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THE OTTUMWA CAMP-MEETING.

THE camp-meeting for south-eastern Iowa is to be held in Ottumwa, which is quite a railroad center, and therefore very accessible to our people in that part of the State. A large number of churches are within driving distance, quite a number even within less than a day's drive. Is not the time, Sept. 25-30, all that could be desired? The extreme heat of the summer will be past, and the rush of the season over, just before corn gathering commences. Do you not all agree that the shaking time is here, that matters were never before so complicated, and that we never needed the benefit of a good stirring camp-meeting more than now? If it was necessary for ancient Israel to come up before the Lord to worship once a year, is it not much more necessary for us, just before the decree shall go forth and the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord bursts forth on the shelterless heads of the wicked? Let us heed the admonition of Paul: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together;... but exhorting one another; and so much the more as ye see the day approaching." Come, brethren, and bring your children with you, that you may like Hannah dedicate them to the Lord. Do not wait until Friday, but be present at the first meeting. The time, five

days, is only too short to spend in seeking the Lord together. Do not fail to leave all your cares at home, and let us expect great things of our God; for it is time for him to work.

The camp-ground is located on the corner of Schuyler St. and Finley Ave., in South Ottumwa. By taking the South street car and getting off at Finley Ave., you will be within two blocks of the grounds. Do not forget the date, Sept. 25-30, and arrange accordingly. J. W. ADAMS.

CHURCH SCHOOLS IN IOWA.

At present there is assembled at Des Moines a small corps of church school teachers. These in institute are preparing to go forth this coming winter to teach among the churches of the State. The courage, consecration, and determination of the teachers, to make this work a success, would inspire any one present with the great future of this work.

The different points of our faith have been taken up. Especially has the subject of the Seven Last Plagues been thoroughly studied. Every event on earth is pointing to the speedy closing of the judgment, and the following of the scourges. Now, the Lord says that the children should be gathered in before the overflowing scourge passes through the land. "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Rev. 18:4. Come out from where?—From Babylon. Why?—"For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." Rev. 18:3. What is that wine?—False teaching. Then all the churches of "my people" should hasten to get themselves and their children away from that false teaching.

Another duty is clear: Young

teachers should come out of her. In Rev. 18 Babylon's fall is presented, and over her as fallen is shown a company of merchants weeping. The last of this company are those whose merchandise is the "souls of men." Who deals with souls?—Two classes: preachers, who are in reality teachers, and teachers. But no excellent future is presented for those who traffic with souls as with merchandise. Such traffic is making the work a matter of money, or pay. Those who do this shall "weep and mourn." Rev. 18:11. Let us, then, as teachers seek to be not found unwilling to sacrifice that we may take up the work, but rather willing to gladly and trustfully prepare for it; or if prepared, to enter immediately one of the many openings.

Just now Union College has many more demands for church school teachers than can be supplied. We invite all who can, to respond to the call.

B. G. WILKINSON.

THE TENDER MERCY OF GOD.

"YE have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy." Jas. 5:11. "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy." Ps. 103:8.

How different the dealings of God with us and our dealings with our fellowmen. How quick are we to take offense, how ready to censure and condemn, and how determined to mold others according to our standards. But the Lord is "slow to anger," "great of mercy" (margin), and "he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust." Ps. 103:14. Because he knows our weakness and helplessness, he is very patient and full of pity.

When we see a brother sin or make a mistake, how easy it is for us to see the necessity for him to make a full and sincere confession. But if we find that we have been mistaken, or misjudged our brother, are we as ready to confess as we were for him to acknowledge his error? Then the implacability of man is so great in contrast with God's forgiveness. When our brother makes a mistake, though he may repent of it ever so humbly, we can ever afterward see that same thing in him; or if we can not see it, we imagine it is there, and we are continually chiding about it. If some one speaks favorably of him, we so naturally say, "Yes, but he did so and so." That is not the way that God deals with us. "He will not always chide; neither will he keep his anger forever. He hath not dealt with us according to our sins." No, he has removed them as far from us as the east is from the west, for he "delighteth in mercy." Micah 7:18. Therefore, "be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Eph. 4:32.

J. O. BEARD.

WORLD'S OUTLOOK "SIGNS."

THERE is scarcely a person in the land to-day who has not given some thought to the outlook before the world at the present time. But to none is the future so open and clear as to those who know the present truth, and have made a special study of the prophecies of God's Word.

In view of the stirring scenes of the past few months, which have set men and women everywhere to thinking seriously concerning the conditions in the world and what these conditions augur for the future, it seems providential that the next special issue of the *Signs of the Times* should be a "World's Outlook Number." This will set forth forcibly the outlook before the world as revealed in the Word of God, from the following standpoints: "The Gospel Outlook," "The Christian's Outlook," "Church and State Outlook," "Prophetic American Outlook," "Prophetic European Outlook," "Prophetic Papal Outlook."

In addition to the above, this number will contain much other matter appropriate to the times. It will be a grand number for general distribution, to awaken an interest in the study of the truth of God for these times. It will be a double number,—thirty-two pages and cover, fully illustrated with

symbolical engravings made expressly for the purpose. The co-operation of all God's people is solicited in the work of placing this number of the *Signs* in the homes of the people. We hope that all will begin now to plan to order some of the papers. They can be readily sold, especially in the towns and cities. Further particulars concerning this issue, together with prices, etc., will be given soon.

PUBLISHERS.

FIELD REPORTS.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

SINCE my last report to the BULLETIN I have visited and held meetings at West Union, Hawkeye, Wadena, Village Creek, Waukon, Fredericksburg, Osage, Riceville, Nora Springs, Algona, Estherville, Milford, Spirit Lake, Sheldon, Sutherland, and Hartley. I have also visited at Albany and Sanborn, and with the tent companies at Charles City and Sibley. Bro. F. H. Chapman, of West Union, who had returned from Georgia to lay away his only daughter,—the last member of the family,—in the family burial place, accompanied me to Hawkeye, Wadena, Village Creek, and Waukon. His society was greatly appreciated. One was baptized at Wadena; and at Waukon six,—a man, his wife, and four daughters. As one after another, from the oldest to the youngest, followed their Lord in this solemn rite, it was a scene long to be remembered. May this dear family ever be as faithful in following the Saviour all the journey through. They with one young man were admitted by vote to membership in the Waukon church. These, with interested relatives, came ten miles to attend the three evening services held during my stay at that place. There is an opening for labor in their neighborhood.

Nearly all the places I have visited this summer are small churches or unorganized companies. They appreciated my visits, and in every case the blessing of the Lord was present, as I tried to encourage and benefit them. My own soul has also been watered thereby. These dear people all love the truth, and are anxious to have it brought to their neighbors. Many of them not members of any church are faithfully paying their tithe. One man had \$45.00 saved up, waiting for instruction as to what to do with it; another, \$12.50; and others, smaller

sums. There is a large and comparatively unoccupied field in northern Iowa, especially in the north-west. A few years ago it was a vast plain, with very few inhabitants. But enterprising young men have moved there, and purchased the land, which was cheap, building them homes, and improving farms by planting groves and orchards. Towns have sprung up, wonderfully changing the appearance of the country. There are many excellent opportunities to plant the truth and water the seed by faithful labor. It would seem that this part of the State has not had its share of attention from our Conference workers; at least not this year, as but two of the ten or twelve tent companies are located in the northern half of the State. One of these is somewhat crippled by having to use a tent that was worn out at the close of last year, and is full of large holes and very rotten. Such a tent very poorly represents our work, and will hinder the efforts of any tent company in any place, especially in a live new county seat, where the people are expecting up-to-date things. I can not believe that our good Iowa brethren, who have always so nobly sustained the work by their means, will in such times as these be willing to have our workers use such worn out tents, or be obliged to abandon the field for want of tents. Will there not be enough good tents furnished for all who will go forth in the name of the God of Israel, and use them to his glory and the advancement of this glorious message? And are there not more of our young men and women who will volunteer to join the ranks of those who have left home and friends for the sake of the cause of the Master? Follow the example of those who settled this country, seeking a virgin soil in preference to working over that which has been so often stirred.

H. NICOLA.

Sept. 3.

MANITOBA.

OWING to the interest, we did not get to leave Morden as soon as we expected. We thank the Lord for keeping us in health and providing plenty of work. Nine have taken their stand for the truth since the camp-meeting. These, with those who started at that time and the forty members already here, make a good little company. And yet we expect others to obey soon. With such a company we soon saw the need of a place of worship when the

tent should leave, but knew not what to do; for comfortable halls rent very high, and crops are poor this year on account of the lack of spring rains. We did not know whether or not to press the matter of building a church. But we called a meeting, and it was decided to build. Quite a sum of money was pledged, stone was donated, and some volunteered to help with the work. Thus, soon they will have a neat, humble little house, 20 ft. x 36 ft., in which to worship. We are now at Carberry, over a hundred miles from Morden, where we will probably stay this winter. One brother and his wife, with some Bible workers, will continue the work at Morden still longer, as there is a good interest yet.

Farmers are still cutting grain. I was out in the country yesterday, and passed several fields in which as many as three binders were running. Some oats will not be ripe for two weeks. I could not but notice the difference between this country and Iowa. The grain ripens so much later here.

We are of good courage in the work. The BULLETIN makes us weekly visits, and when it comes we generally drop our work, and read it with interest. Acquainted as we are with many of the workers, we follow them from place to place. We ask the brethren to pray for us here. C. J. BUHALTS.

SUTHERLAND.

ELD. H. NICOLA was with us the 27th and 28th ult., holding one service in the M. E. church, and one in the country at Sister Rowland's. Although the meetings were widely advertised, the attendance was very small in both instances. It is refreshing to have these servants of the Lord visit us. When we see the world, heedless in its mad rush for gain, slight the Lord's messages, we feel that we ourselves must have more strength to stand firm. Yet our hearts are filled with gratitude as we see how much God is doing for us right now. May we truly reveal him to others as he reveals himself to us. We are seeking the enduring treasure. BERT RHOADS.

If we could only present Christ as he really is, how surely men would be drawn to him without the pressure of our clumsy urging. Says Mr. Sankey, out of his lifelong experience, "People come to Christ, I find, in a very simple way." Not through argument or persuasion, so much as through the simple presentation of Christ as he is, do men accept him.—S. S. Times.

THE BOOK WORK.

"With patience that is infinite,
Beside the furnace waiting,
There sitteth One whose heart's desire
Hath never an abating.
If thou 'll consent, he 'll not leave thee,
Until his image he can see."

THE tests of life are to make, not break, us. Trouble may demolish a man's business but build up his character. The blow at the outward man may be the greatest blessing to the inner man. If God, then, puts or permits anything hard in our lives, be sure that the real peril, the real trouble, is what we shall lose if we flinch or rebel.—Sel.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

ORTON C. MARKEL, IOWA CITY: "The Lord gave me success last week. To him be all the praise. Angels can keep back the powers of darkness, that the books may be delivered."

PHEBE VOSBURGH, INDIANOLA: "I have been greatly blessed in my work the past week, and have enjoyed it, notwithstanding the extremely warm weather."

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING AUG. 31, 1900.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Arthur Rhoads.....	39	8	\$ 8.00	\$.50
Phebe Vosburg.....	13	8	8.00	1.00
Cora M. Davis.....	10	12	12.00	2.50
Nettie E. Brown.....	15	11	12.00	
O. C. Markel.....	40	26	26.50	8.80
Nelle Schöberg.....	2	2	2.00	
DESIRE OF AGES AND COMING KING.				
Mary L. Haskell.....	34	12	\$16.50	\$6.50
COMING KING AND LADIES' GUIDE.				
Mrs. Arthur Rhoads....	40	14	\$30.25	\$1.05
DESIRE OF AGES.				
Pearl D. Bascom.....	2	2	\$ 6.00	\$2.70
Harriet C. Fuller.....	26	4	12.00	.60
HERALDS OF THE MORNING.				
Paul Curtis.....	44	3	\$ 4.50	\$1.55
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.				
Lewis Hilliard.....	40	12	\$25.00	\$2.00
MISCELLANEOUS.				
O. N. Conklin.....	2	1	\$ 1.00	\$.75
DELIVERIES.				
	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
Susan Haskell.....	63	\$63.00	\$50.25	13
Nelle Schöberg.....	17	17.00	7.65	7
Louis Manfull.....	42	42.00	2.75	7
Nettie E. Brown.....	26	28.00	13.50	1
O. N. Conklin.....	1	1.00		
Orton Markel.....	1	1.00		
Cora M. Davis.....	2	2.00		
Phebe Vosburg.....	1	1.00		

SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	15
" " orders.....	115
Value of.....	\$163.75
" " " helps sold.....	\$103.00
Total value.....	\$266.75
Value of deliveries.....	\$155.00

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

"FEED MY LAMBS."

Oh, happy teacher, to whose trust
This glorious work is given,
A work unshared by those who dwell
Amid the joys of heaven!
"Feed, feed my lambs," in all its sweet
Persuasiveness to-day,
This message from the Saviour's lips,
Oh, Christian, reaches thee.
Ask not, "And what shall others do?"
But help without delay,
To train the children of your class
In peace and purity.
And though, perchance, thou mayest
Not call earth's fading laurel thine,
Yet bright as stars that gem night's brow
Thou shalt forever shine.

—Selected.

THE FIRST REQUISITE.

THE teacher must know God, for how can she introduce the children to one whom she does not know? Even among earthly friends we introduce only those whom we know. When should this be done?—Right away, the same as among earthly friends, just as soon as the child is introduced to the teacher. If Christ is "in you the hope of glory," in your sweet smile, calm manner, and loving look, he may read the character of God. He may read your meekness and separation from the world in a plain, modest attire, free from nodding plumes, posies, and heathenish jewelry. Usually the primary children can read only the simplest of reading, and that with difficulty. But they can read the teacher with speed, accuracy, and expression. They might stumble over, or be unable to read, the first epistle of John; but they can read it in you without the slightest difficulty. Teacher, first of all, know God.—Mrs. J. W. Rambo.

ANSWERING A CHILD'S QUESTIONS.

ASKING questions is one of the chief occupations of an active, earnest, progressive child. He would not be a proper child, nor a hopeful one, if he did not ask questions. Answering questions, or guiding a child in his finding answers to his questions, is a prominent mission of a true parent. Of course it takes time and care and patience to be faithful in this line, or in any other. Yet no parent can be loving and true toward a child, or toward God, who loves children more than does any parent, without taking an interest in a child's questions, and being ever ready to make tender effort for their answering.—S. S. Times.

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DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPT. 11, 1900.

—JUST as we go to press word is received that Eld. A. T. Jones will attend the Ottumwa camp-meeting.

—BRO. C. W. LARSON enjoyed a respite from office duties, in a visit with home friends at Ruthven, also attending the camp-meeting.

—MRS. E. M. PIERCE, of Ventura, writes that she expects to spend the winter at College View, with her daughter Floy, now Mrs. M. E. Kern.

—BRO. HENRY EIDE has returned to continue his work among the Scandinavians in this city. He is also aiding in the circulation of the *Midsummer Good Health*.

—MISS ANNIE WILSON, of the Ottumwa corps of workers, is suffering from an attack of fever. She went to College View last week accompanied by Bro. W. M. Adams.

—WORD has been received that Prof. E. A. Sutherland will probably be present to assist in the instruction at the Teachers' Institute during the latter part of the session.

—THE evening studies by Prof. Wilkinson given in the church will be continued this week. The line of thought taken up brings out in a most impressive way the thrilling truths for our time.

—MRS. ELMER C. CUSHMAN, *nee* Mary L. Coy, having with her husband enjoyed a month's vacation at her old home in Sigourney, returned last week to the work in Omaha. We were pleased to have them visit the Sanitarium in passing through this city.

—SISTERS DORA AND MINNIE PINES, who for some time have been connected with the work at Battle Creek, Mich., visited at their home in Boone last month. Their brother, John W. Pines, accompanied them on their return, and will take a course of study at the College.

—THE statement made last week that "Christ's Parables and Object Lessons" would probably be ready by the middle of September, was in accordance with instruction received; but it seems that this is a mistake. A letter just at hand from the Review and Herald office says: "The book will not be ready until the middle of October at least, and perhaps not until the first of November."

—THOSE in attendance at the Teachers' Institute in session here express themselves as highly pleased with the practical instruction they are receiving. Every church school teacher in Iowa should be here. Are there not others who can come, even though it be for only the closing days of the Institute? Those in charge of the work will gladly welcome you.

—WE would again call attention to the fact that after Oct. 1 the price of the *Signs* will be \$1.50 a year. All who expect to continue taking the paper should immediately renew their subscriptions for one or more years, and thus get the benefit of the rate of \$1.00 per year granted to all who do so *now*. Remember, you have only a short time left.

—BRO. ADOLPH PFEIFFER goes this week to take a position offered him in the Review and Herald office. For nearly six years he was the BULLETIN compositor, and we wish him abundant success in his new field of labor.

—THE special *Midsummer Number Good Health* is now ready for Iowa. Send your orders at once. Remember the terms: 5 cents per copy; one hundred or more, 4 cents each.

—BRO. PETER JACOBSEN, of Shelby, visited in Des Moines, while on his way to Chicago, where he expects to attend the Medical Missionary Training School.

—OUR Corresponding Secretary and the Secretary of the State S. S. Association were in attendance at the Ruthven camp-meeting.

—ELD. H. NICOLA was numbered among the laborers present at the Ruthven camp-meeting.

—MISS LETTIE FERGOUSON, of Pella, has come to assist at the Hygienic Cafe.

—MRS. W. E. PERRIN, of this city, is visiting at Monroe.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

BRO. W. F. KELLEY, from College View, has entered the nurses' class.

SISTER FANNIE VASICEK, of Cedar Rapids, is numbered among the patients.

MISS KITTIE VAUGHN, of the nurses' class, is at home in Mt. Pleasant for a two weeks' visit.

BRO. AND SISTER J. C. BARCUS returned last week, ready to take up the work with renewed energy. They brought with them a patient, Mrs. L. A. Seymour, of Little Sioux.

BRO. CARL RASMUSSEN, well known as a former Iowa canvasser, was here last week for a few days' treatment.

BRO. S. A. HILL, feeling the need of rest and recuperation, came last Friday. We take this as an indication of his attachment to Iowa and his interest in our new institution.

ONE of the nurses reports, as the result of an evening's work, six sales *Midsummer Good Health*, the promise of a patient for the Sanitarium, and a number of interesting visits.

IMPORTANT.

THE Conference Committee wish to hear from all the churches where church schools are to be held the coming year, and for which teachers are desired. The Institute closes next week, and the teachers should be located before leaving this place. All interested are asked to give this matter *immediate* attention. Address Eld. E. E. Gardner, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

NOTICE.

THE Medical Missionary Board wishes to notify the public that J. Henry Myers is not a representative of the International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, and is not authorized by them to solicit money for any purpose whatever. He has not been connected with the Association for a year and a half, and his work is not endorsed by our Board.
J. H. KELLOGG, *Pres.*

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

WANTED.—A man of experience, a Sabbath-keeper, to gather corn this fall. Address L. W. Bayliss, Neola, Pottawattamie county, Ia.

REAL ESTATE.—Sales and exchanges made and renting done at reasonable rates. Patronage solicited. Address, enclosing postage, George L. Teeple, College View, Neb., Lock Box 14.

WANTED.—A single young man to work on a farm, also a young woman to do housework for four, beginning April 1, 1901. Must be S. D. Adventists and give good references. O. A. Dorcas, Parker, S. Dakota.

WANTED.—A home in a good S. D. Adventist family, for a bright, active Iowa boy fourteen years of age. Church school privileges are preferred. His mother is a member of the Davenport church. Address the elder, T. F. Kendall, Thomson, Illinois.

APPOINTMENTS.

STORM LAKE,	Sept. 14—16, 1900.
Manson,	" 17, 18, "
Grant City,	" 19, 20, "
Pilot Mound,	" 21—23, "

There will be opportunity for baptism.
H. NICOLA.