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A PRAYER.

THE meaning of the word "prayer" is "A solemn address to the Supreme Being, consisting of adoration, or an expression of our sense of God's glorious perfections, confession of our sins, supplication for mercy and forgiveness, intercession for blessings on others, and thanksgiving, or an expression of gratitude to God for his mercies and benefits."—*Webster*.

This "address to the Supreme Being" may embrace "adoration, confession of our sins, supplication for mercy, thanksgiving" for past and present blessings, and may be made in secret or in public, as per examples in both the Old and New Testament. The prayer to which I wish to refer is found in the Fifty-first Psalm, verses 10-13. Let us read it over again carefully and thoughtfully. God saw fit to make *this* prayer public, so that all might adopt the sentiment and make it theirs. We will commence with verse ten, as follows: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free Spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee." I think it would be well to commit this prayer to memory.

C. A. WASHBURN.

"IT SHALL NOT RETURN UNTO ME VOID."

So often we look at immediate results of labor bestowed; and if we can see people rejoicing in the light we have brought them, we are confident the Lord has attended and blessed our feeble efforts. But in other cases where, perhaps, just as earnest labor was put forth, and as much prayer and painstaking exercised, no decided results appear; and we are disappointed, and tempted to accuse the Lord, who called us to this field of labor, of not doing his part. As soon as we have sown and watered, we impatiently cast about for some ripening fruit. We would do well to remember such scriptures as Heb. 10:35, 36: "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." One promise is, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isa. 55:11.

An interesting illustration of this text came to my attention on last Sabbath. A man was present at the meeting who, having heard of the appointment, had driven thirteen miles. He attended several meetings in his town some nine years ago; and at that time I encouraged myself, after visiting him twice or three times, with the thought that the meetings would be a decided success if only that one man accepted the message. He was an active member in the M. E. church, had a fine farm, and paid tithe. He told me when I visited him the second time that he and his wife arrived at the conclusion, from their own study of the Bible, that one-

tenth of their earnings belonged to the Lord, and that some two years' experience in tithing had been very gratifying, both financially and spiritually. His freedom from some debasing appetites so prevalent, faithfulness in religious duties generally, and love of Bible study, greatly encouraged me in labor for him. I was very loth to give him up; but to my chagrin, no promise to obey, or even a subscription to a paper, could I obtain from him before leaving for another field. I have with peculiar burden of mind remembered this man these nine years past, and the expression, after again meeting, "I have so often thought of you and offered many prayers in your behalf," meant much to us both. He told me how impossible it finally became for him to trample upon the Sabbath. Though all the while a member of the M. E. church, he had sent for the *Review and Herald*, availing himself of that means of keeping pace with this message. Now his heart and soul are in the message, and he urgently requests help in bringing out some of his neighbors who are thoroughly convinced of the truth.

What faithless children are we to doubt His word, because we can not see all to-day! Though it is ours to do thorough work, presenting every man perfect in Christ Jesus, yet having done all in our power, it becomes us both to hope and labor patiently on, trusting much to Him who can more wisely time final results and decisions to each individual case than can we. "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."

E. E. GARDNER.

"ADVERSITY is often a blessing."

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

Dear Ones: Sister Beaman arrived Friday, April 27. I met her at the depot, and you can imagine the meeting. We were soon at "Home," where we united our voices in praise and thanksgiving unto Him who is greatly to be praised. Sabbath was a precious day to us. After the Sabbath we called to have a season of prayer with the only Sabbath-keeper living here. Eleven years ago, while living in Washington, D. C., she bought "Bible Readings" from a canvasser. Two years later she studied it, and began the observance of the Sabbath. Although alone, she has been loyal and true. It would do your soul good to hear this mother in Israel talk of God's goodness and power. She, with her two daughters and a few neighbors, is reading "Desire of Ages" through the second time. She is a reader of the *Signs and Review*, consequently is awake and up with the message. She said to me: "Daughter Mollie, last Friday morning, awaking at an early hour, I was greatly impressed by the Spirit of God with the shortness of time, and the soon coming of our Lord. I earnestly sought the Lord to help me to get ready. I thought of my relatives, and went at an early hour to plead and pray with them to get ready; for Jesus is soon coming." Some of her neighbors meet with her upon the Sabbath in a Bible study.

O, that I had words to present this field in its need of Christ! "The South is calling to God for temporal and spiritual food, but it has been so long neglected that hearts have become hard as stone. God's people need now to arouse and redeem their sinful neglect and indifference of the past." "But there should be no delay now." I was greatly impressed as I read Eld. Irwin's sermon, "The Third Angel's Message," in the last *General Conference Bulletin*. Then I turned to the statistics of the eight districts, found on page 118. We find few laborers in Districts 2 and 7. Just think of only two in South Carolina, with one church of thirty-five members. In North Carolina there are five laborers, four churches, membership one hundred and twenty-nine. Other States are equally as needy as these. There are only seventy-three workers in this large district of nine States, while Iowa has sixty-five. May the Spirit of the Lord move upon hearts to hear the "Macedonian cry."

Sunday I had a precious time with

three readers. The Lord is wonderfully blessing, going in advance and opening up the way. I have many things to learn. The Lord has wonderfully blessed me in health. In one month I have gained five and one-half pounds. May the Lord bless you at the soon coming camp-meeting. Minnie and I are happy in the work.

MOLLIE R. LONG.

419 Grace St., Wilmington, N. C.

FIELD REPORTS.

SIOUX CITY MISSION.

LAST November I was asked to take charge of the Sioux City mission. The Committee had become satisfied that a change should be made in the method of work in our missions; that more time should be spent out in the city visiting, and in holding cottage meetings and Bible readings. Consequently, there was associated with me quite a corps of workers, and we entered heartily into the work. We soon found that we were greatly hindered by domestic work in the mission,—cooking, washing kettles, scrubbing, making beds, fumigating, etc. I think all the workers were fully convinced that we had not yet reached the proper method of labor; but we said, "We are here, and have the building on hand, and with the Lord's help we will do the best we can." And the Lord did bless our labor. After listening to the Testimonies that were read at the District Conference in regard to city missions, we were advised by the Committee to plan to close that part of the work. This seemed rather difficult, as the building had been leased until next November. The workers made the matter a subject of prayer, and left all in the Lord's hands, willing to remain in the building or to be released. Just a few days before the first of May the way opened, and the building was taken off our hands, and furniture which we hardly knew what to do with was sold. Thus the Guiding Star mission was closed May 1. A few workers remain to follow up the work begun in the city. I hope a good corps may be sent to Sioux City after the camp-meeting, to push the work there.

I will give a brief report of labor done during our stay of five and one-half months in the mission: 2,382 were lodged, many thousand penny lunches were served, 585 Bible readings held, 145 meetings conducted, 2,045 family

visits made, 552 papers sold, 935 papers given away, 105 subscriptions obtained, 19,158 packages of reading matter distributed, and 50 *Good Health* journals sold. As a result many are interested, some are keeping all the commandments of the Lord, and others we hope will soon walk in the light of God's Word.

I am now in Des Moines arranging to ship the camp-meeting supplies to Ames. We have a fine location for our camp-meeting there; and we hope to see many of our brethren and sisters throughout the State in attendance.

J. W. DORCAS.

IN EASTERN IOWA.

SINCE leaving my school March 23, my time has been spent with several of the churches in the eastern part of the State. Besides a short visit at my home in Marshalltown, I have visited Traer, Olin, Oxford Mills, Delmar, Le Claire, and Muscatine, holding meetings and visiting the homes in each place. I have also visited isolated members in Marion, Anamosa, and Maquoketa. At Muscatine, Traer, and Delmar the ordinances were celebrated. At each place our brethren were glad to receive a little help, and at Oxford a good hearing was given by outside friends. I am sure that in the hearts of some there the seed is finding soil in which it can grow. I was sorry to leave for other appointments.

This report finds me at Davenport, where sickness compelled me to drop the work over two years ago. After staying here over Sabbath and Sunday, it is my purpose to return to Olin to remain till camp-meeting. It has truly been a privilege for me to see these little companies once more, as nearly all of these places have been at some time in the past my field of labor. May God's blessing rest upon them all, and keep us all faithful to the end.

BURT E. FULLMER.

DUBUQUE.

ANOTHER Conference year is in the past. In reviewing the year's work we can only say with the Psalmist, "Surely goodness and mercy" have followed us, and from the depths of our hearts exclaim, "Bless the Lord, O my soul." Since January 1, nine have united with the church. We have had baptism twice. Last Sabbath five were buried in the watery grave, to arise in newness of life, six uniting with the church. A number are keeping the Sabbath who expect to unite

with the church after camp-meeting. Among these are several of considerable influence in the city. In the last year more has been accomplished among the wealthier class than ever before. The school teacher from Minnesota who accepted the truth while visiting a friend with whom we were holding readings, is faithful; and since her return to Minnesota, by the aid of "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation" and the tracts she took with her, she is rejoicing in the conversion of her sister and a professor in educational work, to the truths of the third angel's message. Two of those uniting with the church are preparing to enter the Bible work the coming year. One, a German brother, expects to work among his own people; and we believe he has a bright future before him, because of his consecration to the work, although a short time ago he was a prominent liquor dealer and a spiritualist medium. One of those baptized accepted the truth through work done by Sister Martha Lenz during her short stay as a Bible worker in this city. The church is in a prosperous condition, and will be well represented at camp-meeting, if all goes well. One of the new members gave us ten dollars to be used among the sufferers in India, and is also sending our literature to the lepers in California. Each one manifests in some way an interest in the advancement of the message, and all are doing their part in spreading the truth in this dark city. If the Lord so directs, it is our desire to spend another year in this field.

G. R. HAWKINS,
MRS. G. R. HAWKINS.

SOUTH OTTUMWA.

It has been some time since I have said anything through the BULLETIN, but not because I am discouraged. I am of good courage in the Lord and his work. I have spent several months in South Ottumwa, and feel that the Master has been using me in warning some five thousand people of the approaching crisis. I have commenced house-to-house work on the North Side now, and find evidences every day that such work should be done. I called on a lady who purchased "Heralds" and gave her order for the Signs for six months last fall. She renewed the paper for one year, saying that she hoped ever to keep it in her home, and that she and a sister near by were convinced of the Sabbath truth. I could see that the Spirit of truth is leading toward the light there, guiding souls to the true fold.

O for an increase of faith and courage, to surmount obstacles, and winnow the wheat for the heavenly garner. The Master soon is coming, and shall he find you and me, dear brother and sister, bearing faithful witness?

A. J. IDEN.

THE BOOK WORK.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

LEWIS HILLIARD, ALGONA: "I stayed all night this week with a Free Methodist family. They had bought a "Prophecies of Jesus", but burned it, and said they would not have any S. D. Adventist books in the house. They told me I would have to give an account for the error I was getting before the people. The day following I took more orders than all the week before. The Lord blesses my efforts, and I am glad to have a part in getting the truth before the people."

J. P. GAEDE, CHARLES CITY: "The Lord has blessed me wonderfully the past week. To him be all the praise."

PETER JACOBSEN, SHELBY: "When the work goes the hardest, the Lord blesses me the most."

BRO. O. C. MARKEL was able to work again last week, having recovered from the mumps. He says: "I am still of good courage, trusting in the Lord for help. I need his guiding hand all the time. He never lost a battle."

BRN. KARL BAUER AND HENRY BAETKE, not finding it practicable to continue the work among the Germans in Scott county, have joined Bro. and Sister Tilden at Anamosa.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 4, 1900.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Phebe Vosburg.....	34	19	\$19.00	\$3.25
L. Alton June.....	43	13	12.00	3.00
Arthur Rhoads.....	44	15	15.00	1.60
Mrs. Arthur Rhoads....	9	7	6.25	.35
Julia C. Johnson.....	7	1	1.00	.25
Cora Quinn.....	7	2	2.00	
H. B. Tilden.....	49	38	36.00	2.90
Mrs. H. B. Tilden.....	23	9	9.00	1.25
Louis Manfull.....	37	14	14.00	1.25
DESIRE OF AGES AND COMING KING.				
Cora M. Davis.....	24	14	\$17.50	\$2.75
O. C. Markel.....	37	9	14.00	1.10
DESIRE OF AGES.				
Mary L. Haskell.....	20	3	\$ 9.50	\$1.25
COMING KING AND GREAT CONTROVERSY.				
J. P. Gaede.....	43	17	\$23.50	\$ 5.50
HERALDS OF THE MORNING.				
Peter Jacobsen.....	39	2	\$ 2.50	\$2.50
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.				
Lewis Hilliard.....	45	8	\$16.25	\$4.75
DELIVERIES.				
	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
Cora M. Davis.....	1	\$1.00		
H. B. Tilden.....	1	1.00		
Mrs. Arthur Rhoads....	3	2.25		
Arthur Rhoads.....	2	2.00		
L. Alton June.....	1	1.00		
Phebe Vosburg.....	2	2.00		
SUMMARY.				
No. of agents.....				15
" " orders.....				169
Value of ".....				\$108.10
" " helps sold.....				\$ 26.70
Total value.....				\$204.80
Value of deliveries.....				\$ 9.25

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

REPORTS FROM CONVENTIONS.

Mrs. LYDIA E. MOORE reports for the Blencoe Sabbath-school: "Our convention was held April 28, and we had two sessions in which we carried out, as nearly as we could, the program sent us. Two papers were not prepared, owing to circumstances; but the topics were quite fully discussed, and we believe some good information was gained in this way. The papers that were read were full of good things; and surely if we practice the suggestions presented, we cannot but be benefited. A part of the Onawa company met with us, and rendered valuable assistance. The Onawa children sang two songs in a way that showed to some extent the benefit of earnest church-school work. We were to have the help of one of the State officers, but circumstances changed it otherwise. But in our experience we realized that God is no respecter of persons. May the Lord's blessing be added to all who listened and helped."

THE following is from Audubon: "The convention was held May 5, and the program that was sent out to all the schools was used, with the addition of some songs and recitations for the children and youth. Three papers were read, and the topics were thoroughly considered. The discussion of the papers was very interesting, as so many felt free to talk. A children's meeting was held at the close of the day's work. All seemed benefited, and all could sing with the spirit, to close, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

FROM Sioux City: "Our convention was held April 22, Sunday. Four schools were represented: Sargeant Bluff, Springdale, Sioux City, and South Sioux City. Though the work was done under some difficulties, we feel that it was not in vain. Three papers were read, and each subject thoroughly considered. A children's meeting formed part of the program. Bro. Hughes, of the Nebraska Conference, was present, and spoke on the "Spirit of Working"; the motive is what determines the character of our work. All felt benefited by our meeting."

"Ye are kept by the power of God through faith."

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DES MOINES, IOWA, MAY 15, 1900.

—WORKERS' MEETING, May 28-31, 1900.

—STATE CAMP-MEETING, Ames, Iowa, May 31-June 10.

—THE Conference Committee met in counsel last Thursday.

—ELD. C. F. STEVENS spent last Sabbath with the Knoxville church.

—BRO. O. CHAPMAN, of Runnells, called at this Office last Wednesday.

—MRS. S. A. RIDDLE, of Prairie City, remembered friends while in the city Thursday.

—ELD. CLARENCE SANTEE will hold services Sabbath, May 19, with the Des Moines church.

—BRO. HENRY RORHOLM came to Des Moines last Tuesday, to assist in camp-meeting preparations.

—BRO. WM. J. JOHNSON called on Des Moines friends last week, while on his way to Marshalltown.

—THE rates on tents for the camp-meeting are as follows: 12x14, \$2.25; 10x12, \$1.75. Additional charge for fly, \$1.00.

—AN order for over nine hundred pounds of health foods for the South Dakota State camp-meeting was received last week at the Sanitarium Bakery.

—THE *American Sentinel*, formerly published at 39 Bond St., New York City, has been removed to Chicago, and is now published as *The Sentinel of Liberty*, at 324 Dearborn St.

—A SPECIAL camp-meeting number will be issued next week, for distribution in Ames and vicinity. Copies will also be sent to those who are not regular subscribers whose names we can obtain.

—PROF. M. W. NEWTON, with his two little boys and mother, of College View, Neb., visited the Sanitarium and Des Moines friends Sunday. They were passing through the city on their way home from Blackhawk county.

—BRO. W. E. FREDERICK and family arrived in this city last Thursday from Dayton, Ohio, where after leaving Battle Creek, Michigan, they spent a few weeks with Mrs. Frederick's parents. They will visit with Dr. Frederick until camp-meeting, when they anticipate meeting many of their Iowa friends.

—*Religious Liberty Library* No. 6, "Primary Principles," is now ready. This is a new illustrated tract, by L. A. Smith, editor of the *Sentinel* and one of our very best writers upon religious liberty topics. This tract contains an attractive yet plain presentation of the fundamental principles of religious liberty. It will offend no one, and can not fail to convince candid minds. Price, one cent each. Usual discounts in lots of 100 or more. Order of Missionary Department of Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

—Do you wish to be informed as to "The Present Crisis and Our Duty"? This is the title of No. 4 *Religious Liberty Library*, recently published. Price 24 cents per copy. Order of this Office.

—A SPECIAL baptismal service was conducted in Des Moines Sabbath afternoon, three candidates having requested re-baptism. Eld. J. W. Adams administered the rite.

—BRO. HANS LARSON, of Milford, has generously donated a good horse and buggy to the canvassing work.

—BRO. A. T. JACOBS, of Fontanelle, was in the city last week on business.

—"God has no use for people who simply play at religion."

SANITARIUM NOTES.

BRO. CHRIST HOMEIER returned to his home at Muscatine, Friday, rejoicing in improved health.

SISTER CORA QUINN has been obliged to give up canvassing on account of ill health, and came to the Sanitarium Sunday.

SEVERAL of the city physicians regard the work at the Sanitarium with favor, and have from time to time sent patients here for treatment.

DR. A. N. LOPER, of the College View Sanitarium, favored our Sanitarium with a visit and his assistance in some surgical work Monday, as he was passing through the city from Battle Creek, Michigan.

THE city bath rooms on the West Side, which have been connected with the Iowa Sanitarium since the first of January, under the direction of Bro. and Sister Gust Johnson, are liberally patronized. It has been thought best to have Bro. and Sister Emil Johnson, who have been assisting there, take charge of the bath rooms here, exchanging their services for those of Sister Mary Anderson and members of the training class.

NOTICE.

THE Iowa Seventh-day Adventist Association will hold its seventh annual meeting in connection with the State camp-meeting at Ames, Iowa, May 31-June 10, 1900, for the election of a board of trustees for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting. C. F. STEVENS, *Pres.*

C. W. SMOUSE, *Sec.*

OLD PAPERS WANTED.

Dear Brethren and Sisters: I would like to have old copies of the *Signs, Sentinel, Review*, or any of our papers, as I am distributing them in this city, each Sabbath, at the depots, and placing them in farmers' wagons. If you want a part in this work, send me your old papers, no matter of what date if they are in a fair condition; and may God bless all who put forth an effort to spread the third angel's message.

Yours in Christ,

ED SWAP.

603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

CONDITIONS OF REDUCED RATES TO THE CAMP-MEETING.

THE usual reduction to one and one-third fare for the the round trip, on the certificate plan, has been granted by the Western Passenger Association to those attending our annual Conference and camp-meeting at Ames, May 28-June 10, on the following conditions:—

A receipt must be taken from the ticket agent for each ticket purchased for going passage. No receipt will be honored that bears date before May 31 or later than June 6. No reduction will be made where the local one-way rate is less than fifty cents. Those who will have to travel over more than one line of railway, and so can not buy a through ticket to the place of meeting, must be sure to take a receipt for every ticket purchased, each receipt to cover only one single-trip ticket.

When the above conditions have been complied with, and one hundred or more such certificates have been presented and signed by the secretary of the meeting, and also by the joint agent for the railroads, the holders of such certificates will be returned at one-third fare, not later than three days after the close of the meeting.

C. F. STEVENS.

APPOINTMENTS.

LISBON,
Cedar Rapids,

May 18-20, 1900.
" 25-27, "

H. NICOLA.