty in dealing with God and with your fellow men, and the condition of your hearts before God; and though the coming year may bring even greater changes than the past one has recorded.—vast as they have been,—yet with confidence we can say: "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

CLARENCE SANTEE.

"RELIGION should be to every man not merely a creed, but an experience; not a restraint, but an inspiration; not an insurance for the next world, but a program for the present world."

THE CHARACTER AND SPIRIT OF SATAN.

"AND the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan;" and, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth; . . . for the Devil is come down unto you, having great wrath." Rev. 12:9, 12. There is now going on, and has been for nearly six thousand years, a great conflict between Christ, in the person of his followers, and Satan, in the person of his.—*Great Controversy, p. 518.* Our service is being rendered for one or the other of these two generals; for no man can serve two masters at the same time. Matt. 6:24. It is true that we can "honor God only as we have a right conception of his character, government, and purposes."—*Great Controversy, p. 593.* It is equally true that we can resist Satan only so far as we have a right conception of his character, government, and purposes. The character of Christ is fully portrayed in Ex. 34:6, 7.—*Great Controversy, p. 495, par. 4; p. 669, par. 3.* Our aim now is to study the character and spirit of our great "adversary, the Devil." 1 Pet. 5:8. This can be done by considering his manner of work.

Satan is displaying his power in a special manner in these last days, Rev. 16:14. He is preparing his deceptions, that in his last campaign against God and his people they may not understand that it is he.—*Testimonies, Vol. 1, p. 341.* How does he accomplish this great feat? The Lord speaking through his servant Paul says: "For the adversary himself transforms himself into an angel of light." 2 Cor. 11:14. *Emphatic Diaglott.* See also "Great Controversy," pp. 588, 624. For fear that we shall become acquainted with his devices ("Great Controversy" p. 516), Satan employs every possible device to prevent

men from obtaining a knowledge of the Bible; for its plain utterances reveal his deceptions. And "so closely will the counterfeit resemble the true (that is, so closely will the work of Satan resemble the work of God), that it will be impossible to distinguish between them except by the Holy Scriptures."—*Great Controversy*, p. 593. Thus we see he is a counterfeiter and that his work is based upon deception. (Compare Rev. 12:9 and 13:11-14.) His subjects do as he does (John 8:44); and although they render him faithful service, he torments them (Luke 13:16; 9:42); yes, he goes farther yet, he leads parents to do him homage by sacrificing their own children to him. 2 Chron. 28:3; Ps. 106:37.

Again, we find that Satan instills his subjects with a murderous spirit, leading them on to their own destruction. His skill in marshalling the hosts, and instilling this sanguinary spirit, can be seen in the great preparations for war to-day. In all this he purposes to lead both sides, and thus satisfy his own desire in the death of his servants. This is murder in the first degree, for which death is the penalty. (Compare Rev. 16:14, and 19:17-21.) Although Satan is marshalling the hosts in this murderous work, his presence is not visible. We find, however, that in his last attempt to shed blood he will appear in person, and lead his van against Christ and his people. "He represents himself to his deluded subjects as a redeemer, assuring them that his power has brought them forth from their graves." "He proposes to lead them against the camp of the saints, and to take possession of the city of God." Satan and his angels "declare that the army within the city is small in comparison with theirs, and that it can be overcome." He, "the mightiest of warriors, leads the van."—*Great Controversy*, pp. 663, 664.

H. B. TILDEN.

A LETTER.

My daughter and I are now fairly settled in Tallapoosa, Georgia, and like it here very much. It is a fine city, and to all appearances a very healthy place, also a good place to work for the cause. There are no Sabbath-keepers here, and no lectures have ever been held. Can not some good preacher come down to this place this winter and hold a course of lectures? I think a church can be secured for that purpose. We want a man who is not afraid to come, one

who is willing to work in God's way. Please study up the work of the South in the writings of Sister White; and then come filled with the Spirit of God and the message for the southern field. Think of it,—a city with several thousand people, and about half of them from the northern States! Why have fifteen or twenty preachers in Iowa, and none in Tallapoosa? Come down here and live on sweet potatoes and salt, some of you young men, and preach the last message to this people. Do not all go to Africa when there is a place nearer home that is not filled. Who will respond to this call? Do not all begin to make excuses. Who will say, "Lord send me"? F. H. CHAPMAN.

[If there are any who can answer this call, they should correspond with the Conference Committee.]

MORAVIA.

A GOODLY number were in attendance at the services held Sabbath, Nov. 18, at the Moravia church. After the Sabbath-school, which was called at 12 o'clock, a short service followed and the ordinances were celebrated. The Holy Spirit came in, and many hearts were made to rejoice. It was a feast to my soul, and would to God that none of our dear brethren and sisters would rest until they have the witness within their hearts. I know that God is working in a wonderful manner on all who are willing to yield to his teachings. The lives of all must witness for Christ. My courage is good. Soon Jesus will appear on that beautiful white cloud. Are we ready for him? Now is the time to get ready. Another day may never come. Now is the accepted time. A. J. IDEN.

HOW TO GROW.

GAIN comes in the effort to give, rather than in the effort to get. Muscular power comes through the use of the muscles in honest exertion, in struggles for the mastery, or in endeavors to help others, not through extra doses of any special nourishment that is warranted to increase muscular vigor. So mental power grows through speaking and writing, through endeavor to make truth clear to others, not through mere reading, or studying, or the effort to fill the mind so as to have it full. Spiritual power increases through the exercise of spiritual power, not through the desire to gain in spiritual power. The power to love grows through loving

more and more, not through a desire to love more, far less through the desire to be loved. The power to get and the power to give come by giving rather than by getting. Self is helped only by forgetting self.—*S. S. Times*.

"God employs various agencies in preparing his people to stand in the great crises before us. . . . The *Sentinel* has been in God's order, one of the voices sounding the alarm, that the people might hear, and realize their danger, and do the work required of them at the present time. . . . When light is presented, it is their duty not only to receive it but to pass it along, adding their influence in its favor, that its full force may be felt in the church and the world. The *Sentinel* is like a trumpet giving a certain sound; and all our people should read it carefully, and then send it to some relative or friend, thus putting to the best use the light that God has given them."

OBITUARY.

VOSBURG.—Died near Leonium, Iowa, Oct. 24, 1899, John J. Vosburg, aged 76 years, 6 months, and 11 days.

Those who were his neighbors and friends knew his worth, and their presence and deep sympathy were expressive of his worth as a true and honorable man. He was kind and charitable, willing always to help every worthy cause and person in need. He was a true companion, a loving father, a brother of real worth, and a neighbor highly esteemed, honest and just in all his dealings with his fellow men. He never united with any church, but was a firm believer in the Holy Book. He made a profession of faith in God, and accepted the seventh day as the Sabbath, a short time before his death, and talked of his religious hope to the members of his family, which was a great comfort to them. He leaves to mourn seven children, all of whom were present at his deathbed, also three brothers and one sister.

[Taken by request from the *Gazette Express*.]

HAHN.—Harry Leon Hahn fell asleep in Jesus at Bertram, Iowa, Nov. 7, 1899.

His death was caused by a complication of chronic malaria and typhoid and brain fever. Although only nine years old, little Harry has been for several years a worker for Jesus. Nothing pleased him better than to have some tracts and papers to sell or

give away. He never spent a penny for himself. He always said, "It is for Jesus." He used to study the Bible with the neighbors, they reading the texts as he told them where to find them; and such an impression was made upon their hearts as to move them to tears. He used to get his playmates together and tell them about Jesus and how to get ready for his coming. While delirious he asked several times to have his hands washed, and when asked why, he repeated the stanza beginning, "I washed my hands this morning." Little children, let us all give our hands and our pennies to Jesus. Some may think this is too much, but little Harry was contented and happy.

MINNIE HAHN.

BALDWIN.—Died at her home in Eddyville, November 29, 1899, of consumption of the stomach, Mrs. Mary E. Baldwin, aged sixty-five years.

Sister Baldwin was formerly a Baptist. In the year 1886, under the labors of Eld. A. P. Heacock and Matthew Larson, she accepted the doctrines taught by the Seventh-day Adventists, and continued in this faith until her death. The funeral services were held in the M. E. church, conducted by Eld. J. W. Adams, assisted by the M. E. minister, Rev. W. F. Gilmore. A large number were present.

MAGGIE WATKINS.

THE BOOK WORK.

ENCOURAGING TESTIMONIES.

PEARL D. BASCOM, INDEPENDENCE: "Strong prejudice exists in the town where I worked last week, and still stronger where I shall work next week; but I want to be faithful in presenting the truth, and desire your prayers, that there may be a power in my witnessing for Jesus."

MR. AND MRS. H. B. TILDEN, GRINNELL: "With God's help we will spend the time as it comes to us, moment by moment, day by day, in such a way as shall best advance the truth which he hath caused to shine into our hearts. May the Lord help us to be thoroughly consecrated for the work to which he has called us."

EDWARD EVERETT, OCHEYEDAN: "I am apparently not having very brilliant success, but we can not judge as to results, but leave that part in the hands of the Master. All I need to fear is that through some neglect or lack of mine his work may suffer.

I meet with some encouragement. I called at one place where there was a young man who is a very earnest student. His parents ordered 'Daniel and the Revelation' for him, and I thought I might get him to subscribe for the *Signs*. I found that he had already sent in his order for it, which showed that the book had led him to become interested and to seek for more light."

"As God's human agents we are to do the work he has given us. To every man he has given his work, and we are not going to give ourselves up to the conjecture as to whether or not our earnest endeavors will prove successful. All that we as individuals are responsible for is the unwearied, conscientious discharge of duty that some one must do; and if we fail to do that which is placed in our way, we can not be excused of God. But having done the best we can, we are to leave all the results with God."

"THE Christian worker has nothing to do with convincing men and women that they are sinners. The Holy Spirit is the only power that can reprove men so that they will be convinced of sin."

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 24, 1899.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Susan Haskell.....	15	5	\$5.00	\$.40
Nettie E. Brown.....	14	5	5.00	
Pearl D. Bascom.....	26	6	5.75	.50
H. B. Tilden.....	35	10	10.00	1.75
Mrs. H. B. Tilden.....	9	1	1.00	.25
P. W. Atkinson.....	38	3	3.00	1.75
Belle Rame.....	..	2	2.00	
Carl Rasmussen.....	28	7	7.00	1.35
J. S. Fry.....	27	10	10.00	4.70
Burton Church.....	16			1.00
A. J. Scott.....		2	2.00	
HERALDS OF THE MORNING.				
Lloyd Manfull.....		6	\$7.50	\$10.50
MISCELLANEOUS.				
H. F. Lamb.....	8	6	\$16.45	
DANIEL AND REVELATION AND COMING KING.				
Edward Everett.....	29	3	\$5.50	\$2.05
DELIVERIES.				
	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
Cora Quinn.....	18	\$18.00	\$15.25	6
Belle Rame.....	42	42.50	20.00	2
Dora Rasmussen.....	32	22.00	12.00	5
Edward Everett.....	3	5.50		0
Lloyd Manfull.....	31	39.00		1
J. S. Fry.....	11	11.00		0
Pearl D. Bascom.....	1	1.00		0
A. J. Scott.....	58	58.00		2

SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	16
" " orders.....	66
Value of ".....	\$80.20
" " helps sold.....	\$71.50
Total value.....	\$151.70
Value of deliveries.....	\$197.00

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

CONVENTION REPORTS.

MRS. UNA CARTWRIGHT, PILOT MOUND: "October 22 was the date of our convention. We believe the Lord blessed us in this our second effort of the kind, as we endeavored to find the best methods of teaching his Word; of impressing its truths on the minds of others, both old and young; and of gaining a better and greater experience in the work. We were glad to have Eld. E. E. Gardner with us, and greatly appreciated his words of suggestion and comfort. The attendance was good, especially at the afternoon session. Visitors took part in the discussion, and altogether we had a profitable and enjoyable time. The papers to be read were all in but one, and this was supplied by another subject, 'Teachers and Their Work.' The singing was good, and the children's praise service instructive."

MRS. DEBBY TUCKER, OSAGE: "We held our Sabbath-school convention Nov. 4. The attendance was not large. Some visitors were present. The program was carried out very nicely. Each one seemed to do all he could to make it a success, and all showed an interest to discuss the different subjects. The children took an active part in the song service, and each repeated a verse of Scripture,—a psalm of praise. One of our elderly sisters sang a beautiful hymn. We were sorry the friends from Floyd and Nora Springs could not be with us; but the Spirit of the Lord was present, and we were drawn closer to each other. We feel that God blessed our effort, and we hope and pray for his guidance and blessing through life."

LULA MILLER, FONTANELLE: "At our convention two sessions were held, and the program sent out was used, with some additional songs and exercises. The papers were all well written, and each one took an active part in the work assigned him. Nearly all present took part in relating some personal experience of good received in the Sabbath-school. A number of visitors were present. The convention closed with the song, 'Hold Fast Till I Come.'"

"We should live such consecrated lives that when the sinner wants to see Jesus, he will find him in us."

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DES MOINES, IOWA, DEC. 5, 1899.

—REMEMBER the week of prayer, December 23-30.

—DR. JOHN HARE, of Waverly, Neb., visited the Sanitarium last Tuesday.

—BRO. N. L. McCLINTOCK and his son Arthur are holding cottage meetings at Weston.

—ELD. H. M. J. RICHARDS, writing from Loveland, Colo., sends "best wishes to all the dear brethren and sisters," and says that "Iowa is still home."

—MRS. J. S. HART is now acting as matron of the Lincoln City Mission. She writes that she is enjoying the work, and that her health is much improved.

—ELD. D. P. GAEDE, who has been holding meetings at Dumfries, has gone to attend the meeting for our German workers held at Otis, Kansas, Dec. 7-17.

—GOOD reports come from those engaging in the sale of the Harvest Number of the *Signs*. The last supply received at this Office are dated Dec. 6, and this will enable our workers to continue the circulation of this paper for a still longer time.

—FORTY-THREE of the poor children of this city were treated to a bountiful dinner Thanksgiving Day at the church schoolrooms. These children were gathered in by the older members of our school, who also served the dinner under the superintendence of the teachers.

—BRO. F. L. MOODY and wife brought their little daughter Florence to the Sanitarium last Wednesday. On the day following an operation was performed for tuberculosis of the small bone in the lower part of the leg. The entire bone had to be removed. She is doing finely at the present time.

—DOUBTLESS many of our readers have read in the last *General Conference Bulletin* the recommendation that Bro. C. J. Buhalts labor in the Manitoba mission field. While we realize that this calls from Iowa an efficient worker, we are pleased to know that arrangements have been made for him to remain in our State until spring. As stated last week, he will engage in city mission work in Sioux City during the winter.

—WE call attention to the effort that is now being made by the International Tract Society to reach a class of people for whom little has hitherto been done. There are about two hundred thousand blind persons in the United States, and yet not one religious paper is in circulation among them. Of late quite a number of tracts have been printed for them by our denomination, and now a monthly journal of about ten pages, called the *Christian Record*, will soon be published. Are there any of our Iowa people who wish to assist in this work for the blind? The paper will necessarily be a missionary enterprise, largely supported by contributions. It may be that you are acquainted with blind people who could subscribe for the paper. If there are those who are too poor to do so, can you not order it for them and pay the subscription price, \$1.50 for one year? Subscriptions for the paper or orders for the tracts may be directed to this Office. Donations to help carry forward this line of work will be very acceptable.

—"THE Battle Hymn of the Kingdom" is the title of a beautiful little booklet issued by the Pacific Press Pub. Co. Its subject matter is a stirring poem, every stanza of which is illustrated by a full-page half-tone engraving. The bindings are neat and attractive, the cover design being wrought in gold, silver, and green. We especially call the attention of those wishing to purchase holiday gifts to this little volume. Prices: Cloth, gilt top, 50 cents; Leatherette, plain edge, 25 cents. Address orders to this Office.

—MISS AMELIA ZIPP, M. D., formerly of Council Bluffs, is now in the employ of the Wisconsin Conference as State physician. She has been making a tour among the churches organizing Christian help bands, but expects to locate at Milwaukee for her winter's work.

—WE are now ready to fill orders for the new edition of "Desire of Ages." Prices: Cloth, \$1.50; Russia, \$2.00; Library, \$2.00.

—THE new edition of "Daniel and the Revelation" in cloth binding, which retails for \$1.00, is for sale at this Office.

—"FAITH is the only anchor that can hold the life steady in the midst of its storms and distractions."

—MRS. M. E. PERRY has recently removed from Burlington to this city.

—THE publishers of the *Missionary Magazine* inform us that they can no longer furnish the October and November numbers to subscribers, and that all future orders must begin with the December number.

DONATIONS TO HASKELL HOME AND JAMES WHITE MEMORIAL HOME, COLLECTION OF OCTOBER 7, 1899.

Adel	\$ 1.98	Kelley	3.25
Afton	3.85	Ladoga	2.00
Albany .....	.34	Laurens .....	.25
Albaton .....	.25	Le Claire .....	.97
Algona	4.10	Liberty Center ..	1.78
Alexander	10.00	Libertyville	4.48
Ames	4.64	Lisbon	3.77
Arlington .....	.25	Marshalltown	8.00
Atalissa .....	.45	Massena .....	.73
Atlantic	1.02	Middletown	1.12
Audubon	1.06	Milford	4.02
Beaman	2.53	Modale	5.57
Birmingham	3.20	Monroe	1.28
Bladensburg .....	.56	Montezuma	2.00
Blencoe	1.97	Mt. Pleasant	11.34
Bluff Creek	1.71	Muscatine	2.29
Bonaparte .....	.54	Nevada	7.48
Boone	4.65	Nora Springs .....	.85
Brighton .....	.80	Norway	1.34
Britian .....	.27	Ochevedan .....	.40
Burlington	3.82	Ogden .....	.35
Castana	2.20	Olin	6.40
Cedar Falls	1.60	Onawa	3.70
Cedar Rapids .....	.34	Osage .....	.49
Centerville	2.00	Osceola	1.80
Cherokee	1.20	Parkersburg	10.55
Clarinda	2.18	Perry	2.80
Confidence .....	.55	Pilot Mound	4.38
Coon Rapids .....	.69	Red Oak	5.35
Council Bluffs	4.41	Riverton	2.73
Creston	1.40	Ruthven	16.87
Croton .....	.66	Russell	1.70
Darbyville	1.37	Sargeant Bluff	1.90
Davenport	2.72	Shelby	2.93
David S. S.	1.00	Spirit Lake	4.12
Davis City	1.41	Storm Lake	2.46
Delmar	1.92	Stuart	3.00
Denmark	1.09	Sutherland	8.65
Des Moines	23.33	Sutherland	1.25
Dubuque	1.00	Sandyville	6.54
Dunlap	1.10	Sharpsburg	2.35
Eddyville	1.85	Sioux City	6.80
Elk Horn	7.66	Sheldon	1.89
Estherville	2.18	Thayer .....	.50
Eureka	2.58	Traer	2.67
Exira	4.45	Urbana .....	.35
Fairfield	3.76	Waverly	1.50
Fayette .....	.10	Winterset	5.59
Fredericksburg	1.00	Woodburn	2.70
Glenwood	3.66	Weston	4.00
Graettinger	11.79	West Grove .....	.48
Grant City	4.36	Williamson .....	.50
Grinnell	1.69	Wood .....	.50
Grundy Center .....	.50	Wadena .....	.47
Harlan	3.17	Joel Wing and family .....	.45
Hartley	9.21	E. M. Pierce	1.00
Hawkeye	3.80		
Iowa City	3.50		
Jacksonville	12.94	Total	\$361.01

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

WANTED.—To buy a small farm of forty acres, little more or less, or to rent for the coming year. Please address C. T. Buhalts, West Grove, Iowa.

FOR SALE.—Twenty acres of land suitable for fruit, garden, or poultry farm, three miles north of Des Moines. Easy terms. Address WORKERS' BULLETIN.