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FAITH.

FAITH is a grasping of almighty power,
The hand of man laid on the arm of God—
The grand and blessed hour
In which the things impossible to me
Become the possible, O Lord, through thee.
—Anna E. Hamilton.

FROM BATTLE CREEK.

BRO. SISLEY has just received a letter from Eld. F. L. Mead, of Matabele, stating that they are all well, but that they are shut off from the world, and that everything is getting very high. You will remember that he reported through the *Review* that he had bought quite a large supply of corn, hoping to sell it soon, but that owing to the war they could not dispose of it. Perhaps the Lord has taken this means of supplying them now while they are hemmed in. We are glad that the report of Eld. Mead's death is untrue.

A large sanitarium is now being built here near the one owned by our people. This makes me sad. It will no doubt cripple the work of our plant unless our Sanitarium brethren live very close to the Lord. If they do so, it will not hurt our work. The saddest part is that, we are told, the Spirit of Prophecy has said, the Lord would never have allowed this rival institution to have been built, if our people had faithfully followed the Lord in our own. It has been ever thus. The Lord can do so little of what he

would do for us, because of our failures.

There are some changes to be made among the laborers again this year, which will no doubt be reported as soon as the brethren on the Committee have arranged for all the field.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

IMPORTANT WORK.

WE have professed to believe for years that the third angel's message is ours to proclaim before the coming of the Saviour. We have advocated that the time will come when the United States will repudiate the principles of liberty and become a persecuting power. Men have said that that could never be. But time has demonstrated many problems to the satisfaction of all reasonable minds. It has wrought out many prophecies. It has tested the inventions of men, and buried in oblivion many systems of error. Time has established certain facts in connection with the third angel's message calculated to increase our faith in its speedy triumph.

Brother, sister, we are not to lose sight of our work now; and no one will who reads each week the important matter contained in the *American Sentinel*, warning men of the danger into which they are drifting. Let none think that Satan is idle. There never was a time when he was more busy than now; "because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

The Lord has told us that the third angel's message is to be the burden of our warning, and the religious liberty work is an important factor in this message. Shall there not be a unified move in behalf of freedom's cause? Satan is artfully planning his campaign for the last great struggle, to bring God's people into trying places. Sunday laws were never

talked of more than now. It is thought that Sunday laws would be an antidote for earth's ills, but nothing could be more deceptive than this idea. Silently the furnaces are being filled with fagots ready to start the fires of persecution and trial which await those who obey the law of their God. But a victorious company will stand at last on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. May the reader and writer join by and by with all the faithful, in singing the song of Moses and the Lamb.

I. F. STARR.

SOME REASONS WHY WE SHOULD TAKE THE BEREAN STUDY.

1. How should the Bible be studied?

The Word of God should be *thoroughly* studied. All other reading is inferior to this.—*Gospel Workers*.

2. By whom shall it be studied?

We must study the truth for ourselves. No man should be relied upon to think for us, no matter who he is, or in what position he may be placed.—*G. W.*

3. Why should all study it?

We should all know what is being taught among us; for if it is truth, we need to know it. The Sabbath-school teacher needs to know it, and every Sabbath-school scholar ought to understand it. We are under obligations to God to understand what he sends us.—*G. W.*

4. Why is it so necessary that all should know for themselves?

Those who have not been in the habit of searching the Bible for themselves, or weighing the evidence, have confidence in the leading men and accept the decisions they make, and thus many will reject the very message God sends to his people, if these leading brethren do not accept it.—*G. W.*

5. Can simply reading the Bible establish us in the truth?

It is hard study, hard toil, persevering diligence that will obtain the victories. Waste no hours; waste no moments. Those who wish for strong minds can gain them by diligence. The mind increases in power and efficiency by use. It becomes strong by hard thinking.—*Appeal for Missions.*

6. What study is best for intellectual culture?

The perusal of works upon our faith, the reading of arguments from the pen of others, while an excellent and important practice, is *not* that which will give the mind the greatest strength. The *Bible* is the *best book* in the world for intellectual culture.—*G. W.*

7. What should take the place of popular books?

The study of God's Word is to take the place of the study of books that have lead minds away from the truth.—*G. W.*

8. What is greatly needed just at this time?

A revival in Bible study is needed throughout the world. Attention is to be called, not to the assertions of men, but to the Word of God. As this is done, a mighty work will be wrought.—*G. W.*

9. When we awake to our privileges, to whom may we be compared?

O that those who minister in holy things would awake, and like the noble Bereans, search the Scriptures daily.—*G. W.*

[Arranged by DELLA WALLACE.]

FIELD REPORTS.

SANDYVILLE CHURCH SCHOOL.

We opened the school in the church Oct. 9, 1899, with Sister Martha Young as teacher, and twenty-one scholars enrolled. A term of four and one-half months was held, closing with entire satisfaction to all concerned. We feel that Sister Young did all that she could under the circumstances, and was untiring in her efforts, although working under disadvantages. If we are not able to secure her another winter, we would recommend her to any others wanting a teacher. Acting in accordance with the Testimony of the Spirit of God, realizing that when he speaks we should act, we started out. We believe that it will prove a blessing to any church that will likewise move out in this direction. Including all our expenses the average for each scholar was 95 cents, which was less

than we expected, and proves that this is not necessarily an expensive enterprise. We feel greatly encouraged, and expect even better results in the future.

A. FERGUSON, *Elder.*

EAST CONCORD.

I HAVE been here one week. Every night brings a better attendance; our house is full. These people are mostly Baptists, and they are very kind and sociable. They are not much prejudiced against truth, but are searching for evidence. The faithful brethren and sisters of the Woodburn church, as well as good friends of the cause outside, have done all in their power to make the meeting a success. If it is a failure, they will surely not be to blame. I am obliged to stop for a few nights on account of the condition of my health, but will soon be ready for the battle again. Think of us.

Woodburn, Iowa.

CHAS. A. HANSEN.

COLO AND BEAMAN.

AFTER closing the meetings at the schoolhouse four miles east of Colo, I visited the Beaman church, and held ten evening meetings, staying with them over two Sabbaths. The attendance from the town was good, and many seemed to appreciate the message presented. I am now holding meetings in the Christian church at Colo. The attendance is not very large, but some good listeners come regularly. The Christian people gave up their Wednesday evening prayer meeting for our meetings; and they use the church only on Sunday, and that two weeks apart. The people are friendly, and some are desirous of hearing the words of life and the message for this time. We hope and pray that some souls may be set free by the truth of Jesus, and be saved when he comes.

HENRY JOHNSON.

GLENWOOD.

ACCORDING to appointment Eld. J. S. Hart met with us Friday evening, March 23, and Sabbath, also several evenings following, speaking seven times. Truly God sent his servant here with a message intended to arouse us to sense the times in which we now live. The wonderful wisdom of our loving heavenly Father was so plain. The particular instruction we needed was delivered to us in such a touching manner as to melt many hearts to a desire to live up to the re-

quirements of a just and holy law. Practical duties were presented; such as, missionary work, beginning in our own homes, by being kind, loving, and helpful to each other, each member having a part to act in the daily work, doing it well; the proper observance of the Sabbath; and last, but not least, the tithing, or returning to God his own, only one-tenth of all he has loaned to us. We as God's building, if we will be fitted into well-shaped timbers, will when framed together make a good building. If not well fitted, we will be useless. Good seed has been sown in this place. May we faithfully cultivate it, that it may grow in our whole being and reflect the image of God to the world. Bro. H. A. Owen, late from Honduras, is with us these first days of April, and will tell us something of that country and its people.

MRS. M. C. LEE.

A SERMON's length is not its strength.—*Spurgeon.*

OBITUARY.

HANNA.—On the morning of March 24, at 8 o'clock, Bro. Joseph G. Hanna passed this life and went to rest, waiting the Lifegiver's call to a better life, having lived 67 years and 8 days.

Bro. Hanna was born in Carroll county, Indiana, March 16, 1833. He came to Iowa in 1849, and settled two and one-half miles west of Bladensburg, where he spent the rest of his mortal life. He leaves a wife and three dear children to mourn a loss which none on earth can fill. During his long sickness he was never heard to complain or murmur, but was resigned to his Master's will. He was heard to say at different times during his suffering, "O how glad I am that I gave all to God and accepted the light when he sent it to me!" He rests in hope. Words of comfort were read to the bereaved and to a large concourse of friends, who assembled to take a parting look and pay their last respects. As the precious word was read, and the goodness of our Father and his care for his children were brought fresh to the mind, the troubled and careworn expression gave place to that of the blessed hope born of God, on the tear-dimmed faces of the mourners. May the word read in memory of the dead be our joy through life, and in death's hour may we be comforted by these words: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

WM. GUTHRIE.

THE BOOK WORK.

TESTIMONIES FROM THE CANVASSERS.

O. C. HAUGHSTED: When I came I did not expect that the school would do me much good, as I am not well qualified in the English tongue; but I have been much benefited by learning what messengers of God, as his representatives, should be before those who know him not. Brn. E. E. Gardner and W. L. Manfull have given us from the Word of God and his Testimony such instruction as will by faith make us acceptable workers for God. I would advise all, both old and young, to improve these opportunities.

PHEBE VOSBURGH: This is my first experience at a canvassers' school. I feel that it is a good place to be. I have received much of the rich blessing of God. I believe that the canvassing work is an important branch, and hope to be able to place our good books in the homes of many this summer.

MR. AND MRS. H. B. TILDEN: Knowing that our brethren and sisters are interested in our school, which is evident by their hearty support, we wish to say that we are very thankful for the privilege of attending. To serve God from principle has been the burden of the instruction.

W. W. MARKEL: I am thankful for the privilege of being a member of the canvassers' school. I have received much benefit from the truths taught, and wish more of our young people would grasp such opportunities of receiving a preparation to work in the Lord's vineyard.

CORA B. COUNTRYMAN: It is with my heart filled with gratitude to the Lord that I now testify to his great love in permitting me to attend the canvassers' school this winter. I feel that I have learned many precious lessons, and my greatest desire is to make them a part of my daily life.

MARY HASKELL: I do indeed praise God for this privilege. As I go into the field I want to carry with me the principles received in the good instruction given us here, that those with whom I come in contact may see that I have been a learner in the school of Christ.

ARTHUR RHOADS: On our journey homeward, we have been strengthened by tarrying a few weeks beside the still waters, where all was peace and harmony.

L. ALTON JUNE: I have experienced much of the blessing of God while attending this school, and feel that God has been our teacher. That each one of us may go into his vineyard to faithfully labor in love for him, is my prayer.

PETER JACOBSEN: It was my privilege to attend only the latter part of the school; but I am better prepared to work for my Master this summer, and I believe that the school has been a success.

NELLE SCHOBURG: I thank God for the blessings I have received since coming here. I know that his sacred presence has been with us in a marked manner. I desire to be an earnest worker for him.

CARL BAUER: I did not have the privilege of attending the school during the entire session, but am glad that I could be present for a short time. Coming from Union College, I found the same good spirit here.

CORA QUINN: I am grateful for the many blessings received here. It is my earnest desire to go out and warn the people of the soon coming of our Saviour.

SUSAN HASKELL: I am so thankful for the precious lessons presented to us. I am of good courage, and my only desire is to be a faithful worker with God.

SPENCER E. WHEELER: I am very glad for the opportunities afforded at the school, and can say that I have been greatly benefited.

JULIA JOHNSON: I praise God for the privilege I have had of attending the school, and for the good instruction received.

LOCATION OF THE CANVASSERS.

THE canvassers' school closed yesterday, and the canvassers will soon be engaged in their respective fields of labor. May each one be strong and of good courage; for the Lord goes before. We give below the present address of each company:—

Susan Haskell and Nelle Schoburg, Ft. Dodge; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Tilden, Anamosa; Cora Quinn and Julia Johnson, Eddyville; Cora Davis and Phebe Vosburg, Pleasantville; Cora Countryman and Elsie Fulton, West Des Moines; Carrie Wallace, Ladoga; Mary Haskell, Newton; Orton C. Markel, Iowa City; Henry Baetke, J. P. Gaede, and Carl Bauer, Davenport; Louis Manfull and L. E. June, Marshalltown; Arthur Rhoads, Peter Jacobsen, and S. E. Wheeler, Charles City; O. C. Haughsted, Waukon.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE IOWA SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The following is the report for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1899:—

No. of schools.....	198
" " reporting.....	192
Present membership.....	3,806
Average attendance.....	2,487
No. of classes.....	384
Total contributions.....	\$719.59
Donations to missions.....	\$252.48
" " Haskell Home.....	\$96.40
" " Oakwood School.....	\$8.24
Special donations to Missions.....	\$18.71

The following are names of persons and schools donating to the Oakwood school during this quarter: Mina Shellburg, 35 cents; Fritz Shellburg, 10 cents; Una Shellburg, 8 cents; Alfred Shellburg, 6 cents; Nola Beardsley, 5 cents; Mrs. A. J. Wheeler, 47 cents; Libertyville, 19 cents; Frank, Mary, and Durl Meakins, \$1.00; Sioux City, \$3.33; Asher Weiss, 21 cents; Grinnell, 21 cents; Massena, 90 cents; Eddie Boam, 10 cents; Atalissa, 65 cents; Creston, 45 cents; Harry Leon Hahn, 9 cents.

MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS, Sec.

FROM THE SCHOOLS.

MARSHALLTOWN.—Your letter was received last week, and I am thankful for the kind interest you manifest in our school. I presented the plan to the school, and it was well received, if we can judge by the enthusiasm manifested in calls for the cards, until they were gone. I can see that the plan may be a great benefit if properly carried out. MRS. JULIA SANTEE.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.—I have just read your letter in the interests of the Sabbath-school work, and heartily approve of your plan. The cards you sent are certainly (when filled out) in themselves an encouraging invitation; and with a little personal work on the part of the workers, I do not see how this plan can fail to result in doing a vast amount of good. Truly, it seems to me that the Sabbath-school work affords the greatest opportunity to lead people, especially children, to see and accept Bible truth, and become church members. G. W. STAHL.

THE true Christian is like the sun, which pursues his noiseless track, and everywhere leaves the effects of his beams in blessing upon the world around him.—*Luther.*

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DES MOINES, IOWA, APRIL 3, 1900.

—BRO. W. E. PERRIN, of Monroe, was in Des Moines on business the first of the week.

—MRS. H. F. PHELPS and children, of this city, go this week to St. Paul, Minn., to spend the summer.

—REMEMBER that Sabbath, April 7, is the time for taking the collection for the Haskell Home and James White Memorial Home.

—BRO. CHAS. HEALD stopped at the Sanitarium last Thursday night, on his way from Libertyville to join the workers at Charles City.

—FOR some reason the *Review* club for this Office was not received last week. This is why we did not mail any to our Conference workers.

—QUARTERLY report blanks were sent in good time to all our local missionary secretaries and to the church clerks and treasurers. We ask these officers to fill out and return the same promptly.

—BRO. C. E. HAHN, of Bertram, made a pleasant call at the Sanitarium last Wednesday, while on his way to Missouri. His family go the first of this week, and will make that their future home, hoping thereby to be benefited healthwise.

—MARRIED.—At Parkersburg, Iowa, March 14, 1900, Mr. C. M. Eliason and Miss Anna K. Peterson, Eld. P. A. Hansen officiating. Nearly all the members of the Parkersburg church witnessed the ceremony. We wish the young couple a life full of happiness and joy.

—THE workers at Charles City are using many of our periodicals, distributing them at the depots, the post-office, and at their public meetings. They would like clean copies of the *Signs*, *Review*, *Life Boat*, *Good Health*, and *Youth's Instructor*. Please send postpaid to Eld. L. F. Trubey, Charles City, Iowa.

—MISS RUBY OWEN returned to her home at Battle Creek, Mich., the first of the week, after a successful term of church school work in this city. Quite a number of the older pupils have been obliged to leave school to engage in manual work, so it will be necessary to employ only one teacher for the spring term of two months.

—“THE GREAT EMPIRES OF PROPHECY,” by Eld. A. T. Jones, gives the history that is foretold in the prophecies of the great empires in the book of Daniel.—Babylon, Medo-Persia, Grecia, Rome, and the ten divisions of the Roman Empire. More than eighty standard historians and authorities are quoted, making the book a cyclopedia of history in fulfillment of the prophecies of the book of Daniel. As a book of reference for those studying the Berean lessons, we know of nothing better. It contains 712 large pages besides 22 full-page maps. Price, cloth binding, \$2.00. For sale at this Office.

—SISTER HENRY's tract for the W. C. T. U., the report of the religious liberty discussion in the W. C. T. U. convention, together with other matter bearing upon the same subject, has been reduced to about one-half its former size. This will greatly reduce the expense of circulating this important matter, besides making the tract more readable. It now contains only thirty pages, and the price has been reduced to 2 cents. Usual discount in lots of one hundred or more.

—THE synopsis of a discussion between Eld. Joe S. Warlick, of Joshua-Texas (Disciple), and Eld. Matthew Larson, of Hagerman, N. M., has been received at this Office. Four propositions were discussed, the Sabbath question being the leading point at issue. The discussion notes are put up in pamphlet form, and can be obtained from Bro. Larson at 30 cents per copy, postage prepaid.

—“CONSIDER it to be the greatest of infamy to prefer life to honor, and for the sake of living to lose the object of living.”

“THE PERIL OF THE REPUBLIC.”

THIS book, by Prof. Magan, is a book which contains information of importance to us now. The author sets forth some of the great events of the past; especially presents the meaning of the things that are transpiring around us; and, guided by the Word of God, he clearly presents the events which are yet to take place. The following are some of the chapter headings: A Nation's Birthright, The Curse of '61, A Chapter in Criminal History, American Imperialism, National Apostasy, Manifest Destiny, In the Trail of Rome, Amity or Armageddon.
L. F. STARR.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

MRS. E. MOORE, of Hawleyville, came March 26, to obtain relief at the Sanitarium.

BRO. J. E. WELCH, of College View, has been employed as engineer, and began work yesterday.

BRO. AND SISTER C. TUTTLE, of Mt. Etna, have been numbered among the patients since last Monday.

BRO. AND SISTER F. L. SMITH go today to Marshalltown, having been obliged to discontinue the nurses' course for a time on account of Sister Smith's health.

APPOINTMENTS.

PROVIDENCE permitting I will meet with the church at Fontanelle, April 7, 8, the first service to be held Friday evening. A general attendance is desired.
C. F. STEVENS.

BLADENSBURG,	April 9-16,	1900.
Libertyville,	“ 17-19,	“
Croton,	“ 20-22,	“
Bonaparte,	“ 27-29,	“
Fairfield,	April 30 to May 1,	“
Denmark,	May 4-6,	“
New London,	“ 7, 8,	“

The friends at these places may appoint meetings to commence on the evening of the first date.

C. A. WASHBURN.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

EDDYVILLE,	April 7,	1900.
Modale,	“ 14,	“

At both places an opportunity for baptism will be given.

J. W. ADAMS.

OSAGE,	April 7,	1900.
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The ordinances of the Lord's house will be celebrated. All should be present who can possibly come.

L. F. TRUBEY.

MORAVIA,	April 7,	1900.
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The services will be held at Darbyville. All members are requested to be present or report by letter. Eld. W. B. Everhart will be with us.

LINNIE WELTON, Clerk.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

WANTED.—A good farm hand. Will pay \$18.00 per month to one of experience. If satisfaction is given will have employment eight months, commencing soon as possible. No one but a Seventh-day Adventist need apply. Address Charles Wilkinson, Blencoe, Iowa.