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YOU MAY NOT KNOW.

YOU never can tell when you do an act
Just what the result will be;
But with every deed you are sowing a seed,
Though its harvest you may not see.
Each kindly act is an acorn dropped
In God's productive soil;
Though you may never know, yet the tree
shall grow,
And shelter the brows that toll.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

A PLEASANT THOUGHT.

Not long ago I heard a sister say that when in England she had seen members of the royal family riding out preceded by a fore-runner, one to clear the way. He was richly dressed, and yet he was not the object of deepest interest; instead, all eyes were turned the way whence he came. Why?—Because the royal family were coming. All eyes were strained to see them.

Jesus is called "the fore-runner for us." Heb. 6:20. Then, as our "fore-runner," when he entered heaven, where were the eyes of the heavenly host centered?—not only upon him, but they were also looking down the way he came, watching for the royal family. Who is there but will be encouraged to do his best, with the expectant watchers waiting? The "forerunner" has entered heaven, and this is a pledge that we will follow that way, and that ere-long. Are we each one members of the royal family?

CLARENCE SANTEE.

IS IT A VALID EXCUSE?

ARE we excused from paying tithe because we think some who are paid from the tithe do not do right? Let us see. To whom does the tithe belong? —Lev. 27:30. "All the tithe... is the Lord's... It is holy unto the Lord." Do I not make a mistake when I use any of the Lord's money for my private expenses?—Mal. 3:9,10: "Ye have robbed me... Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse."

"Yes, but I think Bro. — is extravagant and wears better clothes than I can afford." Well, if he is committing sin in this direction, God will hold him accountable; but "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant?" "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Would it not be better to do right ourselves, that we may bless others by our example. Please remember that Judas was a thief. Yet we do not hear of Christ warning the disciples not to trust him with their money. In short, is my neglect excusable because some one else fails to do his whole duty?

C. F. STEVENS.

"A TWO-FOLD APOSTASY."

MANY years ago we began to tell the people that this nation would so far depart from those great principles which have made it the envy and admiration of the world, that there would be a union of church and state and bitter persecution, such as was during the Dark Ages. We asserted that it would come, for "The word of God says it will." But the fulfillment has been longer deferred than many expected; and it has approached so insinuatingly, and with such plausible sophistry of argument, that many have not recognized in its actual existence what they thought they saw clearly in the proph-

ecy. Because of this failure to connect prophecy with the facts as they occurred, some have begun to doubt that such persecutions ever will come.

They forget that it is not the unconverted man who will plan and execute these persecutions; but men who have rejected this message, and whom the Spirit of God has forsaken, will be the ones whom Satan will lead to show in their persecution of the people of God, not the hatred which they have toward their fellowmen, but the fierce bitterness which he feels toward our Creator and Redeemer. While forgetting this, they have doubted the Word of God, which has told us that the most vivid imagination can not picture the trials of the end worse than they will really be, and which says, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth," because they escape these trials and yet are sure of their reward.

But the Lord would not have us forget. He would not have us misunderstand the purpose of the enemy, nor be ignorant of what he is doing in the dark. He has repeatedly sent us special warnings, and has laid upon some of our brethren a burden to watch the progress of the enemy and keep us informed. One of the most timely tracts recently put out is, "A Two-fold Apostasy Twice Repeated." Although very brief, it gives a concise outline of the situation down to the present time. If you are not informed, you need to read it. But, whether informed or not, you will find it one of the clearest and best tracts with which to interest and instruct your neighbor. The Missionary Department at Des Moines has a stock, and will be glad to supply you. (See prices elsewhere.) Do not let these leaflets lie piled up on the shelves, but get a package and interest your neighbors. Then get them interested

in, and to subscribe for, the *Sentinel*. But first be sure that you, yourself, are a regular subscriber to that faithful watchman.
J. O. BEARD.

FROM OUR WORKERS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Dear Ones: Another day's opportunities and blessings are now in the past, and I will close it by having a little visit with you. How rapidly we are speeding along the stream of time! Soon the harvest will be past, the summer ended, and many not saved. We have lately moved to a beautiful location in another part of the city, where we get the ocean breeze. We are surrounded by china, omego, mulberry, and lace myrtle trees. I wish you could see them in bloom—purple, white, and pink. I have not suffered one hour with heat. The thermometer registers about 97. I praise the Lord for the principles from heaven which keep us in health. We pay three dollars per month for two rooms, a large closet, and a hall. One reason for our removal was that we might have more room, as we expect Sister Hazel Gibbs, of Hildebran, soon, to engage in canvassing and Bible work.

Sister Beaman is now at the Greensboro camp-meeting. She writes: "The location is beautiful. Ten family tents are occupied, with not one sick on the ground. All are full of praise. Every meeting is better." Two widowed sisters (colored) greatly desired to witness for Jesus at this meeting. Money was scarce, though, and so they decided to start, expecting if necessary to stoop on the way and work for more means, or walk the remainder of the distance. We knew Bro. and Sister Patterson would be pleased for them to have three dollars of their offering, and the camp-meeting children, one dollar of their money, and so gave them that amount. When they learned whence it came, their faces shone as they responded, "Thank the dear Lord." So these precious old pilgrims started for the meeting; but I fear that they had to walk a part of the way.

Sister Beaman and I placed *Signs* in the homes near the cotton mills; later we visited them, when we took four subscriptions, and sold two hundred pages of tracts. One family saw me coming home, and called me back, saying, "If that paper is as good as this tract, we want it." So they gave me their subscription. At another place the lady had selected twenty-five dif-

ferent tracts, and gave me the money to send for them. Sister Newby, of Davenport, sent us one dollar's worth of tracts on the "Second Coming of Christ," which were thankfully received. The reading rack sent us by Sister Addie Hare, of Battle Creek, Mich., is doing a good work. The minister who has been reading "Desire of Ages," has given me his order for the book. He is also interested in "Two Republics." At the close of a reading Monday evening, a young man, who was accompanied by his wife, said, "I am just entering the ministry, and have had a new revelation of Jesus Christ this evening. We are here visiting wife's people, and intend to go home to-morrow; but if you will give a reading to-morrow evening on 'Sanctification,' we will remain another day." To this we consented, and a number were present. God was again glorified; and I, too, caught new glimpses of him who is "the chiefest among ten thousand." The minister took several tracts with him, and ordered the *Signs* for three months.

There is much more I would like to tell you, but I must close. We both are happy to be in this part of the Master's vineyard, and we praise him for keeping power. May the blessing of God rest upon all his people in Iowa.

MOLLIE R. LONG.

Wilmington, N. C., 13 N. 7th St.

COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI.

Dear Workers in Iowa: I realize that the harvest is ripe, but laborers are few, and rejoice that God has given me a place in his work. That place for the present is in this city, a modern one of some eight or ten thousand people, instead of on a farm as I had intended. It was a sore trial for me to accept the change, but the Lord made duty very clear; and now I am here working for "Steps to Christ," "Gospel Primer," and "Coming King." It is a very difficult matter to reach both black and white, as the race line is so sharply drawn; but the Lord is blessing, and I am meeting with some success. Crops have been almost drowned out, and people are discouraged, but yet some buy.

Brn. H. W. Pierce and R. T. Nash are here holding tent meetings. They also meet with difficulties, but the Lord is working, and victory is sure. We expect our school for the colored to open about September 1. The build-

ing is now almost completed, although means have come in very slowly. I expect to continue my work here; and am thankful that God is making duty plain, and safely leading me through trials which by myself I could not pass through. With careful attention on our part as to our manner of living, he is giving health and strength to endure the intense heat and to push the work. Brethren, as you gather around your family altars, remember us and our work in this southern field.

J. S. FRY.

FIELD REPORTS.

CLARINDA.

JULY 14 and 15 the Clarinda church held quarterly meeting. Eld. E. E. Gardner, assisted by Brn. C. W. Neal and J. O. Beard, conducted the services. Like an oasis in the desert, these occasions, so seldom enjoyed by us, are refreshing; and we appreciate the privilege of meeting the servants of our Master, and listening to the instruction given. Six members were added to our little flock. The Braddyville company were represented. Sunday night a heavy rain storm, which continued all night, compelled quite a number, including the ministers, to remain in the church during the entire night. MRS. M. A. BEACH.

FONTANELLE.

We held our quarterly meeting Sabbath, July 28, with Brn. Gardner and Beard present to conduct the meetings. The Lord came very near by his tender Spirit as we celebrated the ordinances. The attendance from outside was quite good. Two were added to our numbers, to whom we were indeed glad to extend the right hand of fellowship. May we with them be faithful to the end, and enter in through the pearly gates to that beautiful city where the voice of weeping shall be no more heard. MAGGIE REED, *Clerk*.

OTTUMWA.

We had to wait quite a while for the large tent, but are now at work. We have held meetings a little over a week, with a small attendance,—an average of about thirty-five. Sisters Beaman, Wilson, and Fullmer are with us, working with the *Signs* and *Good Health*. Bro. E. H. Adams is here assisting for a short time. We are expecting Bro. Fullmer soon. The

work seems to be opening up very slowly. As a company, we especially invite our brethren and sisters near here to visit us, and help in establishing the work in this dark city. Also, remember the Ottumwa camp-meeting, Oct. 2-7.

We are located at the corner of Clay and W. 2nd Str., and get the full benefit of the rays of the sun from morning until evening.

W. M. ADAMS.

Aug. 2.

MALVERN.

BRO. P. P. ADAMS and myself, assisted by my wife and Sisters Davis and Doil, who take charge of the music, are pushing the work here. The effort is well spoken of in this city, and four have begun to keep the sabbath. We hope for others, as a number of intelligent people are in the valley of decision.

Our attendance and order are good, and attention is paid by all who come. Last Sabbath we held our first Sabbath meeting. Fifteen adult members attended, and all but one bore testimony. Most all spoke of the "new light," and seemed to rejoice in it. In this connection I might say that the good reputation of our brethren and sisters in this part helps us much.

CHAS. A. HANSEN.

OBITUARY.

FOSTER.—Died, at Muscatine, Iowa, July 28, 1900, John Y. Foster, aged 63 years, 4 months, and 25 days.

He never made any profession, but seemed to believe the truth as taught by S. D. Adventists. O, how many every day are passing into the silent tomb, believing, but not obeying. May God move upon the hearts of the six daughters who are left, to prepare to meet their God; for soon death will be swallowed up in victory.

A. J. IDEN.

THE BOOK WORK.

A FEW CANVASSERS' DON'TS.

Don't enter this work simply to "try it." If you do, don't be surprised if you make a failure. Expect success.

Don't forget that your success depends very largely upon your own faithfulness and God's blessing. If you do your part, God will do his.

Don't expect that every one will understand and appreciate your work or your motives.

Don't think that you have mistaken your calling, simply because some one slams the door in your face.

Don't lose your balance, that is, your temper, if you meet some one weak enough, or illbred enough, to insult or mistreat you. Don't forget that such persons are comparatively rare.

Don't feel discouraged if you canvass all day without selling anything. That sometimes happens with the best of canvassers.

Don't forget that there are hundreds of honest hearts all over this broad land who are hungering for the truth, many of whom would never be reached were it not for the faithful canvasser. Therefore, don't slight any house, great or small, in your territory.

Don't rest satisfied unless you are constantly improving.

Don't neglect your obligations to the publishers, one of which is to report your work.

Don't forget that you are a co-worker with Christ, and that he said, "I am with you all the days, even unto the end of the world."—F. E. Painter, in *Keystone Gleaner*.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 27, 1900.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Susan Haskell.....	18	6	\$ 6.00	\$.25
Nelle Schoberg.....	16	3	3.00	
Arthur Rhoads.....	16	6	6.00	.25
Mrs. Arthur Rhoads.....	16	2	2.00	.65
Phebe Vosburg.....	18	8	8.00	1.00
Cora M. Davis.....	4	3	3.00	.50
Nettie E. Brown.....	16	15	15.50	.25
Mrs. C. E. Vosburg.....	14	6	6.00	2.50
Christine Henriksen.....	26	13	13.00	2.00
Carrie Wallace.....	25	14	14.00	5.00
Karl Bauer.....	43	13	12.30	1.00

DESIRE OF AGES AND COMING KING.				
Mary L. Haskell.....	35	11	\$21.00	\$4.00
Elbridge Adams.....	32	9	13.50	3.50

DESIRE OF AGES.				
Pearl D. Bascom.....	14	6	\$22.25	\$.25
Coral U. Bascom.....	12	2	7.75	
Harriet C. Fuller.....	13	3	11.25	.50

PROPHECIES OF JESUS.				
Lewis Hilliard.....	42	14	\$26.00	\$5.25
C. E. Vosburg.....	21	3	5.25	1.25
Edward Everett.....	13	1	1.00	.75
Henry Baetke.....	37	8	12.40	

COMING KING AND GREAT CONTROVERSY.				
J. P. Gaede.....	36	10	\$15.00	\$2.25

DELIVERIES.				
	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
Phebe Vosburg.....	1	\$1.00		
Arthur Rhoads.....	1	1.00		
Mrs. Arthur Rhoads.....	1	1.00		
Cora M. Davis.....	1	1.00		
Lewis Hilliard.....	3	5.25		

SUMMARY.				
No. of agents.....				21
" " orders.....				156
Value of ".....				\$224.20
" " helps sold.....				\$ 31.15
Total value.....				\$255.35
Value of deliveries.....				\$ 9.25

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

STUDY OF THE LESSONS.

WHEN we really understand what the lessons are, it can readily be seen that this is an important subject. At this time we will consider the importance of the Word of God, of which the lessons are portions. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Spiritually, we live in a very dark world. "For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people." Many feet which could be led into the right path, if only the Word of the Lord were heeded, are straying into the blackness of despair and death. O, how much sorrow and grief could be avoided, if only the blessed Word were carefully studied and followed!

Would the Jews ever have been in such darkness had they carefully noted each point in the fulfillment of God's word relative to the birth of our Saviour? There were wise men from the East, the record states, who came to Jerusalem with the cry, "Where is he that is born king of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east." Herod, the king, was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; but the wise men "rejoiced with exceeding great joy." Note the contrast. The reason for this rejoicing is told in "Desire of Ages." "At every pause for rest, they searched the prophecies; and the conviction deepened that they were divinely guided." Will not this be the experience of every one who seeks earnestly for divine guidance through the Word? "Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart." Is not this the object of the study of the Sabbath-school lesson?

E. G. OLSEN.

SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

A SABBATH-SCHOOL convention will be held at the tent in Ottumwa, corner Clay and W. 2nd St., Sunday, August 12. The first session will begin at 10:30 A. M. We hope to see a full representation from each of the schools near Ottumwa. We need your help, brethren and sisters, to aid us in getting the light of present truth firmly established in this place. We hope this meeting will help create an interest.

MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

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—"CRITICISM is tinsel culture."

—DR. HENRY HABENICHT and wife, Dr. Mae Habenicht, recently from Battle Creek, Mich., are visiting relatives at Des Moines and Colfax.

—ELD. WM. GUTHRIE passed through Des Moines last Thursday on his way to Winthrop, where he was called to conduct the funeral of Sister Jacob Bloom.

—BRO. W. L. MANFULL spent last Sabbath and Sunday at Adel, for the encouragement of the canvassers there. He visited the canvassing company at Hampton last week.

—BRO. CALVIN STARR, returning from College View, Neb., whither he was called by sickness a few weeks since, has joined the tent company at Malvern, Mills county.

—BRO. WILL MULDER, of College View, Neb., passed through this city the first of the week, going to Marion county to engage in the sale of our literature among the Hollanders.

—THE tract spoken of by Bro. Beard in another column, "A Two-fold Apostasy Twice Repeated," will be furnished at 1 cent per copy, postpaid. We shall hope to receive an order for this timely little tract from each of our local societies.

—BRO. AND SISTER H. B. TILDEN have entered upon the work assigned them. They report co-operation on the part of the members of the Urbana church, and encouraging results. They are now at Muscatine; and the brethren and sisters there have ordered two hundred copies of the Independence *Signs*, as a beginning in carrying out the "practical instruction" received as to the manner of distributing our literature.

—IN last week's *Review* appeared the first of the series of articles on "Modern Babylon." In reading our most excellent church paper, as we note the advancement of the message and the progression of truth, we wonder how any S. D. Adventist can keep abreast without its weekly visits. We hope that the Iowa list will continue to grow till it will take in every member in our State. And do not let it stop there. Try to obtain your neighbor's subscription, or send it to a friend, for two months at 25 cents.

—*Religious Liberty Library* No. 8 is now ready. It bears date of July 16, and treats a subject never before discussed in tract form, namely, "The Rights of the Majority." There is a vague idea in many minds concerning the power of the majority, and we frequently hear it said, "The majority must rule." But this tract shows most clearly that no majority, however great, has any legitimate power to violate a fundamental principle, or to deprive the minority, however small, of any natural right. This tract is so plain that every one can understand it. It is so vigorous in style that every one will read it; and at the same time so candid in tone that nobody will be offended by it. You ought to read it, and get just as many more as possible to read it also. Price, one cent per copy. Usual discounts on quantities.

—A SAD accident occurred near Algona, Friday evening, July 27. Bro. Geo. Johnson, of Ruthven, in the employ of Bro. W. E. Tong, was drowned while bathing in the river. Those best acquainted with his everyday life speak of him as a very exemplary young man. May this be a lesson to the living, teaching the uncertainty of this life.

—THE following from the publishers of the *Good Health* may serve as an explanation to those who have been waiting so long for the Midsummer number: "We have not yet filled your order for the Midsummer issue, but it goes forward this week. We have been seriously delayed in getting it out."

—WE have for sale the following works which we offer at *remarkably low figures*: Matthew Henry's Commentary, 6 vol.; Macaulay's History of England, 6 vol.; Seven Great Monarchies, Rawlinson, 3 vol.; Eusebius' Ecclesiastical History. Write to this Office for terms.

—MISSES ELLA ZUVER and Daisy Welsh, of the Sanitarium, spent the Sabbath at Monroe. They made the trip on their wheels, visiting at Prairie City on the way.

—WE still have a small supply of the Independence *Signs* on hands at this Office. Price, five or more copies, 2 cents each.

—MRS. BERTHA E. JORGENSEN, of the Clinton corps of workers, is visiting in Chicago.

—BRO. W. E. PERRIN met with his home church at Monroe last Sabbath.

—"LIVING Fountains and Broken Cisterns," the new work by Prof. E. A. Sutherland, should be read by every one interested in true education, "the education that educates." 428 pages, bound in cloth; price, \$1.25.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

MRS. ALICE E. CULVER, of Yale, is here for rest and treatment.

MISS BESSIE YOUNG, of the nurses' class, is visiting home friends at Du-buque.

MRS. F. F. TAYLOR, a blind lady from Knoxville, is numbered among the patients.

MRS. W. H. STIPP, of State Center, left last week, having realized much benefit from her five weeks' stay here.

HON. F. T. PIPER and wife, of Sheldon, made the Sanitarium their stopping place while in the city last week.

IN the case of Master Russell Quinn, who returned home with his mother last week, marked improvement was manifest.

MISS LAURA GILBERT went to care for Mrs. H. C. Mitchell, of Nevada, last week, in response to a call for a Sanitarium nurse.

MRS. CARRIE JONES and Mrs. C. Tuttle, both of Mt. Etna, have sufficiently recovered from successful surgical operations, to return home.

SUPPLIES DONATED TO THE SANITARIUM.

SUTHERLAND SABBATH-SCHOOL, 1 quilt; Mrs. Lizzie Randall, Monroe, 2 sheets; Des Moines: a friend, 4 quilts, old linen; Mrs. Abigail James, 2 sofa pillows, dried corn; Mrs. M. Jones, 1 sofa pillow; Mt. Pleasant church school, 1 quilt; Davenport, 3 comforts; Mrs. L. P. Roberts, Perry, 1 comfort; Mrs. G. P. Johnson, Brooklyn, 1 comfort, 1 quilt; Mrs. J. C. Johnston, Mt. Etna, 1 quilt; Mrs. Granthem, Creston, 4 pillowcases, bandages; Mrs. S. A. Wolford, Pilot Mound, 1 bushel gooseberries; Mrs. J. S. Hart, 2 jardinières, 1 fruit basket; Mrs. Frank Thompson, Kalona, 1 pillow, 1 pair pillowcases, 1 towel.

APPOINTMENTS.

WINTERSSET, August 18, 1900.
E. E. GARDNER.

ALGONA, Aug. 10—12, 1900.
Graettinger, " 13, 14, "
Estherville, " 15, 16, "
Milford, " 17—19, "
Spirit Lake, " 20—22, "
Sheldon, " 24—26, "

There will be opportunity for baptism if desired.
H. NICOLA.