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THE STATE WORKERS' MEETING.

THIS meeting was held in Des Moines as appointed. Jesus sent his disciples forth into all the cities that he himself purposed to visit; but the time came when he said, "Come ye apart and rest a while." They gathered around Jesus after their first missionary tour, and told him all things which they had done. The disciples of Jesus may now derive great benefit by engaging in private communion with him and with each other. Over fifty of the Iowa workers were present, a few having been detained from the meeting to look after other interests. Elds. J. H. Morrison, I. H. Evans, and Allen Moon, and Prof. P. T. Magan, General Conference laborers, gave timely warnings and good counsel, which brought light and joy to our souls.

From the first day until the last there was a desire on the part of all for more of the presence of God. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." "We have been stricken with spiritual paralysis, and every one needs the help of the Great Physician. He alone can reach our case. He is only waiting to be invited by us with earnest heart, with sincere desire. Nothing is wanting but a preparation of heart and earnest believing prayer, to bring Jesus to our

side as a mighty helper." Can there be any better time than now?

Some time was spent in considering the matter of helping lift the denominational debt, in which all the laborers in the Conference heartily enlisted; and all the churches and companies will be visited and asked to help scatter the book, "Christ's Object Lessons," the proceeds of which go to pay this debt. Shall we not all join in lifting the "reproach" from Israel, that all may unite in singing the jubilee song of freedom?

The stirring appeals made by the President of the Foreign Mission Board, will not soon be forgotten. So touching was the presentation of the needs of foreign fields that the request from the Board that the Iowa Conference furnish two ministers as missionaries for the islands of Barbadoes and Trinidad, the same to be supported by the Iowa Conference, met with a hearty response.

The Lord came very near during the meeting, and we rejoice as only those can who truly enjoy God's blessing. All things show that the world is preparing for the last great struggle. May all of the children of God heed the command, "Go work in my vineyard." Brethren and sisters, remember the work and workers in your prayers.

L. F. STARR.

FOR THE RELIEF OF OUR SCHOOLS.

THE most prominent among the lines of work considered at the State meeting was the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." The presentation of this plan whereby our colleges may be relieved from debt, caused our Conference workers to realize the necessity of prompt action. Accordingly a committee of seven was appointed to act in conjunction with the Conference Com-

mittee in arranging for this work in Iowa. After consultation this joint committee brought forward the following resolutions, which met the hearty approval of all the workers:—

Whereas, The Lord has laid before us the duty of lifting the "reproach" from our schools by the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons;" and,—

Whereas, We see the need of a uniform movement; therefore,—

We recommend, 1. That the State of Iowa be divided into six districts, with men to superintend and plan the work in the churches, so that they can effectually canvass for this book. 2. That the Bible workers, licentiates, and younger ministers, labor in the several districts under the direction of those appointed to take charge of the same. 3. That the Iowa Conference set out to sell 25,000 books at the price of \$1.25 each. 4. That the State Society place an order at once with the Review and Herald office for 10,000 copies of "Christ's Object Lessons." 5. That all the workers be in their respective territories by Dec. 1, 1900. 6. That those assigned to the different districts meet and counsel together before going home.

District No. 1.—Fremont, Mills, Pottawattamie, Cass, Montgomery, Page, Taylor, Adams, Adair, Union, Ringgold. Superintendents, Eld. E. G. Olsen and L. F. Starr; Co-workers, B. L. Dieffenbacher, P. P. Adams, C. A. Hansen, W. E. Frederick, F. L. Moody, Bro. and Sister A. W. Johnson.

District No. 2.—Shelby, Audubon, Harrison, Monona, Woodbury, Buena Vista. Superintendents, J. S. Hart and Thos. Jeys; Co-laborers, Henry Johnson, N. L. McClintock, Henry Rotholm, J. C. Clemens, G. A. Larson, Martha Lenz, C. T. Adams, Arthur McClintock.

District No. 3.—Madison, Clark, Decatur, Lucas, Wayne, Warren, Marion, Mahaska, Monroe, Appanoose, Wapello, Davis. Superintendents, W. L. Manfull and C. W. Neal; Co-laborers, Chas. Heald, W. B. Everhart, W. M. Adams, Mamie Beaman, H. B. Tilden and wife, Lizzie Neal.

District No. 4.—Polk, Dallas, Boone, Story, Marshall, Jasper, Poweshiek, Tama, Butler, Bremer, Blackhawk. Superintendents, J. W. Doreas and N. C. Bergersen; Co-laborers, W. J. Johnson, Mary Buhalts, J. O. Beard, E. E. Gardner, J. W. Adams, Peter Lindahl, C. E. Graham.

District No. 5.—Linn, Benton, Jones, Jackson, Clinton, Scott, Fayette, Dubuque, Johnson. Superintendents, C. A. Washburn and N. M. Jorgensen; Co-laborers, G. R. Hawkins, Emma Hawkins, Bertha Jorgensen, H. L. Stenberg and wife, H. Nicola, B. E. Fullmer, F. A. Washburn, Margaret Young.

District No. 6.—Van Buren, Jefferson, Keokuk, Henry, Lee, Muscatine, Louisa. Superintendents, E. H. Adams and U. P. Long; Co-laborers, A. J. Iden, Carl Jensen, Eva Jensen, Lizzie Carter, Nellie Knapp, Clarence Rentfro.

WHAT IS WORTH WHILE?

ONLY one life to live! How may we make the most of it? We can not possibly do everything that might be done. How shall we decide what things are worth giving time to? Some one has said, "The most reckless spendthrift in the world is the one who squanders time." He who does that which is not worth the doing, is squandering time just as truly as he who does nothing. The question is not, How much time have I? but it is, How shall I use the time that I have?

"I have no time for the Reading Circle studies," is an excuse quite often heard. That this excuse is a good and sufficient one in some cases, there is no doubt. But that it can not be a general one is certain; for over and over again we as a people have been reproved for our neglect of Bible study, and our indifference to the work in the "regions beyond," and the Reading Circle studies simply provide the means for a united effort in following the instruction given by the Spirit of the Lord. The Lord does not ask impossibilities of any one. Hence we must conclude that in nearly all cases the difficulty is not a lack of time, but is an unwise use of the time we each have. Were the time spent by Seventh-day Adventists in doing useless things summed up, how many days, months, and years would it aggregate? If our manner of living were in harmony with God's plan, how many hours a week would be saved in each home? And living thus, would not the members of each family have some time each week to use in study and missionary work? Or is it really true that each member of the family must spend every moment of time in working for the family that all may live properly?

Here are some instructions concerning the use of our time, which ought to have weight with those who are preparing for the coming of the Lord:—

"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." Luke 21:34.

☞ "More thought should be given to the things of God, and less to temporal matters. . . . Our life should not be all bustle and drive and planning about the things of the world, to the neglect of personal piety and of the service that God requires."

"Men act as though they were bereft of their reason. They are buried up in the cares of this life. They have

no time to devote to God, no time to serve him. Work, work, work, is the order of the day. . . . These men are responsible for the good they might do, but from which they excuse themselves because of worldly cares and burdens, which engross their minds and absorb their affections."

"Many of our sisters are persons of good ability; and if their talents were used to the glory of God, they would be successful in winning souls to Christ. . . . If the time they now spend in needless work were devoted to searching the Word of God and explaining it to others, their own minds would be enriched with gems of truth, and they would be strengthened and ennobled by the effort made to understand the reasons of our faith. Were our sisters conscientious Bible Christians, seeking to improve every opportunity to enlighten others, we should see scores of souls embracing the truth through their self-sacrificing endeavors alone."

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER,

Cor. Sec. Int. Tract Society.

FIELD REPORTS.

SUMMARY REPORTS FROM WORKERS.

A PORTION of the first two days of the State meeting was taken up with reports from the workers, a summary of which we give below:—

CRAWFORDSVILLE.—Eld. C. A. Washburn gave a brief summary of the summer's work at Crawfordsville. His son, Eld. F. A. Washburn, was associated with him in ministerial labor, the Weber brothers assisting in the music. This town is about eighteen miles north of Mt. Pleasant, and contains about five or six hundred inhabitants. The tent was pitched soon after the Fourth of July. The people are quite largely of the Presbyterian order. As a result of the effort, twelve new ones, and one who was before a member of the Mt. Pleasant church, signed the covenant. The interest there should be looked after this fall and winter, as others are thinking of these things, and it is hoped that some will accept the message for these times.

GRISWOLD.—Eld. E. G. Olsen reported the work done at this place by himself and Bro. G. A. Larson. Two series of tent meetings had been held there in the past by our people; and when they arrived, the Methodists were engaged in a tent effort. The course pursued by First-day Adventists made it diffi-

cult for our workers to accomplish anything. But few attended the meetings; and although a few said the doctrine was good, no one cared to study it. But toward the last they gained some in the esteem of the people, and before they left they had made a good impression. There is an opening for meetings in the country near by. From Griswold they moved to Exira, a small place of about nine hundred inhabitants. At this place our belief is well known, there being several of our churches within a radius of a few miles. Three years ago a public discussion occurred there, which served to make it still better known. A pleasant location in the city park was secured for the tents. However, the attendance was not regular; the people were easily discouraged by bad weather, etc.; but some became interested, and it was decided to hold a local camp-meeting there. This left a good impression, and almost a feeling of awe as the Lord answered prayer and rebuked the elements, giving the best of weather for the meeting, which was a decided success. Since the camp-meeting, Eld. Olsen has visited several of our churches near Exira, baptizing four candidates.

WELDON AND SMYRNA.—Bro. C. W. Neal gave an interesting account of the work at these places. Weldon has three or four hundred inhabitants. It is in the midst of a thriving farming community. Many of the people are sceptics and hold infidel views. There was opposition, but the workers heeded it not. Nine have begun to keep the Sabbath, and are well established in the faith; and five more, children of Sabbath-keepers, were converted and have joined the church. A Sabbath-school was organized with a membership of about forty-five. Meetings have been held at Smyrna since September 16. This is a little village in what used to be a large Quaker settlement. The weather was very unfavorable at first, and they began with an audience of boys who came to have fun. Bro. Chas. Heald held some meetings with them, and by the aid of the Spirit of God secured their attention and friendship, and gradually the interest was extended. They have had no opposition thus far, and the ministers are friendly. After the tent was taken down on Nov. 5 they secured the use of the United Brethren church, and Bro. Moody remained to continue the meetings. The present outlook is quite encouraging.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

STATE MEETING SABBATH-SCHOOL.

A STATE meeting Sabbath-school was held at Des Moines, Nov. 10, 1900. It was opened at 9:45 A. M. with a song of thanksgiving to the Lord for his goodness to us. After a few remarks by Sister Jessie L. Adams, Eld. E. G. Olsen offered a prayer which was exemplary for its brevity and sincerity. After singing Hymn No. 1225, the school separated for review, the senior and junior divisions occupying the auditorium; the intermediate division, the church school room; and the primary, its usual place. The third chapter of Galatians was repeated responsively by the senior and junior divisions, Sister Adams repeating one verse and the school the next. The hearty response from the school testified to the amount of hard study that had been given the book of Galatians by the Des Moines Sabbath-school and the workers in the State. Bro. W. E. Frederick conducted the review, bringing out many beautiful and important truths. Eld. I. H. Evans, President of the Foreign Mission Board, gave a short talk on missions, showing some of the ways in which Sabbath-school contributions are used, and the vast amount of good accomplished by them. He also brought out the fact very clearly that all donations should go through the hands of the Foreign Mission Board, that each field may receive its just share of support. About twenty minutes were given to an animated study of the lesson. After the reading of the secretary's report, school was closed by singing No. 1220.

Membership.....	168
Officers present.....	3
Classes.....	21
Donations.....	\$17.54

A. HELEN WILCOX, Sec.

FONTANELLE CONVENTION.

THIS convention was held in the church at Fontanelle, October 28. The attendance was quite small in the forenoon, on account of the unfavorable weather, so Eld. L. F. Starr occupied most of the time. In the afternoon we carried out our arranged program. A few visitors were present, and with us seemed to enjoy the exercises. We all desire to profit by the words spoken.

CARRIE ARMSTRONG.

CHARLES CITY AND PARKERSBURG.—In the absence of Eld. L. F. Trubey, Bro. Charles Graham gave a brief summary of the work at these places. Although the prospect at the first place seemed very favorable, the attendance from the first was very small, and just before the camp-meeting at Parkersburg, the tent was moved to that place. After the camp-meeting the tent was pitched in the central part of the town. The work is progressing nicely. One man, a store keeper, and his family have begun to keep the Sabbath; and for others they have much hope. Steps have been taken to erect a church; the lot has been purchased and the work begun on the building. It is hoped that this will be a source of strength to the organization there. At present the people are anticipating a visit from W. S. Gamble.

MISSOURI VALLEY.—Eld. B. L. Dieffenbacher and Bro. Henry Johnson located at Missouri Valley shortly after the Ames camp-meeting. Some discouragements in the way of exorbitant rent for lumber and grounds were met, but they were favored with a good attendance and interest, and it increased until the tent was taken down in September. Some nine or ten are keeping the Sabbath, and it is hoped that more results will appear. Bro. Johnson has located there, and will follow up the interest. A church building has been rented, and a nice little Sabbath-school is now conducted. Several are interested yet, among them a Christian minister.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.—Bro. Dieffenbacher has removed to Council Bluffs, and has had some good experiences in the city and country round about. In the country several young persons have made a start to lead better lives. At Council Bluffs two of the canvassers, Sisters Pearl D. Bascom and Harriet Fuller, have created a good interest by their work, and this interest must be developed. The church is also getting in working order, and prospects seem favorable for good results.

(To be continued.)

SANDYVILLE CHURCH SCHOOL.

WHEN asked to take charge of the church school here at Sandyville, I realized the responsibility, and felt my own unfitness for the work; but the Lord has promised to give us the necessary qualifications as we gird the armor on, and this promise has been verified.

I have the co-operation of the parents,

which is necessary in order to obtain the best results. The aim from the beginning has been to maintain such order that "angels of God can walk through the room and behold in the order and principles the order and government of heaven." Satan is working with power in opposition to these principles, but God is more powerful. After a day in which the spirit of rebellion had manifested itself to an unusual degree, I told the children how sad I felt. And why?—Because they were permitting the one who originated rebellion in heaven to lead them. While none of them know the saving power of God, yet his Spirit touched their hearts, and at the close of school one of the pupils acknowledged his wrong and asked forgiveness. The next morning God blessed in the opening exercises, as we studied His willingness to forgive, and our privilege of starting anew each morning, and claiming the keeping power of God. Each one resolved by the help of God to do better. Then we bowed in prayer, seeking for strength from above. That was a good day, as one little girl told her mother, "the best day yet."

I am earnestly seeking the Lord day by day for wisdom to instruct the children in the way they should go. "In the last days children's voices will be heard proclaiming the message." May the dear ones entrusted to my care be among that number, is my prayer. PEARL D. BASCOM.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING OCT. 26, 1900.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Nelle Schoberg.....	12	1	\$ 1.00	\$.50
Susan Haskell.....	14	3	2.00	.30
Phebe Vosburg.....	21	7	7.00	.50
COMING KING AND HERALDS OF MORNING.				
O. N. Conklin.....	35	7	\$ 8.00	\$4.55
DANIEL AND REVELATION.				
Edward Everett.....	9	1	\$ 2.50	\$2.45
FROM EDEN TO EDEN.				
Fred Scharff.....	17	2	\$.90	\$.80
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.				
Lewis Hilliard.....	27	3	\$ 7.00	\$1.75
DELIVERIES.				
	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
O. N. Conklin.....	5	\$ 5.75		
Edward Everett.....	8	14.25		
Christine Heuricksen.....	46	46.00	\$1.50	4
SUMMARY.				
No. of agents.....				8
" " orders.....				24
Value of ".....			\$ 28.40	
" " helps sold.....			\$ 12.35	
Total value.....			\$ 40.75	
Value of deliveries.....			\$ 66.00	

"LET love be without dissimulation."

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—"BE of the same mind one toward another."

—FURTHER attention will be given to the work for "Christ's Object Lessons" in our next issue.

—BRO. J. H. VAN DEVER, of Marshalltown, was in attendance at the State meeting, and is planning to engage in colporteur work.

—THE Iowa workers were pleased to have Bro. R. A. Hart, of Battle Creek, Michigan, participate with them in the workers' meeting.

—MRS. C. T. HABENICHT decided not to go to Battle Creek, Michigan, as she had intended, but instead to make her home for a time at Colfax.

—THE BULLETIN comes out a day later than usual this week, in order that a more full report of the proceedings of the State meeting may be given.

—ELD. J. S. HART, on account of sickness at home, was not able to reach the meeting until Friday evening. His wife and sister Lucy are both improving.

—ELD. A. G. DANIELLS and wife were prevented from attending our State meeting, Eld. Daniells having been called unexpectedly to the Pacific Coast.

—FUNERAL services for Bro. N. T. Case, an aged and esteemed member of the Des Moines church, were held Monday, Nov. 12, at 2 P. M. His obituary with particulars will be given later.

—DR. R. H. HABENICHT and wife, of the Colfax Sanitarium, were present Thursday at the State meeting. Bro. and Sister Otis Kittle and several of the other helpers from there attended the Sabbath services.

—BRO. H. S. PEEKE, of Colfax, can make use of a large number of second-hand papers and tracts. He especially desires copies of the *Sentinel* and *Signs*. Will those who have any such literature to spare, please send to him prepaid?

—A NUMBER of the lay members from neighboring churches were in attendance at the State meeting, among them: Bro. and Sister Jessé Van Syoc, Bro. A. F. Ferguson, Bro. James Schee, of the Sandyville church; Bro. and Sister H. S. Peeke, of Colfax; Bro. J. M. Whitney, of Nevada.

—We quote briefly from a recent letter from the Foreign Mission Board, for the encouragement of our people throughout the State:—"We can assure you that we appreciate the interest manifested by the Iowa Conference in foreign missions. . . . We are especially glad to know that the ten-cent-per-week plan has been so largely adopted. This plan has been a real blessing to foreign missions. Although the amount from each is small, the continued offerings from so many have brought more into the treasury than any plan before devised. . . . It has been a long time in the history of foreign missions since we could say that our laborers were paid up to date, as we can to-day; and a part of our indebtedness is also paid. We believe when this plan is adopted in all our churches, we shall see a marked advancement in carrying this message to the world."

—ARE you a reader of the *Youth's Instructor*? If not, we would advise you to become a subscriber as soon as possible. It is an ideal paper for our young people, containing as it does a choice selection of entertaining and helpful articles on a variety of subjects. The publishers now offer the *Instructor* one year and the beautiful book, "The House We Live In," post-paid, for five new subscriptions at 75 cents each. They will also send the paper one year and the book for \$1.15. We hope many of our young people will take advantage of this offer and canvass for the paper, and thus secure a book free of cost. Send for sample copy of the paper containing notice of this offer. Address *Youth's Instructor*, Battle Creek, Mich.

—MANY anxious friends will doubtless rejoice with us in reading the following received a few days ago from Sister Mollie Long, dated Nov. 7: "I am happy to say that I am able to be up again, and think I shall be on duty to-morrow. Sister Minnie (Beaman) is out to-day. . . . I have had quite a struggle to learn to 'stand still' and wait God's way. . . . I would love to come in to the workers' meeting some morning; but I should want to return to North Carolina."

—A SUPPLY of *Outlook Signs* have just been received. Those having sent orders to this Office will receive their papers in a few days. This special number is rich in matter and unique in design beyond description. It must be seen and read to be appreciated.

—MRS. H. L. STENBERG and her mother, Mrs. J. W. Pines, have been visiting relatives in Mt. Carroll, Illinois.

—THE *Sentinel of Liberty* of December 6 will be a special, dealing specifically with the agitation for closing the Pan-American Exposition on Sunday. Further particulars next week. Begin now to plan for its circulation.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

SISTER N. C. MCCONNELEE, of Winterset, has come for medical aid.

SISTER H. T. WHITE, of Eddyville, is again numbered with the patients.

DR. J. H. KELLOGG is expected in about two weeks. He will come prepared to look after all surgical cases demanding his attention. Any who wish to improve this opportunity should correspond at once with the Iowa Sanitarium.

APPOINTMENTS.

WE will meet with the Nevada church Sabbath and Sunday, November 17, 18.

J. W. DORCAS,

N. C. BERGERSEN.

THE Lord willing, a business meeting will be held at Exira, Nov. 22 at 11 A. M. I expect to remain over Sabbath and Sunday, Nov. 24 and 25. Members from neighboring churches are invited to attend.

LEWIS JOHNSON.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

ATALISSA, Nov. 17, 1900.

The election of church officers will occur at this time. We hope to see or hear from all members, as there are matters of special interest to be considered. The Wilton church is invited to meet with us. We hope to have the assistance of an ordained minister.

E. H. ADAMS.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

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