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OUR CAMP-MEETING.

AFTER much earnest prayer and counsel, it has been decided to hold the State conference and camp-meeting at Ames, May 31 to June 10. This place is easy of access, as railroads run both north and south and east and west. It is also very near the center of the State, thirty-five miles north of Des Moines. We have the promise of a good location, free. There is good blue grass, with shade trees. The street cars run past the grounds, and the street car company has promised to build a platform by the side of the grounds, for the accommodation of the passengers. We also have the promise of lumber at as reasonable terms as we could secure in Des Moines. I speak of this now, so that all may know of the time and place of the meeting. Fuller information will be given later. The grounds secured are about one-half mile from the main part of the city.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

A WORLD-WIDE QUESTION.

THE Sabbath question is fast becoming world-wide. It faces one in the individual life of every Christian, in ecclesiastical circles, in legislative halls, in courts of justice. Men can not cry it down. It is pre-eminently a Bible question. Here we find the origin and purpose of the Sabbath set forth in clear lines. We find it in no

other book. A study of the question is, from every view-point, at all times profitable. In order to meet this need, the *Signs of the Times* will present the question during the present volume in two series of articles, in different aspects. The first series will begin March 28, under the general head "The Origin of Evil and the Change of the Sabbath." The individual articles will be nineteen in number. The following will show the wide scope of the series, and how emphatically the Sabbath question touches other vital questions:—

The Purpose of God, Why Sin Was Permitted, The Father of Lies, The Mystery of Godliness, The Fall of Satan, One-third of the Angels Join Lucifer in Rebellion, Sun-Worship and Paganism, The "Day of the Sun", The Sabbath the Sign of God's Covenant of Grace, The Institution of the Sabbath, Did Christ Change the Sabbath? Remarkable Prophecies, A Striking Fulfilment, The Source of Papal Authority, "The Times" Changed, How the Papacy Was Formed, The New Religion, The Ancient Apostasy a Type of the Falling Away in the Church, The Third Angel's Message.

The other series will be shorter, the articles fewer in number, and more independent of each other. We will announce them as soon as they are in hand. On the Sabbath question alone, the *Signs* will give its subscribers, if the matter were placed in book form, more worth than the paper costs for a year. We appeal to its friends to extend its circulation. Price of the *Signs* one year \$1.00. Six months, 50 cents. Send all orders to Iowa Tract Society, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

"HUMILITY is the ribbon that ties together all the rest of the graces."

HISTORY OF A TRACT.

A TRAMP called at the home of one of our brethren in Orleans, Ionia Co., Mich., in 1870, and asked for food and lodging. On his leaving the next day, the lady gave him a tract. He asked her name, and wrote it on the tract. After wandering about for a time, he settled in South Dakota. By the reading of the tract he saw the truth and accepted it, and after a time was elected elder of a S. D. Adventist church. He was blessed in bringing up his son in the truth, who is now a missionary among the islands of the sea. Eld. J. F. Gravelle visited that church, and while there saw the tract, and recognized the name of his former Sabbath-school teacher. He secured the tract to use in encouraging the brethren to "sow beside all waters." Isa. 32:20.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days. . . . In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that; or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:1-6. "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." 1 Cor. 3:6. May God help us to give a cup of cold water in his name to some poor thirsty soul. What if that tract had not been given out? Surely the Lord's heart would have been saddened, as it often is to see our good *Review*, *Signs*, and other papers, used as waste paper. In going from place to place the workers often see the papers mentioned being used in a way that surely is not according to God's will. Brethren, let us sow in faith; let us pray for the first love.

E. H. ADAMS.

"EVERY tree is known by its fruits."

A LETTER FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

Dear Far-away Loved Ones: I can not fully express my feelings, but at times there comes a sense of the fact that I am a long distance from you. Then I remember that we are on the same "footstool" (Isa. 66:1), so we are not so far apart. I left Louisville, Ky., March 26, at 7:45 p. m. But few in the church knew just when I was to leave. I learned to love all dearly, and my heart was greatly pained to leave so many dear people (strangers) calling for help. It was not necessary to solicit readers, for they came to me. I even received letters asking me to come. The last Sunday I had planned to work, for myself, but the evening before one among the best families in the city sent word to come. Although the rain was pouring, I found seven W. C. T. U. ladies waiting, and we had a most wonderful time. The presence of God was felt in a marked manner. This was our first reading together, and I could only leave them still calling for more light. The family with whom I lived are more interested than when I last wrote. I wish I had space to mention changes and the work they are doing in distributing tracts. One lady, a school teacher to whom tracts had been loaned, said on Sunday to Miss —, "Do you know we are keeping the wrong day? I never had such a time doing my work as I did yesterday (Sabbath). Why don't our minister tell us these things?" etc. I never can praise the Lord enough for the blessed experiences, and for the precious souls. My daily prayer is found in Luke 10:2.

I passed through many tunnels, and forests of pine and cedar trees. I think they are as numerous as weeds in Iowa. In western North Carolina the scenery is beautiful. At Ashville our train stopped twenty-five minutes. There I met Eld. J. O. Johnson and wife, who have charge of the work in the Carolinas. Sister Johnson was raised in New Sharon, Iowa, and is well acquainted with Father and Mother Nicola. It seemed good to see an Iowa face. For two hours before reaching Wilmington I had the car all to myself. I kneeled and earnestly sought the Lord; for never before did the work and burden of souls seem so great. "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord" in North Carolina. I reached Wilmington at 6:40 p. m., March 28. The next morning, claiming the prom-

ise in Mark 10:29, 30, I started to find my "home;" and in less than an hour I had secured a room on second floor, in the home of a dear Christian family,—a widow and two grown daughters, one a nurse. The location is near the center of the city. The drayman soon had my few earthly possessions delivered, and I felt at home right away. The Lord wonderfully directed in it all. Praise his holy name.

Already the family have called for readings, and I am asking the Lord to give me this family with their farm,—all for him. Sister Kane and little daughter of Battle Creek, Mich., are here. She is kept busy nursing and giving massage. Sabbath was a blessed day. At 3:00 p. m. I went to Sister Kane's room, and a Sabbath-school of three was organized,—superintendent, Sister Kane; secretary, Hazel. Remember us when you pray. I fully realize now that I am in the South, but am just as sure that Heaven's help is near. I never was happier; and if it please the Master, I hope to be found somewhere in this field, bringing with me precious sheaves at his soon appearing. The air is so pure, the weather lovely, and the flowers and trees are in bloom. I love you all.

MOLLIE R. LONG.

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FIELD REPORTS.

"GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH."

"In God's own might
We gird us for the coming fight;
And strong in him whose cause is ours,
In conflict with unholy powers,
We grasp the weapons he has given—
The light and truth and love of heaven."

COLUMBUS JUNCTION.

SINCE Feb. 1, I have held about four meetings a week in a schoolhouse five miles south of Columbus Junction. The interest was such I could not well leave it to attend the general meeting at College View. Three dear souls were converted that week, and two more since.

Besides this effort, I have held Bible readings and visited considerably in the Junction and at Fredonia. The new Sabbath-keepers in these places are growing, and others are more deeply interested. Others there will yet yield to the truth. I will now spend more time in the towns.

I have seen new evidences that when one is soundly converted, it is easy to

settle the Sabbath question, and put away tobacco and strong drink. The Lord is very good to me, and I am rejoicing in his service. Dear brethren and sisters, remember this work in your prayers.

U. P. LONG.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

FIFTEEN were baptized at our church March 26. Fourteen of these were from Omaha and joined there, one uniting with us. At our quarterly meeting we expect to see some fruit from the labors at Odd Fellows' hall. We have changed the place of meetings, holding them at the church. As the work is being bound off, many who seemed greatly interested, have dropped out. We are sorry for this, and pray that not all will turn their backs on the Master. We go on encouraged by the Lord's precious promises to the faithful. We are brought to see by our experience this winter, that Satan is more determined than ever to bring reproach upon the Lord's cause, and that it requires more earnest labor now to awaken the people, Seventh-day Adventists included, than at any time in the past. That the dear Lord will bless his faithful laborers, and gather the faithful ones to himself at his coming, is my prayer.

BALIE P. SHILLING.

MONROE.

I CAME back to this place from the district conference, and followed up the interest for a time by visiting and holding a few meetings. We appreciated the privilege of having Eld. J. W. Adams with us Sabbath and Sunday, March 17, 18. By the kindness of the Baptist brethren we had the privilege of celebrating the solemn rite of baptism in their church Sunday afternoon at 2:30, at which time Eld. Adams spoke to a large audience from Isa. 26:20, 21: "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity." Five were buried with their Saviour in baptism. O, may these dear ones be kept in *the Way*. "I am the way," says Jesus. The Lord has been good to us, coming into our midst by his Spirit, thus reviving us, and bringing some new ones into the fold of truth. I go from here to Ottumwa.

E. H. ADAMS.

MILFORD.

We began meetings eleven miles south-east of Milford Feb. 15, and continued for two weeks, closing then to attend the district meeting at College View. Returning we again held meetings, beginning March 15. At the opening of spring work it seemed wise to close the public meetings, which we did April 3. Bro. Johnson remains to follow up the interest with visiting and Bible readings, from house to house. Some have acknowledged the truth, but are slow to accept. Quite an interest was manifested to ask questions, and from time to time these were answered publicly or privately. There are some here who seem to be honest and sincere, and we continue to pray for them, that they may walk in the light. Bro. Levi Edgerton provided us a home, and coal for our meetings, and also faithfully attended the meetings, helped in the singing, etc. The Lord will reward him.

THOS. H. JEYS,
LEWIS JOHNSON.

OBITUARY.

WEIEN.—Died January 23, 1900, near Corley, Iowa, at the old homestead, our mother, Mrs. Trena Weien, aged 68 years.

One son, three daughters, and our father, are left to finish the journey without mother, as are also twenty-two grand children and three great grand children. She visited me in my home at Glenwood last November, and was as hale and hearty as I am; but suddenly she was called to go from whence no traveler returns. She sleeps; our hearts ache. How true is Eccl. 9:5.

MRS. M. C. LEE.

BROWN.—Died at New Market, Iowa, little Ruth Brown, infant daughter of M. E. and Jennie Brown, aged 1 year, 1 month, and 21 days.

Brother and Sister Brown are members of the Sharpsburg church, and live a short distance east of that place. It was while Sister Brown was on a visit to her mother that sweet baby Ruth became sick and died, in spite of all the care that the tenderest love could bestow. She fell asleep March 21, and will rest in peace until the coming of the Life Giver. While it is sad to be separated from those that we love, we have the precious promise that "they shall come again from the land of the enemy;" and thus, while safe in Jesus, they escape the troubles and temptations of this present evil world.

J. O. BEARD.

THE BOOK WORK.

WHO WILL GO?

ANOTHER canvassers' school has closed, and our canvassers go out into the untried future for another year's work, trusting in the Lord for his guidance and blessing. "The word is given from the throne of God, Every man to his post, each to do his best." These words were never truer than right now; and realizing that God has a care for his work and a special interest in each one of his workers, it ought to inspire us with an earnest desire to work with our Master.

The outlook was never better for this branch of the work, and we hope that many whose hearts have been impressed by the Spirit of God, will decide to take up this important work, and devote their time and talents to scattering the pages of truth "like the leaves of autumn." The excuse of many is, I have no fitness for the work; I can not sell books. Listen to what the Lord says: "God has his workmen in every age. The call of the hour is answered by the human agencies. Thus it will be when the Divine voice cries, 'Whom shall I send? and who will go for us?' The response will come, 'Here am I, send me.' The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will cooperate with divine power. A great work is to be done in our world, and human agencies will surely respond to the demand; and all the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armor on.

"The world must hear the warning. When the call comes, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' send back the answer clear and distinct, 'Here am I, send me.'"

W. L. MANFULL.

O. N. CONKLIN reports: 12 hours, 5 orders, value \$3.40, helps sold \$1.40. A. J. Iden: 67 hours, 30 orders, value \$25.10, 28 books delivered, value \$24.00. R. W. Church: 31 hours, 8 orders, value \$2.25, 5 books delivered, value \$2.25.

A FEW additional donations have been received for the canvassers' school: Alva Harris \$3.00; J. A. Graham, \$2.00. A box of provision was also received from the Harlan church.

"BETTER deep than high."

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

THE INTERMEDIATE DIVISION.

"How can we succeed in keeping up the interest in the intermediate division?"

The age of those who are usually assigned to this division has something to do with the restlessness that our teachers have to meet. It requires greater efforts on the part of the teacher to keep up the interest in this division than in either the primary or senior. But a teacher who is fully consecrated to her work will never give up until she meets with success. A few suggestions may help some in their work:—

1. Study each member in your class, that you may know where their lack of interest is.

2. Make each one a special subject of prayer. Ask the Lord to help you to speak the right words at the right time to reach their hearts.

3. Appoint a time once a month for your class to meet you at your home for a visit. Here you can get better acquainted with them, and know how to work for them. Do not let them leave without seeking the Lord with them. Get them to pray if possible.

4. If there are special cases that seem to give trouble, make special efforts by visiting them and their parents. Get the parents to work with you.

There must be a burden for these souls if we expect to help them. The burden must rest upon the teacher all through the week. To such the Lord will give wisdom.—*Sabbath School Worker.*

A SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION will be held in the hall at Ottumwa, Sunday, April 22. Two sessions will be held, one at 10 A. M., and the other at 2 P. M. We hope to have the Eddyville, Libertyville, and Bladensburg schools with us; and any others who may be able to come will receive a hearty welcome. JESSIE L. ADAMS,

Pres. Iowa S. S. Association.

God works mightily when he has no backing.

To know the voice of Christ when he comes, means to know his voice before he comes.

To walk in the footsteps of Christ above, means to walk in his footsteps here below.

W. M. ADAMS.

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DES MOINES, IOWA, APRIL 10, 1900.

—MISS MINNIE BEAMAN is visiting at Knoxville, and expects to leave soon for the South.

—ELD. E. E. GARDNER met with the Onawa church last Sabbath in quarterly meeting service.

—SISTER SARAH KANE, of this city, went to Kansas City Sunday morning, called there by the sickness of her brother.

—MISS CALLIE CHARLTON was called to Winterset last week, on account of the severe illness of her sister. She left this city Tuesday morning.

—BRO. ADOLPH PFEIFFER has finished the winter term in one of the commercial colleges in this city, and will spend the summer vacation in the country.

—ELD. S. N. HASKELL and wife are at present stopping at the Sanitarium at Boulder. We are glad to say that he is improving in health.—*Colorado State Paper.*

—THE Des Moines brethren and sisters are pleased to exchange greetings with Bro. I. G. Colcord, as he is in the city on his way from Michigan to Nebraska.

—ELD. J. W. ADAMS accompanied Sister Mary Derby, a Sanitarium patient, to her home at Ottumwa, last Friday, returning to Eddyville to hold quarterly meeting services Sabbath.

—MISS EMMA BEAMAN has been visiting relatives and friends in Des Moines, for a few days. She enjoys church school work very much, and returned to Ruthven Monday, to take up the spring term.

—DR. R. H. HABENICHT was summoned to College View, Friday evening by telegram, his sister Dolly having accidentally fallen from the second story, severely injuring her spine. The accident is not as serious as at first apprehended, and Dr. Habenicht returned Sunday night.

—CARDS are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Elmer C. Cushman and Miss Mary Coy, at Lincoln, Neb., March 29, 1900,—“at home” after April 2, at 1515 Burt St., Omaha, Neb. The bride is an “Iowa girl,” and many friends will unite in wishing for this couple a life of increased usefulness and joy.

—THE orders for the Educational Number of the *Signs* still continue to come, and yet this paper has not had the circulation in our State that it should have. Are there not many among your acquaintances who are interested in the subject of education who might be reached by the truths it contains? Can we afford to neglect a single opportunity for giving light to others?

—WE have received a program of the commencement exercises of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, to be held April 10, in which we find the names of M. M. Martinson and Stella C. Martinson. Bro. and Sister Martinson have the congratulation of their many friends in Iowa.

—ARE there any of our girls or boys, with fair ability and good health, who would like to take a course in hygienic cookery and general housekeeping? No charge will be made for instruction. For fuller information, correspond with Mrs. D. A. Fitch, 1400 Division St., Burlington, Iowa.

—THE tract arranged by Mrs. S. M. I. Henry for circulation among the members of the W. C. T. U. was mailed last week to all the State and local officers in Iowa, over seven hundred in all.

—ALL donations for the Haskell Home and James White Memorial Home should be addressed to Missionary Department of the Iowa Conference.

—BRO. O. E. CUMMINGS, now State Canvassing Agent for Nebraska, recently visited his parents at Grant City.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

SISTER LIZZIE RANDALL, of Monroe, stopped at the Sanitarium a couple of days last week.

SISTER REBECCA GILSEN, of Rome, Ia., is spending a short time here, hoping to obtain medical aid.

DR. N. LOAR, of Bloomington, Ill., and his brother, Dr. G. W. Loar, of Monroe, Ia., are numbered among the patients.

BRO. J. H. ENGLAND, wife, and daughter returned to their home at Eddyville last week, after several weeks' stay here.

IN need of medical aid, Bro. Christ Homeier, of Muscatine, came last Monday, and is now improving under Sanitarium care.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Tithes received from Jan. 1 to March 31, 1900.

Adel.....	\$79.11	Ladoga.....	43.20
Afton.....	65.94	Libertyville.....	34.40
Albaton.....	135.05	Lisbon.....	38.00
Alexander.....	79.50	Luton.....	23.20
Aigona.....	94.35	Macksburg.....	18.50
Atalissa.....	21.40	Maquoketa.....	8.50
Atlantic.....	69.95	Marshalltown.....	140.50
Audubon.....	44.70	Massena.....	38.07
Beaman.....	84.75	Milford.....	63.86
Benton.....	3.00	Modale.....	\$431.28
Bladensburg.....	20.36	Monroe.....	20.80
Blencoe.....	114.42	Moravia.....	79.37
Bluff Creek.....	6.50	Mt. Pleasant.....	167.83
Bonaparte.....	6.75	Muscatine.....	121.41
Boone.....	60.90	Nanson.....	35.60
Brighton.....	5.00	Nevada.....	247.49
Brooklyn.....	2.91	Olin.....	23.62
Burlington.....	87.83	Osage.....	13.34
Castana.....	86.01	Oscota.....	31.03
Cedar Falls.....	3.70	Oxford.....	10.75
Cedar Rapids.....	15.86	Onawa.....	41.30
Confidence.....	22.11	Parkersburg.....	62.18
Coon Rapids.....	46.68	Perry.....	11.58
Council Bluffs.....	73.00	Pilot Mound.....	216.80
Creston.....	9.58	Pulaski.....	100.63
Croton.....	20.86	Red Oak.....	45.00
Davis City.....	47.99	Riverton.....	724.55
Davenport.....	40.76	Ruthven.....	253.27
Delmar.....	8.00	Russell.....	16.35
Des Moines.....	492.41	Sandyville.....	31.41
Dubuque.....	38.87	Shelby.....	65.00
Dunlap.....	12.00	Sheldon.....	41.25
Eddyville.....	21.36	Sharpsburg.....	50.06
Elk Horn.....	38.40	Sigourney.....	89.60
Estherville.....	7.78	Sioux City.....	130.85
Eureka.....	80.42	Smithland.....	10
Exira.....	81.33	State Center.....	23.70
Fairfield.....	80.21	Storm Lake.....	46.62
Fontanelle.....	116.18	Sutherland.....	11.29
Fosteria.....	40.00	Truer.....	73.51
Glenwood.....	76.25	Urbana.....	11.55
Grant City.....	89.27	Village Creek.....	21.28
Graettinger.....	107.00	Vinton.....	4.00
Grinnell.....	35.90	Waukon.....	27.60
Hartan.....	22.30	Waverly.....	6.00
Hartley.....	92.71	West Grove.....	10.11
Hawkeye.....	36.40	Weston.....	22.35
Hawleyville.....	2.60	West Union.....	38.27
Iowa City.....	24.18	Wilton.....	41.24
Iowa Falls.....	8.75	Winterset.....	122.00
Jacksonville.....	102.25	Winthrop.....	32.85
Kelley.....	17.84	Woodburn.....	74.50
Knoxville.....	201.68	Individual.....	879.13
Total.....			\$8,243.60

C. F. STEVENS, Treasurer.

APPOINTMENTS.

I WILL meet with the West Grove church Sabbath, March 14. The brethren of neighboring churches are invited to attend. C. J. BUHALTS.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

BURLINGTON, April 21, 22, 1900.
All members are kindly requested to be present or report by letter. Eld. C. Santee has promised to be with us.
CARL JENSEN, Elder.

QUARTERLY meeting services will be held at Pilot Mound April 14, 15, the hour to be arranged by the elder of the church. Other meetings will be held if circumstances are favorable.
E. E. GARDNER.