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THE EXIRA CAMP-MEETING.

PROBABLY you have all seen the notice of the camp-meeting for south-western Iowa, to be held in Exira, Oct. 9-14. I am quite sure that if we all could but realize the *importance* of attending this meeting, we would make an extra effort to be there. We are living in solemn times. It can clearly be seen that the enemy is stealing a march on the inhabitants of the earth, and is causing many to slumber. The love of many of the professed followers of God is waxing cold. How dangerous it is to sleep now, when we are on the very verge of eternity. When we consider the great sacrifice made in order to save us, is it too much that the Lord invites us to leave our homes for a few days to seek him, and get a better preparation to meet him? The results of this meeting will go into eternity. If we could only view these things in the *light of eternity* how different they would appear. May the Lord help us to get ready. Let us pray earnestly to God for a "fitting up." Ask the Lord to give us an hungering and thirsting after righteousness, and if we have that we shall be filled.

It may seem that the date for the Exira meeting is a little late in the season, but we sometimes have fine, warm weather in October. Yet all should come prepared for some cold

nights. It is not a great effort to carry a little camp stove, and at this season of the year it is so much pleasanter. The camp will be located in the eastern part of town, and we are quite sure that we can get rooms in houses for those who would prefer them. Exira is easy of access, situated ten miles south of Audubon and eighteen miles north of Atlantic. Those coming from the south will change cars at Atlantic; and those from the north, at Audubon. There are two trains a day, morning and afternoon. We will meet the trains on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 9th and 10th. Those who may be compelled to come later should drop us a card at Exira, as the station is located about a mile west of the city.

E. G. OLSEN.

ARE WE BETTER THAN THEY?

Is it our duty to direct our neighbors toward the kingdom of health?

Only recently our hearts were stirred within us while reading the newspaper accounts of the heartless spirit manifested by the tugmen, immediately following that terrible disaster where so many found a watery grave. It was claimed that these men refused to rescue perishing humanity from the angry waters unless they had plenty of money.

Do you know, dear reader, that fully one-half of the deaths that occur around you are due to conditions and diseases that are *wholly* preventable? Have we any responsibility in this matter? Is it only a theory, or is it a fact, that we are the "salt of the earth"? The men who years ago led out in this message, would have shed tears of joy could they have had placed in their hands such an abundance of truth as is contained in a single issue of the *Good Health*; but they toiled on when light was scarce,

and we to-day reap from their labor.

The Midsummer Number is particularly a sign board, pointing those who are weary with the results of wrong habits toward the kingdom of health. If we refuse to throw this life-line of health to our perishing neighbors so that they may live, wherein are we better than were the cruel tugmen in the New York disaster?

DAVID PAULSON.

THE GOSPEL VS. FORCE.

"By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God." We are saved by grace because it is grace, that is, the favor of God, that brings salvation. That favor, bringing salvation, is bestowed freely and without measure upon every one who seeks it, so that salvation is free to all; but the Saviour of men will never compel any man to accept it. When God made man, he made him a free moral agent; and therefore every man is absolutely free to take this salvation or to reject it, just as he chooses. To-day God is calling men to his service who are willing. He says, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me;" and the easiest yoke ever borne by man is the Master's yoke of love.

Martin Luther once said of the work of God on earth, "It is not by the sword that he will have his gospel promulgated." These words of the great reformer were truth, and are present truth for all Protestants to-day. The sword is a carnal weapon; but the language of the servant of Christ is: "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal; the 'sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God,' is our sword." God forces no one. His government is not a government of force. To the creature which he has made, he

says, "Come now, and let us reason together." He invites all to come and partake of the water of life freely, to come and be saved, but he compels no one. Neither do those who are like God seek to constrain any one. Said Luther, "I am ready to preach, argue, write; but I will not constrain any one, for faith is a voluntary act."

But the day of judgment will reveal how men in all ages have assumed to take the place of God, and by force prescribe to others their duties, and in so doing have acted unlike Christ. Because others would not believe and act as they believed, men have kindled around them the fires of persecution, inflicted civil penalties, thrown them into dungeons, placed them upon the rack, etc. Thus, blindly and without reason, have they sought to force their opinions upon their fellowmen. But, whatever their profession, this can not be the Spirit of Christ; and the church which sustains such actions can not be the church of Christ, whatever her claim may be.

Thank the Lord for the privilege of being saved by grace "through faith, ... and it is the gift of God." He draws us that we may "run after" him and be saved, freely, willingly, voluntarily. "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." L. F. STARR.

THE WORK IN THE SOUTHERN FIELD.

WE are much exercised regarding the work here. I will give you a line from a letter received from the Director: "I sincerely wish that we were able to send you some workers, but it is impossible. If your work were not started, we would want you to come and help us. I would be glad if you could find some good consecrated workers who would come from the North. At present those coming down must expect to be self-supporting, unless sent down by their home Conferences."

I quote from the testimonies: "Christ says to you, Lift up your eyes and look upon this Southern field." "The colored people may be compared to a mine that is to be worked, in which is valuable ore of the most precious material. Who will enlist in this work, and willingly teach the ignorant what saith the Word of God?" "Some families should be found who for Christ's sake will volunteer to enter the Southern field." "The Lord does not call families to work in the South who have young children, but he calls those who can work to advantage in

different localities." "Instead of few, why should not many go forth to labor in this long-neglected field? Shall we expend labor most largely for those who know the truth?" "It needs men and women who will not be sent to the Southern field by our people, but who will feel the burden to go into this neglected portion of God's vineyard." "Whoever works in the South needs to be sanctified in soul, body, and spirit." "I enquire, What do our people mean by this neglect to work the Southern field? That which might have been done years ago in the South can not now be done." "With all our might we must do our work now." "There is no more fruitful field than the South."

I can testify that fruit, the precious fruit of the earth, is wasting. Let us not linger where the bushes have been well picked; but shall we not gather the berries where the Lord says they are, before the soon coming flood? "Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it." We have a large mulberry tree at our window. When the wind blows we are reminded of the admonition in 2 Sam. 5:24. "When thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees ... bestir thyself." Sister Long practices what she preaches. People are interested. They send for us to come to their homes for readings. From one to thirteen adults are present at a reading. We have used our large barrel of literature, and another is on its way to us. Later, we hope to hold cottage meetings. The Lord is doing great things for us. Our health was never better. The weather is fine.

MINNIE BEAMAN.

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

OBITUARY.

GORHAM.—EMMA Gertrude Gorham was born at Winnebago, Ill., and died at the home of her parents in Spirit Lake, Iowa, Sept. 19, 1900, aged 39 years, 10 months, and 19 days.

The immediate cause of her death was peritonitis, but she had been afflicted from early youth. Because of her helpless and dependent condition, she many times wished for death, that she might not be a burden to others. Yet, through her years of intense suffering she was never heard to complain of her own lot, being mindful only of the convenience and ease of others. She loved to read the Bible, and lost no opportunity to do so. While no great work in life was hers, yet her patience and unselfishness have been an inspiration to all her acquaintances. Words of comfort, based upon the statement "Jesus wept," were spoken by the writer. THOS. H. JEYS.

FIELD REPORTS.

WINTERSET.

THE brethren and sisters of our church have felt very anxious in regard to the case of a beloved member, Bro. Angus McDonald. He was operated upon, but without success, the physician pronouncing his difficulty cancer of the liver in such an advanced stage as to be beyond human help. We sent for Elds. J. W. Adams and L. F. Starr to come and pray for him. The meeting reminded us of the good meetings of twenty-five years ago. It was to us as the day of atonement, as we confessed our sins and made wrongs right. The Lord never forsakes his people, but will manifest himself to them just to the extent that they desire his presence. The elder, with a few of the brethren and sisters, went to the home of Bro. McDonald, while the other members remained at the church to engage in prayer. How good it is to be able to trust the Lord fully, and to give everything into his hands. Bro. McDonald is much stronger and brighter since, and is fully resigned to the will of the Lord. May we all draw near to the Lord, and he will draw near to us. A. J. STIFFLER.

STORM LAKE.

As Eld. H. Nicola could be with us, we held our quarterly meeting before the usual time, Sept. 15. He spoke in the morning on present truth from 2 Peter 1:12, 13. We are so glad the Lord sent his servant to put us in remembrance of these things. Many new and important thoughts were brought out. In the afternoon he spoke words of comfort and courage from Eph. 6:10-18 and Luke 13:24. We are admonished to be strong in the Lord. But in order to be strong we must do our part by striving to enter in at the straight gate; if we are striving, we will be anxious to put on the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand in the evil day; in order to put on the whole armor, we must take the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God," "praying always with all power and supplication in the Spirit," not forgetting to "watch with all perseverance." Jesus says, "Take the shield of faith." How thankful we should be that we have a dear Saviour who holds these gifts in store for us. Following this service three were added to our company, and

we celebrated the ordinances. This was indeed a great privilege to us, as it was the second time in the last two years that we have had an opportunity of following the example of our Saviour in this.

We had planned a picnic for the children Sunday forenoon. It was thought best that this be carried out. After partaking of the dinner God so graciously provided, we had a short program, consisting of recitations, songs, and reading. The best feature of this program was that each, young and old, took part. We felt that the Lord had been with us in many ways, even in this meeting. Following this we were permitted to hear a few more words of encouragement from the good Book. A short recess was given for the children, to prepare to enjoy a short time at the Lake, while our business meeting was in progress. We felt that God by his Holy Spirit took charge and led in this meeting, as well as in all the others. We praise the Lord for the words of instruction and encouragement received. It is our earnest desire to be true and living witnesses for our dear Master, that when he comes in the clouds of glory, we may be found doing his will, so that the blessing of Rev. 22:14 may be pronounced upon us. Pray for us, that we may be faithful.

Mrs. C. H. TYRRELL.

THE BOOK WORK.

Get leave to work
In this world—'tis the best you get at all.
—Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

ENCOURAGING.

BRO. A. J. SCOTT, who for about a year was connected with the canvassing work in Iowa, writes from Steedman, Missouri: "My labor since returning to Missouri has been a source of real enjoyment. I have been selling our books for nearly twenty years, but never have had such good success before in getting the message before the people. I find many hungering for the precious truth pertaining to our time. I often take orders for both 'Prophecies of Jesus' and 'Coming King' from the same party. My orders averaged \$10.00 per day. On my sixty-ninth birthday I took orders for eight dollars worth in the forenoon. In two months I took orders to the value of \$300.00, and am just finishing my delivery with the best of success.

One very intelligent man, a member of the Christian denomination, was so anxious to investigate that he had me order both books by express. One old lady said that 'Prophecies' contained just the light on the second coming of Christ that she was longing for. So many are dissatisfied with what their teachers are giving them, and it cheers my heart to meet such as are willing to receive the light of the closing message. The Lord has wonderfully blessed me in every way."

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

Mrs. BELLE RHOADS, ONSLOW: "This is lovely weather for work, I think the best of the year. I have been using 'Ladies' Guide' the last two weeks with 'Coming King,' and with good success. It is appreciated by intelligent women. Our delivery begins tomorrow (Sept. 8). The Lord has helped us take the orders, and I am sure he will help deliver them."

Miss PHEBE VOSBURG, INDIANOLA: "The past week has been full of good experiences. I want to be faithful in my calling to the end. I have enjoyed better health since taking up the canvassing work than for several years before, and the Lord gives me favor with the people. To him be all the praise."

Miss HARRIETT FULLER was called away from the work at Council Bluffs last week on account of the very serious illness of her sister at Waukon.

"PRESENT your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God."

**CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK END-
ING SEPT. 21, 1900.**

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Phoebe Vosburg.....	12	3	\$ 3.00	\$2.50
Cora M. Davis.....	11	3	3.00	1.75
Nelle Schoberg.....	15			.70
Susan Haskell.....	20	2	2.00	2.90
DESIRE OF AGES AND COMING KING.				
Mary L. Haskell.....	20	3	\$ 5.50	\$2.45
DESIRE OF AGES.				
Pearl D. Bascom.....	1	\$ 2.50		\$4.75
DELIVERIES.				
	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
Lewis Hilliard.....	22	\$43.50	\$1.50	4
Cora M. Davis.....	2	2.00		
Mary L. Haskell.....	1	1.00		
Pearl D. Bascom.....	12	40.75		4
Coral Bascom.....	10	34.25	1.00	1
SUMMARY.				
No. of agents.....				8
" " orders.....				12
Value of ".....			\$ 16.00	
" " helps sold.....			\$ 17.55	
Total value.....			\$ 33.55	
Value of deliveries.....			\$118.50	

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

MT. PLEASANT CONVENTION.

THE convention was held by the members of the Mt. Pleasant school in Saunder's grove. A number of visitors not of our faith were present. We had two sessions, in which four papers were read and discussed freely. Plenty of good singing and an exercise by the children made the program more interesting, and prevented any from being wearied. Many good thoughts were given us by the various speakers, and we were sorry some of our own members missed them. We were impressed with the thought that each teacher should see that the pupils are receiving the practical spiritual truths of the lesson taught each week. "How the Music May Be Improved in Our Sabbath-school" was one subject considered. The writer of the paper thought that all should sing with the leader, and endeavor by practise to come as near in harmony with the heavenly choir as is possible.

A children's meeting had been planned to close our convention, but was omitted on account of threatening weather. The children had an interesting exercise entitled, "Christ our Light," each of the sixteen children holding a little candle.

MARY VAN SYOC.

AN INTERESTING LETTER.

We quote from a letter received a few weeks ago, as follows:—

Your letter containing draft at hand. This is only one of many times that our hearts have been made glad by remittances from Iowa. We will use this in finishing the upper story of our new school building. Many thanks for the money. The children of Iowa are the dearest children in the world to us; for they have quite largely supported the school. O, may the Lord throw around them an influence that will ever keep them in the right way.

With kindly love to all,

S. M. JACOBS.

Are you not glad, children, that you have been such a help to the Oakwood school? Are there not others who have birthday offerings to send to this field? Parents, do you not want a part in this work? Send in your offerings.

MRS. J. L. A.

"REMEMBER that unless souls are brought to Jesus your school is a failure."

"GET your scholars to study if you would have an interesting school."

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—EXIRA camp-meeting, Oct. 9-14.

—ELD. N. C. BERGERSEN has located his family at Story City.

—BRO. T. S. JACKSON spent a few days at his old home in Page county last week.

—MRS. MATTIE PIPPENGER, of Tama, Iowa, calls for more papers to use in her reading rack. Please send post-paid.

—ELDS. L. F. STARR and J. W. ADAMS were among the Conference workers present at the Ottumwa camp-meeting.

—A PLEASANT reception was given in honor of the Sanitarium workers, by Dr. and Mrs. J. D. HARE, at their residence, Thursday evening.

—ELD. P. A. HANSEN stopped at the Sanitarium Monday night in returning from the South Dakota camp-meeting, going the next day to Ottumwa.

—THE Grand Junction corps of workers have moved their tent to Minburn, Dallas county, where they began meetings Friday evening, Sept. 28.

—BRO. AND SISTER ANGUS McDONALD, of Winterset, passed through this city last Thursday, on their way to visit relatives at Grinnell and Montezuma.

—ELD. C. F. STEVENS was called to College View, Sunday morning, by telegram. The particulars are not known, but it is feared that Sister Stevens is much worse.

—BRO. W. L. MANFULL still reports success in the sale of the special number of *Good Health*. He visited a large number of churches on his way from the north-western camp-meeting, and will continue this work following the meeting at Ottumwa.

—MISS DORA BROWN, of Sharpsburg, writes: "A cyclone passed over Sharps the evening of the 25th, taking both the other churches, while ours, although located just north of the Presbyterian church, was unhurt, with the exception of one broken window pane."

—BRO. AND SISTER C. M. PEABODY came to Des Moines last week, making the trip from Ames with private conveyance. They have spent the summer near Ames, and are thinking of locating there. Bro. Peabody occupied the morning hour here last Sabbath, speaking from 1 Cor. 10:13.

—Of a truth it seems that "of making many books there is no end," and no doubt our people sometimes wonder why we publish so many; but for this there is a reason. There is a world to be warned and a people to be saved. These people must be reached in their way, too. In order to accomplish this, many books must be printed to suit the needs of many people. Another one for the children will soon be published, entitled, "Easy Steps in the Bible Story—From Creation to Sinai," and is written by Adelaide Bee Cooper, editor of the *Instructor*. It will contain 160 pages, with 150 pen-drawings; and, bound in cloth, will cost 50 cents; in paper, 25 cents. For further information, address this Office.

—THE publishers of the *Signs* say: "The special World's Outlook number . . . will, we believe, be the very best issue of the *Signs* that has ever come from our press; and, being the very best, it will be the most important." The hearts of men are filled with perplexity and fear, "looking after those things that are coming upon the earth." This number will help us to point them to the real meaning of the thrilling events in the political and social world. It will bear date of Nov. 28, and will be ready for delivery Nov. 1. Send in your orders early.

—WE again call the attention of our Scandinavian brethren and sisters to the new Danish and Swedish libraries, in which the current issue is "Marshaling of the Nations." This pamphlet is a timely one, and has had a remarkable sale, receiving words of commendation from those who are conversant with international affairs and therefore competent to pass judgment upon such a work. The opportunity to get the truth it contains before the Scandinavian people should not be lost. Order a supply from this Office.

—WE would invite the special attention of our readers to Dr. Paulson's article entitled, "Are We Better Than They?" in this issue of the BULLETIN. As you carefully note it, learn for yourselves what your duty is in the matter of getting the special number of the *Good Health* for Iowa before the people. Remember the price, five cents per single copy, or four cents each when one hundred or more are ordered. Order of this Office.

—MRS. JENNIE AKINS, of Mingo, is visiting at the home of her brother, Eld. J. W. Adams, of this city.

—MRS. LIBBIE EARLE, of Lima, is in Des Moines visiting relatives.

—MRS. N. McLAUGHLIN has recently removed from Adel to Des Moines.

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

—MISS HORTENSE HEIVILIN, of Clarinda, is visiting relatives in Des Moines.

—WE again call attention to the semi-annual collection, Oct. 6, for the maintenance of the Haskell Home and James White Memorial Home. Please forward donations for this purpose to Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

—ELD. C. P. BOLLMAN, of the *Sentinel* Office, and Eld. W. T. Millman, President of the Dakota Conference, are expected to be at the Exira camp-meeting. Eld. L. Johnson will be present, and it is hoped that Eld. C. Santee can stop off on his way to Battle Creek, Mich.

A TYPESETTER WANTED.

THERE is an opening in the *Life Boat* office for one or two typesetters. Either a young man or a young woman will answer. Must be a Sabbath-keeper. For particulars address the *Life Boat*, 1926 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Oct. 6, 7, 1900.

This will be the occasion for the election of church officers for the coming year, so we hope that there will be a general attendance. Other matters of interest will be considered. Eld. B. L. Dieffenbacher will be with us.

BALIE P. SHILLING, *Elder*.

ALEXANDER, Oct. 6, 7, 1900.

Church officers will be elected. All members are requested to report, especially those who have not reported the past three quarters, or their names will have to be dropped, according to the rules of our church.

JOHN DIRKSEN, *Elder*.

WINTERSSET, Oct. 20, 21, 1900.

A full attendance is desired, also reports from those too far away to be present. Eld. L. F. Starr is expected to be with us.

A. J. STIFFLER, *Elder*.

DAVENPORT, Oct. 13, 14, 1900.

The yearly election of church officers will be held.

T. F. KENDALL, *Elder*.

FONTANELLE, Oct. 6, 1900.

E. E. GARDNER.