



Workers' Bulletin.

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FINISH THY WORK.

FINISH thy work, the time is short,
The sun is in the west;
The night is coming on, till then
Think not of rest.

Yes, finish all thy work, then rest;
Till then, till then, rest never.
The rest prepared for thee by God
Is rest forever.

Finish thy work, then go in peace,
Life's battle fought and won:
Hear from the throne the Master's voice,
"Well done, well done."

—Horatius Bonar.

A CURIOUS TREE.

THERE is a large tree in California that in growth and habits is the opposite, perhaps, of all other trees. Instead of shedding its leaves, it sheds its bark. When the bark on other trees is thickening in the fall for winter, it commences to put off the outer bark and to put on a new clean one, that is thin, for the winter. It is an accepted fact that a tree which grows rapidly will have a soft, porous fiber, like that of the soft maple. But, although this tree has a very rapid growth, the fiber is so firm that when but partially dried a nail can not be driven into it,—a hole must be bored for the nail. I am told also that the leaves of this tree when green burn readily, like the leaves of other trees when dry. There is an oil extracted from this tree that is used as a medicine. The name of this peculiar tree is "Eucalyptus."

The word has this signification: *Eu* equals well; *calyptus* means to cover. I do not know its origin.

This tree reminds me of the statement the Lord made to Hagar concerning Ishmael, in Gen. 16:12, "His hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him." This tree is almost useless on account of its peculiarities, while such trees as the giant red wood and the pine are of great service. Which do you think could be dispensed with with the least loss to the human family? There are people living to-day who seem to pride themselves upon their peculiarities. Do you not think that the person of boasted peculiarities would come in the same catalogue with the tree that could be laid aside? and that the one who is not so peculiar, but is always helpful to those around him, would be more in demand?

CLARENCE SANTEE.

UNION COLLEGE.

THE many friends of Union College will be glad to learn of the favorable opening of another school year. Already a large number of students have enrolled; twenty-two States are represented. New students are arriving daily, and the outlook is good for a large attendance. A spirit of earnestness pervades, and the students seem more than ever determined to make the best of their opportunities, a success of their year's work.

The College home is already nearly filled, but we are glad to announce that a number of the homes in College View have been opened to the students, so that all who come will be made comfortable, and to feel at home. Good table board will be furnished to all at the College dining hall, on the European plan. Thus each one pays for only what he eats. This has proven

to be a very satisfactory arrangement. Those who prefer to room in the College home should send in their applications as soon as possible, stating as nearly as they can when they will arrive, and every effort will be made to accommodate them.

There is still on hand a good supply of College Year Books, and of the special number of the *Practical Educator*, which will be sent to those desiring information concerning the College. The first fall number of the *Educator* will be ready in October. This will be of special interest to all of our young people who desire an education.

W. T. BLAND.

College View, Neb.

TRAINING CLASS FOR MISSIONARY MOTHERS.

So little has been said about this class and its work that doubtless few know of the excellent work it is doing. The course of instruction comprises regular lectures, recitations, and practical instruction and work throughout the year, with advanced work for any who may take a second year's instruction. The instruction is given by those who have made a special study of the work, and have had practical experience in their several lines,—members of the Sanitarium Nurses' Training School faculty, teachers trained in the best methods of kindergarten, sloyd, kitchen-garden, grade work, etc.

The following are among the subjects taught: Kindergarten, Child Nature and Character Building, Training of Children, Physiology and Hygiene, a short course in practical treatments, hygienic cookery, physical culture, domestic economy, sloyd, primary sewing as adapted to children's classes and city mission work, and Bible

study. These courses vary in length from a week to ten months.

To those whose proficiency the first year makes further study seem advisable, courses are open for more advanced work,—special studies in kindergarten work, the study of child nature and methods of training, normal methods of teaching, hygienic cookery, Bible study, kitchen-garden, simple dressmaking, nursing, etc.

As will be seen, the course offers an excellent preparation for missionary work, either at home or abroad. Opportunity is given at the Haskell Home for a limited number of students to meet expenses of board, room, and tuition by work. For further information address Mrs. E. H. Whitney, Sanitarium, Battle Creek, Mich.

FIELD REPORTS.

OSCEOLA.

SABBATH, Oct. 6, was a good day for the church at Osceola. Brn. F. L. Moody, C. W. Neal, and Chas. Heald were with us, and best of all the Spirit of the Lord was present. All seemed to feel its influence as the invitation was extended to all who wished to do so to unite with the church, and twelve responded. Five of these were children of members of the Osceola church; the other seven were members of two families from Weldon which accepted the truth as a result of the tent meetings held there this summer. As these new converts bore testimony to the truth, it made our hearts rejoice; and the sight of so many gladly partaking of the ordinances of the Lord's house was a solemn scene. We were glad to see the youth take their stand for the Lord.

The Woodburn church met with us, and all realized that it was good to be there. We ask the prayers of the BULLETIN family for the friends at Weldon, also for the work at Smyrna, where Brn. Moody and Heald are now laboring.

ELIZABETH REA.

SIBLEY.

AFTER a long and hard pull of three months and five days, we closed our meetings at this place Monday evening, Oct. 1. During this time there were held ninety-three public meetings. Although the attendance was not large at any time, we held on for the sake of the earnest, interested few. A few consecrated souls are keeping all

the commandments. I mention some cases of special interest. One, an old man of eighty-four years, was reminded as he signed the covenant, that it meant the first commandment as well as the fourth. He said, "Yes, and I have given up tobacco, which has been my god." He and his aged companion are rejoicing in the truth of God. Another said at our closing meeting, "I have known this truth for twenty-five years, and have walked in darkness because I refused to obey; but now I mean to walk in the light." Another dear sister, who has been called to pass through affliction, said, "Before this truth found me I was without hope in God, but now I have hope in him." There are still others for whom we hope. Bro. Arthur McClintock will make his home here during the winter, and follow up the interest and instruct those who are new in the faith. There is an opening for meetings in the country about four miles from town, which will be entered soon.

God's blessing has been with us during the summer, and love and unity have prevailed. We praise our God for his love and for some visible fruits of our labor.

THOS. H. JEYS,
C. T. ADAMS,
ARTHUR MCCLINTOCK.

ROLAND, STORY COUNTY.

THE following report is culled from a letter written by Eld. N. C. Bergersen to Eld. E. E. Gardner:—

"We pitched our tent here the 5th of July. The circumstances under which we came to this place were different from those existing in most of the places where tent companies are located. Instead of being urged by representatives of the truth to come and hold meetings, we had to push our way against the will of both priest and laity. The people generally are given over to pleasure-seeking and money-making, and their minds are not in a fit condition to receive the solemn truths for this time. The priests rule here with Catholic authority to exceed anything we have ever seen before. Many find it much easier to heed their words than to investigate for themselves. We have been opposed publicly and privately, and many have barred their hearts and homes against the means of revealing to them the last message of mercy. Two have decided to obey all of God's commandments.

We have begun meetings in a school-house about five miles south-west of

here, with a good attendance. We are of good courage, having learned many precious lessons as we have tried to follow the life of our Master under these difficulties. We expect to visit here occasionally."

GLENWOOD.

ELD. C. F. STEVENS was with us at our quarterly meeting, also Bro. P. P. Adams; and much of God's blessing was enjoyed by those who sought him. The election of officers was held, and all seemed in perfect harmony and union with each decision made. For this we were so thankful, and we trust that all will work together through the entire year; for "in union there is strength." Bro. J. H. Davis was elected and ordained as our elder.

NELLIE L. DAVIS.

SHARPSBURG.

We were very pleasantly surprised by having our elder, Bro. J. W. Adams, meet with us Sabbath and Sunday, Oct. 6 and 7. On Sabbath the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated, with eleven members of our little church present and all of them taking part in the services. Although few in number, we are of good courage. Several not of our faith were present at the service evening after the Sabbath. Bro. Adams presented many precious truths, urging us to seek the Lord now, while he may be found, as never before; for soon the decree will go forth, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still." Probation will then have closed,—how solemn is the thought.

Pray for the little company at Sharps, that when that time comes we may be of the number that have made the Lord their refuge. We praise him for sending Bro. Adams at this time, and for the many other blessings he is daily and hourly bestowing upon us.

AMY E. COLVIN, Clerk.

OBITUARY.

HOWELL.—Died at Delmar Junction, Iowa, Oct. 2, 1900, David E. Howell, aged 49 years and 25 days.

Bro. Howell accepted the truth six years ago, when Brn. Starr and Adams were there with their tent; and since then he and his wife, who survives him, have been earnest, faithful members of the little company at Delmar, who have met with a sad loss in his removal. He left his home in the morning well, only to be brought back

in the grasp of the great enemy. His earnest life and sudden death impressed all with the thought that in the daily bearing of the cross of Christ is our only safety. Though his earthly work is done, like Abel he "being dead yet speaketh," and his life will long live in the memory of the saddened throng of friends who viewed his remains ere we laid him away. Truly he rests in peace, and we "sorrow not as others which have no hope."

BURT FULLMER.

DUNN.—Died near Ely, Iowa, Sept. 28, 1900. Bro. Myron E. Dunn, aged fifty-three years.

He leaves a wife; two sons, Arthur and Elmer; and one daughter, Sister Laura Knox, of Nashville, Tenn. He assured his companion near the close that his trust was still in the Lord. A few comforting texts of scripture were read by the writer, and we laid him away to rest until the Life-giver comes to gather those who are his. May this family be reunited then.

W. V. FIELD.

MILLS.—Died Sept. 25, 1900, at Des Moines, Iowa, of typhoid, catarrhal, and pneumonial fever. Bro. Charles L. Mills, aged 29 years, 1 month, and 3 days.

His sickness was of such a nature that from the first he felt doubtful about getting well. From personal choice he was taken to the Iowa Sanitarium. Although hopes were entertained as to his recovery, the complications in his case were such as to make it very doubtful. He gave full evidence of forgiveness and acceptance with God. The funeral services were held near his home at Liberty Center, in the Christian church. He was highly respected, and a large number of sympathizing friends were present. This is a heavy blow to the bereaved wife, who is left with the care of two children; but she has learned the source of her strength, and to trust in Him who is a father to the fatherless and a husband to the widow.

J. W. ADAMS.

THE BOOK WORK.

DISCOURAGING.

AN article appearing week before last under the heading "Encouraging" told the experience of one canvasser, and showed how the Lord will bless those who consecrate themselves to him. Why then say "Discouraging"?—Because there are so few who will offer themselves to the work and say,

"Lord, here am I, send me." What an army of workers we need! One hundred where there is now one! Can any one give himself to a more noble or more worthy cause? As Bro. Hill says, the Lord has chosen us as his special people, to finish his work. Is it not discouraging when we are so slow to accept our privilege? We often hear testimonies of praise to Him who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. What shall we do with this light?—The Lord tells us in Matt. 5:14-16. He says, "Let your light so shine." Is there any better way to let the light shine than by carrying our publications from door to door? I can not preach, but the papers and books will do the preaching.

It does my heart good when I meet honest souls who have become interested by reading our good books. In delivering my books I have had many encouraging words. One lady who could not pay at first told me when I called the second time, as she handed me the money, that she and her husband had been looking over the book, and thought it was worth more than they had paid. Several said they wanted it even though it was an "Advent" work, because they believed it was a good book. I praise the Lord for a part in the canvassing work. I only regret my unfaithfulness. I sometimes feel discouraged about making a living for my family; but I see that it is best to trust in the Lord, who has promised, "Verily, thou shalt be fed."

LEWIS HILLIARD.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING OCT. 5, 1900.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Nelle Schoberg.....	25	4	\$ 4.00	
Susan Haskell.....	27	12	12.00	\$3.45
COMING KING AND HERALDS OF MORNING.				
O. N. Conklin.....	8	2	\$ 2.25	\$2.00
DESIRE OF AGES AND COMING KING.				
Mary L. Haskell.....	23	5	\$ 8.75	\$2.35
DANIEL AND REVELATION.				
Edward Everett.....	20	3	\$ 4.25	\$2.75
FROM EDEN TO EDEN.				
Fred Scharff.....	21	4	\$ 4.50	

DELIVERIES.

	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
Edward Everett.....	1	\$ 1.00		
Mary L. Haskell.....	38	78.00	\$1.50	4
O. N. Conklin.....	4	4.75		
Lewis Hilliard.....	25	46.90	1.75	
Orton Markel.....	53	93.00	1.75	11

SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	8
" " orders.....	30
Value of ".....	\$ 35.75
" " helps sold.....	\$ 15.55
Total value.....	\$ 51.30
Value of deliveries.....	\$22.75

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

GATHER THEM IN.

THE Sunday-school was originally intended to do missionary work. Robert Raikes organized the first Sunday-school to supply the need of religious instruction among the children of depraved and irreligious parents, which was essentially a missionary movement. And the Sabbath-school ought never to lose that character. The children of religious parents who are faithful to the trust of rearing the children which God Almighty gave them, have religious instruction in the home. That ought to be a better school than the Sabbath-school, first, because of better teachers. God Almighty himself has laid his own invisible hands of holy ordination upon the heads of Christian parents as he has committed to them the work of bringing their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. They are best teachers because they love most, and love for the scholar is the highest and most necessary qualification for teaching. They have more time, too. From twenty to thirty minutes out of the seven days of the week is not enough religious instruction for the child. But it is better than none at all, as is the case where children have no home training. Of course the children, and parents, too, of our Christian homes, ought to be in the Sabbath-school; but the most needed work is with the children from godless homes. But these are the very ones not likely to send their children. Hence they must be "gone for,"—there must be some mission work. We must gather them in from the highways and hedges until God's Sabbath-school house is full.—*Selected.*

SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

A SABBATH-SCHOOL convention will be held Sunday, Oct. 28, 1900, at the S. D. Adventist church in Fontanelle. The morning session will begin at 10 o'clock. All neighboring schools are invited to attend.

J. F. LALONE, Supt.

"Don't rest satisfied until every member of your church who possibly can, attends the Sabbath-school."

"Do n't go to Sabbath-school unprepared. Study the lesson every day."

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DES MOINES, IOWA, OCT. 16, 1900.

—BRO. J. O. BEARD has located at Boone for the winter.

—THE church school at Osceola began this week, with Bro. Paul Curtis in charge.

—ELD. J. W. ADAMS held meetings with the Knoxville church last Sabbath and Sunday.

—MISS PEARL BASCOM has been selected as instructor in the church school at Sandyville, and enters upon her duties this week.

—BRO. FRANK ABBOTT, of Spirit Lake, writes that the special number of the *Good Health* found a ready sale there, and that "many are interested in health principles" as a result.

—ELDS. E. E. GARDNER and P. A. Hansen were called to Battle Creek, Michigan, last week, to attend important meetings held under the direction of the General Conference Committee.

—BRO. THOS. H. JEYS was in attendance at the local camp-meeting held at Lake Crystal, Minn., leaving Sibley Oct. 3, to remain over Sunday, the 7th. He reports an encampment of about one hundred and fifty.

—BRO. AND SISTER ANGUS McDONALD are still at Montezuma, where they went to visit Bro. McDonald's people. As it is not possible for her to write to all their friends, Sister McDonald wishes us to say to them through the *BULLETIN* that her husband has been failing very rapidly of late.

—BRO. A. J. IDEN has joined the workers at Ottumwa. Concerning the work for the special *Good Health*, he says; "The health journals are selling well. If each of our members would take hold and sell even ten copies they would soon all be sold. Almost any one could sell five a day. The Lord has a blessing for each one who will try."

—ELD. A. G. DANIELLS joined his wife at New York Sept 30, and after a short stay in the East, they came to Battle Creek, Michigan, where Eld. Daniells is attending the meetings called by the General Conference Committee. Their Des Moines friends have the promise of a visit from them, and they expect to spend some time at other places in their home State.

—WE take the liberty of sharing with their many Iowa friends extracts from a recent letter written by Eld. John Hoffman and wife, from Borga, Finland; "It is some time since we have written to any one in Iowa; but the *BULLETIN*, which comes as a dear friend every week, has kept us informed as to the happenings in your Conference. We took a trip during the months of June, July, and August, to the land of the midnight sun. At Abo we held our canvassers' institute for two weeks. The first volume of "Great Controversy" in the Finnish language is now ready for delivery. We have to print in two volumes because nearly all the people are too poor to buy it all at once. One lady canvasser up in the frosty North took orders for 2,000 marks, or \$400.00 worth, in five weeks. We are holding meetings in this little city. A few come regularly, and we hope for some fruit."

—THE book, "Power for Witnessing," by Eld. A. F. Ballenger, is now off the press, and is receiving words of commendation from those who have read advance proofs. Of it one has said, "I have never read anything on the work of the Holy Spirit which seems to be so clear, reasonable, and interesting." Especially will those who have heard the author be interested in this book; and its low price, seventy-five cents, places it within the reach of all.

—THE "Bible Text-book," by Eld. O. A. Johnson, "covers a wide range of Biblical subjects, including the cardinal points of our faith, developing and bringing in, in their natural order, each subject under consideration, giving proof texts." It is of convenient size to carry in the vest or coat pocket, and sells in cloth binding for 30 cents; leather, 50 cents.

—REPORT blanks for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1900, have been sent to all the church clerks and treasurers. Any failing to receive them should address this Office at once. Please be careful to report all changes in church officers, so as to avoid mistakes in the future.

—BRO. AND SISTER R. D. TOPLIFF and daughter Earnestine, of Davis City, have come to Des Moines to spend the winter, and met with us in Sabbath-school and church service last Sabbath.

—BRO. AND SISTER STICKNEY, formerly of Winterset but just recently of Stuart, stopped at the Sanitarium last week.

—BRO. L. P. OLSEN, of Newell, while in Des Moines on business last week, called at this Office.

—MISS TACY LYTTLE, of Little Sioux, enrolled this week as a pupil in the Des Moines church school.

—BRO. PAUL BARCUS, of Blencoe, came to Des Moines last week, and is attending the church school.

—MRS. DR. SHIVELY's mother, Mrs. D. C. Magee, with her daughter Ruby, has come to make Des Moines her home.

—MISS ALICE I. TEEPLE, of College View, Neb., who attended the Church School Institute at Des Moines, returned home Sunday, to attend college again this winter.

WHOLESONE SWEETS.

WE nearly all like candy, but know it to be injurious. Here is an excellent substitute: Secure some good dates; separate them, wash well, steam for ten or fifteen minutes, remove stones, rub through a colander or chop fine, make reasonably stiff with No. 3 gluten, and then incorporate nut meats of any kind desired. Thus you have a palatable sweet, and one which is a real food, so much so that it should not be eaten between meals. Try it.

MRS. D. A. FITCH.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

WANTED.—A S. D. Adventist to pick corn. I will pay 2½ cents per bushel, and furnish team and wagon. Address J. L. Hamren, Merville, Ia.

WANTED.—A place with S. D. Adventists to work on a farm. For further particulars address John Anderson, Newhall, Benton county, Iowa.

WANTED.—A lady of experience to keep house for three, in absence of the lady of the house, for about five months. None but S. D. Adventist need apply. For further information address Mrs. A. E. Culver, Yale, Iowa.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

MT. PLEASANT, Oct. 20, 21, 1900,
C. A. WASHBURN, *Elder*.

BURLINGTON, Oct. 20, 21, 1900.
A full attendance is desired.
CARL JENSEN.

MODALE, Oct. 20, 21, 1900,
This is the time for election of officers. Let all members report in person or by letter. The brethren at Missouri Valley, Logan, Little Sioux, and Echo are cordially invited to meet with us.
THOS. H. JEYS, *Elder*.