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For the BULLETIN.

THE WORLD'S OUTLOOK.

THERE'S a marshaling of nations;
This world did never see
Such warlike preparations.
What may the outlook be?

Some tell us that millennial dawn
Will soon be ushered in,
And on this sin-cursed earth we'll see
A reign of peace begin.

They say that rapid-firing gun,
And cannon's mighty roar,
Will frighten all the world to peace,
Till men will fight no more.

Then why the recent war with Spain?
And why in China fight?
Say, watchman, can the morning come
Before there comes the night?

Has Armageddon yet been fought?
Or is it just at hand?
What mean the preparations
We see in every land?

Are there no signs from God above,
Whereby that we may know
Just where we are, and what's before?
What does the Bible show?

E. H. WILBER.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY.

THE strained condition of the nations of to-day, and the final outcome, are eliciting comments and awakening unprecedented attention. That the purpose of Him who ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, has been declared respecting just this condition of affairs, very naturally arrests the attention of all who truly respect the unerring Word of the Most High. The world's outlook to-day profoundly impresses this class, that the

Scriptural evidences of the nearness of the time when He whose right it is shall take the kingdom, are seen and heard in all the earth. Is it possible that a "cool indifference" can possess one who has long known these things, that he will say in his heart, "My Lord delayeth his coming"? Yes, dear brethren, just that very danger confronts us. The enemy is breathing an atmosphere of indifference around us, causing a stupor that is awful to resist; and to this many among us are yielding. But let us not sleep as do others, as did the Lord's disciples in Gethsemane, but let us watch and be sober. Shows, theaters, fairs, carnivals, etc., will bid for our patronage, but should we be entertained by such vanities? Shall we not rather seek opportunity to extend the tidings, "The bridegroom cometh;" "Get ready, get ready, get ready"?

A golden opportunity is now awaiting our action, in the forthcoming Outlook Number of the *Signs*. This number is well calculated to convince of the momentous issues at hand. I wonder who among us have not relatives, friends, and neighbors to whom they wish to give this light. Do not allow this means to pass unimproved. The people now will read and talk on this question, when a little from this they may refuse. As our laborers and some of the laity have taken hold of the *Good Health* canvass, so may all our people in the State of Iowa bring this important issue to the attention of the people. As ministers, Bible workers, and canvassing missionaries, we hope to set a good example in personal effort; and may every one by united effort, improve every Heaven-provided means of finishing the work of God on earth, realizing that the loud cry of the third angel is resounding through our land. We hope to offer suggestions

for organized effort in the sale and distribution of this special number of the *Signs*, and we request the churches and isolated ones to send in their orders to the State Office early. Brethren, have your efforts in the past convinced you that you undertook too much? Consider ways and means, and the Lord give wisdom and discretion, that his name may be glorified.

E. E. GARDNER.

THE IOWA SANITARIUM AND ITS NEEDS.

WE are thankful for the prosperity that is attending the work here, and believe that this institution will be an agency for good in our State, as we seek to make it what the Lord would have it be, a home for the afflicted where the blessing of God will be upon the means used for their recovery. But we are not without some embarrassment, as we have two notes given for the original purchase of the grounds, amounting to two thousand dollars, which must be paid immediately.

If there are any having unpaid pledges who can send in the amount of their pledges at this time, it will help to relieve the situation; or if there are any who have money that they will loan for the purpose, we will give them the note of the association. Will any who can help us in either of the ways named, write to the undersigned at once, stating what they can do to help at this important time? The outlook is hopeful for this institution, and none need fear for the safety of their investment in this branch of the Lord's work.

C. F. STEVENS.

"THE truth is no more mighty, nor to be accepted more readily, when it is presented by ten thousand princes than when maintained by a single humble, laboring man."

EXIRA CAMP-MEETING.

THIS meeting was held as appointed, Oct. 9-14. The Sabbath before, the surrounding churches fasted, and prayed that the elements might be stayed and that the blessing of the Lord might be realized. "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you," is the promise, and all who desire the presence and blessing of God will never be disappointed.

Eld. L. Johnson was with us the first few days of the meeting, and the Scandinavian brethren enjoyed his help. Bro. P. L. Hoen assisted all through the meeting. Prof. B. G. Wilkinson, of College View, Nebraska, came Friday and stayed over Sabbath and Sunday. His remarks on the prophecies of Revelation were most practical. We were glad to meet Eld. B. L. Dieffenbacher, also those who had been laboring in Exira before the meeting. The attendance was much larger than at any of the other meetings held in the State this fall. On Sabbath between thirty-five and forty persons came forward to seek a closer walk with God. It was good to see the youth come to the Lord. We had asked "Jesus of Nazareth" to come that way; and when we open our hearts, like the disciples of old, and ask him to "abide with us," he will come in and sup with us. Fifteen of the young people claimed the victory over sin; and on Sunday, the closing day, eight persons were buried with their Lord in the river about one mile from the camp. The scene was a very impressive one; and while the fathers and mothers wept for joy, tears were seen in the eyes of strangers. The expression was heard all over the camp, "This is a good meeting." Praise God for his love and blessings. L. F. STARR.

A CALL FOR COOKS.

THERE is a growing demand for cooks,—for persons who not only know how to prepare a thoroughly hygienic bill of fare, but who understand the principles, who believe and practice the principles, and who are able to teach them to others. Persons of mature age, able to bear responsibility, and capable of managing the culinary department of an establishment or a large household, are wanted to fill these calls. A dozen persons could be furnished at once with good positions, if properly qualified. About the first of November a course of instruction will be started

in the Battle Creek Sanitarium School of Scientific Cookery, for the purpose of preparing persons to fill positions as professional hygienic cooks. This is a good missionary field. A score of persons can be accommodated. Opportunity will be given to pay for board and all other expenses in work, while taking the course. The course lasts from three to six months, according to the proficiency of the pupils. Those who take the course will have an opportunity to get an excellent practical experience. Those interested may address, for further information,

THE SANITARIUM,

Battle Creek, Mich.

FIELD REPORTS.

MINBURN.

THE people at the above place are quite friendly, and several have brought in eatables to our tent. The interest and attendance is increasing. While Bro. Wm. Johnson was in attendance at the Exira camp-meeting, I spoke twice upon the Sabbath question to a large company of attentive listeners. As they left, several admitted that we had the truth on the Sabbath question. The weather has been quite good for our meetings; and we trust that ere they are closed, some good earnest souls may be reached. Tuesday, Oct. 16, I was called home to College View, Neb., as Mrs. Hart was quite ill. She is now improving.

J. S. HART.

SMYRNA.

WE came to this place the 18th of September. For a few days it was impossible to do anything, on account of rainy weather. But when it cleared up, we were favored with an attentive audience, which desired to know our reasons for the hope that we have as S. D. Adventists. Part of the prophecies have been spoken upon, the coming of the Lord, and the one other theme which marks us as peculiar in the sight of the world,—the Sabbath question. Some are searching the Bible to learn the truth on these subjects. We trust there are some honest souls at this place, whose characters will be purified by obedience to the truth. We know not what the result will be, but God has said of his Word, "It shall not return unto me void." All we can do is to sow the seed, and ask God to water it and cause it to yield its increase.

May every child of God be faithful to his trust, thus hastening the coming of the Lord. Cheer up, weary heart on life's dreary way, the Lord is coming; his chariot wheels roll speedily onward. Brave soldier on the battlefield of life, stand loyal; thy King will soon appear.

F. L. MOODY,

Oct. 19.

C. W. HEALD.

DAVENPORT.

THE Davenport church, the membership of which reaches from Thomson, Illinois, on the north, to Wilmington, N. Carolina, on the south, taking in Battle Creek, Michigan, on the way, is now singing the jubilee song of deliverance from the bondage of church debt, the incumbrance on the lot having been cancelled during the past quarter. I know the BULLETIN family will rejoice with us.

It was the writer's privilege to join them again in quarterly meeting services Oct. 13. All their faces were beaming with joy. In this condition, you may know that we enjoyed a precious season. The Lord came very near. One dear old pilgrim, a First-day Adventist, is almost ready to join us. At our business meeting on Sunday, steps were taken to place the property of the church in the hands of the Iowa Conference Association.

We learn that some evil reports have been circulated to the effect that the church is all broken up, etc. While its numbers have been decimated by removals, I think I speak for every member in saying that we are not yet ready to give up the battle. The dragon is wroth, but the church is rejoicing.

T. F. KENDALL.

Thomson, Ill.

KELLEY.

THE quarterly meeting of the Kelley church was held Sabbath, October 13. Bro. N. C. Bergersen was with us Sabbath and Sunday. The ordinances were celebrated, and all present took part. Officers were elected for the coming year. We were all glad to have Bro. Bergersen present on this occasion, as we are not often thus favored. We are of good courage to press onward in the Lord's work, and hope finally, when our Master comes, to be among that class who meet to part no more.

MRS. GEORGE OLSON.

"PROVE all things, hold fast that which is good;" but in seeking to prove this or that, use God's rule, not your neighbor's."

OBITUARY.

HABENICHT.—Died at Colfax, Iowa, Oct. 16, 1900, Christian F. Habenicht, aged 64 years, 8 months, and 18 days.

Bro. Habenicht was a strong man physically; but when disease began to prey upon him, it soon cut him down. During his illness of four weeks he suffered much pain, but bore it patiently and without a murmur. He expressed himself as willing to rest from earth's cares and pains. After leaving all in the hands of God, with the joy of sins forgiven, he closed his eyes to sleep until the Life-giver comes. While the family chain is broken, the bereaved ones have the bright hope of a meeting day.

But the reunion time, the meeting day,
On the hills of eternal bloom,
Where flowers blow in ambrosial bowers,
Is coming sure and soon.

Then tender ties will be broken no more,
And the parting day ne'er come;
The face of all nature rebeautified,
Will afford an unchanging home.

L. F. STARR.

HOLCOMB.—Died at his home in Storm Lake, Iowa, Sept. 30, 1900, of paralysis of the heart, Henry Holcomb, aged 74 years.

He resided in Vermont until 22 years of age, when he moved to Jo Davis county, Illinois, where he was united in marriage to Miss Martha Hunter. From Illinois he moved to Allamakee county, Iowa. About forty years ago he was converted, and became a member of the S. D. Adventist church at Waukon. About thirty years ago Bro. Holcomb moved to Storm Lake, which has since been his home. After the death of Mrs. Holcomb in 1878, he was united in marriage to Mrs. S. C. Guinther, of Gratoit, Wisconsin. By his death a loving wife, one daughter, two brothers, and two sisters are left to mourn, yet not as those who have no hope. The funeral services were conducted in the S. D. Adventist church by Bro. Jenkins, pastor of the Baptist church, Oct. 2 at 2 p. m.; and the deceased was laid to rest in the Storm Lake cemetery, to await the coming of our dear Saviour. Truly it can be said of Bro. Holcomb, that he has fought a good fight, he has kept the faith, he has finished the work that was given him to do. We shall all miss this dear brother, but we will also remember his faithfulness. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Mrs. C. H. TYRRELL.

"EVEN so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

THE BOOK WORK.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING OCT. 12, 1900.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Nelle Schoberg.....	25	2	\$ 2.00	\$.50
Susan Haskell.....	25	11	11.00	1.40
Arthur Rhoads.....	28	19	19.00	2.25
COMING KING AND LADIES' GUIDE.				
Mrs. Arthur Rhoads....	33	9	\$ 9.00	\$3.00
DESIRE OF AGES AND COMING KING.				
Mary L. Haskell.....	24	7	\$13.25	\$3.80
DANIEL AND REVELATION.				
Edward Everett.....	46	9	\$16.50	\$4.15
FROM EDEN TO EDEN.				
Fred Scharff.....	27	1	\$ 1.00	
HERALDS OF THE MORNING.				
O. N. Conklin.....	8	1	\$ 1.25	\$.20
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.				
Lewis Hilliard.....	37	12	\$23.50	
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Daisy Todd.....	30	7	\$ 6.00	\$14.75
E. E. Gordon.....	16	5	2.75	
DELIVERIES.				
	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
Orton Markel.....	44	\$48.25	\$1.50	
Edward Everett.....	2	3.25		
O. N. Conklin.....	1	1.25		
Lewis Hilliard.....	1	1.75		
Susan Haskell.....	1	1.00		
Mrs. Arthur Rhoads....	1	1.00		
Daisy Todd.....	7	6.00		

SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	12
" " orders.....	53
Value of ".....	\$105.25
" " helps sold.....	\$ 31.55
Total value.....	\$136.80
Value of deliveries.....	\$ 62.50

IMPORTANCE OF THE CANVASSING WORK.

By the work of the canvasser the silent messengers of truth are placed in the homes of the people. The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order. We can not too highly estimate the work of bringing before the people those books which are necessary to their spiritual education and enlightenment.

He who takes up the work of canvassing as he should, must be both an educator and a student. While he tries to teach others he must learn to do the work of an evangelist. If he meets with trials and temptations, let him profit by them, learning to lean more decidedly upon God. He should feel his dependence every moment. No complaint should be cherished in his heart, or uttered by his lips. The angels of God are with him, both in the time of encouragement and in the time of discouragement. When he is successful, he should take no glory to himself. He should acknowledge the goodness of the Lord, praising him with sincerity of heart.

A great and good work may be done by evangelistic canvassing. The Lord has given men tact and capabilities; and those who use these entrusted talents to his glory, weaving Bible principles into the work, will be given success. As God blesses the minister and the evangelist in their earnest efforts to place the truth before the people, so he will bless the faithful canvassers. Angels will prepare the way before them. They are to work and pray, putting their trust in Him who will never fall.—Mrs. E. G. White.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

EXIRA CAMP-MEETING SABBATH-SCHOOL.

SABBATH was a beautiful day, and all enjoyed a Sabbath day's blessing. The school was opened at 9 A. M., by the use of hymn No. 489. Bro. George Larson asked the divine benediction to rest upon the school, after which Bro. P. P. Adams conducted the review. The personal application of the gospel in Galatians was noticed, as was also lessons of a personal nature for Seventh-day Adventists. The "Cleansing Wave" was then sung, after which Prof. B. G. Wilkinson gave an eight minute talk on the work of missions, which was enjoyed by all. The contributions were taken, and twenty minutes devoted to the study of Gal. 3:9-14. All seemed to realize that these lessons contain the germ of life of the gospel truth,—righteousness by faith. Eighty were present in the senior division, and were divided into thirteen classes.

The primary division was presided over by Dr. Ziph, and the review conducted by Sister Peterson, of Council Bluffs. The membership fifty-eight, was divided into ten classes; and the donation was sixty-eight cents. The Scandinavian brethren held their school an hour later, in order to accommodate those of their tongue residing in the country near by, and reported seven dollars and six cents contribution. The membership was not reported.

No. present in English divisions.....	138
No. classes.....	23
Contributions.....	\$5.76

The hymn, "None of Self and All of Thee" was sung to close.

W. E. FREDERICK, Supt.

B. L. DIEFFENBACHER, Sec.

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DES MOINES, IOWA, OCT. 23, 1900.

—ELD. L. F. STARR met with the church at Winterset last Sabbath.

—BRO. AND SISTER CHAS. HEINZE, of Council Bluffs, visited the Sanitarium last week.

—BRO. P. L. HOEN called at the Sanitarium in returning from the Exira camp-meeting.

—THE next General Conference is appointed to be held at Oakland, Cal., Feb. 10 to March 3, 1901.

—BRO. J. W. DORCAS, having made the round of the local camp-meetings, is at home in Des Moines for a short stay.

—THE workers at Ft. Madison, Bro. and Sister Carl Jensen and Sister Lizzie Carter, have changed their location to 1114 Second St.

—ELD. P. A. HANSEN returned from the general council at Battle Creek Monday morning, stopping at the Sanitarium on his way home.

—BRO. AND SISTER F. M. CORBALEY, coming from Galesburg, Illinois, have again joined the Iowa workers. Their address is 213 N. Benton St., Ottumwa.

—BRO. H. B. TILDEN spent a few days in Des Moines last week, going from here to join Mrs. Tilden at Batavia. He had just finished a successful book delivery in Jones country.

—MISS RACHEL MAGEE (formerly of Osceola, Iowa) passed through Helena recently, on her way from Battle Creek to Stevensville, where she will teach a five months' term of school.—*Montana Bivouac.*

—ROYAL KILGORE, of Algona, Iowa, and Miss Mattie Lewis, formerly of Sandyville, Iowa, were united in marriage at College View, Neb., Oct. 10. Over one hundred guests were present. We unite in wishing for them true happiness and success. They will reside in Iowa.

—SEVERAL BULLETIN renewal cards have been returned unsigned, one of which is postmarked Boone. As these come back in printed addressed envelopes, we have no way of determining who the senders are excepting by the postmark, which is often blurred. Those sending in renewals should notice whether or not the date on the paster is changed the week following.

—REMEMBER that the collection to be taken Sabbath, Oct. 27, is for the International Tract Society. The Secretary, Eld. L. T. Nicola, writes that the Society is especially in need of funds. It has a large field, including all the mission fields outside the organized Conferences; and the city of New York, where the Office is located, is a fruitful field. This yearly collection is the only regular means of support for the Society. This call comes but once a year. Shall we not respond with liberal offerings next Sabbath?

—IT is very essential that our people decide how many copies of the Outlook Signs they will use, and let us know immediately. The paper will soon be ready, and the publishers should know at the earliest moment possible how many we will use in the State. The terms are: Single copy, 10 cents; 5 to 20 copies, 5 cents; 25 or more copies, 4 cents; sent singly to clubs of not less than five names at 5 cents each.

—WE are now ready to fill orders for "Christ's Parables and Object Lessons," and those who pledged to take copies of this book may expect to receive them soon. Cash orders only will be honored, excepting where arrangements have been made to pay for books after delivery. Remember the terms: \$1.00 per copy on orders for ten or more; 10 per cent discount on orders of less than ten.

—THERE are a number of our Conference workers whose addresses we do not have. For this reason we are unable to send them the laborers' report blanks. We must have these addresses at once, or it will be too late for the blanks to be returned in time for the next audit.

—A LADY at Castana, Monona county, having six children, desires to employ a teacher in her home. She offers to pay \$15.00 per month in addition to board. For further information address BULLETIN, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

—BRO. W. A. GOSMER, having been engaged in mission work at Butte, Montana, to which place he went following our spring camp-meeting, recently returned to Michigan, and is now in Battle Creek.

—BRO. AND SISTER G. R. HAWKINS are conducting a series of meetings at Millville, thirty miles north of Dubuque, also spending two days of each week at the latter place.

—"TAKE-IT-EASY and Livelong are brothers."

—DID you notice the announcement made in the *Review* offering the *Berean Library*, *Missionary Magazine*, and *Missionary Map of the World* for \$1.75? The *Berean Library* and *Missionary Magazine* are also offered for \$1.00; *Missionary Magazine* and *Map*, \$1.15. Order through this Office.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

SEVEN patients were received last Thursday.

MRS. L. B. HUNT, of Ames, came last week for treatment.

MISS CLARA BARBER, of Albia, joined the nurses' class last week.

BRO. ARNOLD EDGAR, of Mt. Pleasant, is numbered among the patients.

BRO. J. C. GLASGOW, of Sandyville, brought his sister, Mrs. Eliza Vanness, last week, for medical aid.

MRS. H. S. ABBOTT, of Milford, daughter-in-law of Sister Abbott, of Spirit Lake, came last week.

BRO. MARTIN HENRICKSON, of the nurses' class, is taking a two weeks' vacation at his home in Shelby.

BRO. J. H. WIERTS is not yet out of danger, but his symptoms are such that we can report quite favorably.

MRS. GEO. VINCENT, of Murray, and Mrs. J. Chilcott, of Washington, are back again, Mrs. Chilcott bringing with her Mrs. Dr. Chilcott, who also comes for treatment.

THE Sanitarium is glad to acknowledge receipt of the following donations: 5 shirts, 4 towels, 4 dish towels, 2 pair pillowcases, 2 sheets, 1 apron, from Mrs. Ada Shaver, of Waverly; 1 quilt, by Mrs. Rebecca Adams, of Glenwood; 1 comfort, by Mrs. Annie Marshall, of Monroe; jelly, by Mrs. Evans, of Levey. Just at present the greatest need in this line is that of sheets and towels.

APPOINTMENTS.

FONTANELLE, Oct. 27, 28, 1900.
L. F. STARR.

NOTHING preventing, I will meet with the Sigourney church next Sabbath and Sunday, Oct. 27, 28. The ordinances will be celebrated at this time, and we hope to have the annual election of church officers. A full representation of the members is much desired. Please report in person, or by letter or proxy.

W. M. ADAMS, *Elder.*