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THE VOICE IN THE STORM.

NOT always under calm and sunny skies
The Lord doth meet us, though we seek him there,
Eager to hear him talk of life's fair,
And utter parables that make men wise.

Nor do we find the one whose word we prize
Always at feasts, though he doth love to share
Our social joys, and when we feasts prepare,
'Tis he with better wine our want supplies.

But sometimes on the wing of storm he comes,
In the deep midnight of our black despair,
Mid raging waves and winds that never cease,
When the helm fails us, and the cold benumbs
Our helpless hands,—then, as we lift our prayer
He speaks, and lo! our hearts are filled with
peace.

—Springfield Republican.

OUR STATE CAMP-MEETING.

We desire to call attention to our State camp-meeting, which will be held on Governor's Square, Des Moines, May 30 to June 9, preceded by a short workers' meeting beginning May 27. Owing to the fact that our State camp-meeting has been held at Des Moines for a number of years, we very much desired to find a suitable location elsewhere; but we were unable to find a place that would fill the present demands. This is to be in a special sense an educational meeting for our own people, as it seems that the time has come for the re-organization of our working forces, that we may take up the new lines God has plainly set before us. It is very desirable that as many as is possible be present, and we can have a larger gathering here than

at any other point in the State. Also by holding the meeting at this place all will have an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the work at our Sanitarium, which is one important branch to be considered. We trust that no one on account of a lack of interest, will feel that he can afford to stay away.

The message is onward; light is shining. God has spoken, and it becomes every one to go forward. Our General Conference just closed was a grand success. O, that we may catch the spirit of it in our own beloved State! We expect to have special privileges at this meeting, as we have the promise of the help of some of our leading workers, among whom we expect Dr. J. H. Kellogg and Elds. A. G. Daniells, L. A. Hoopes, A. T. Jones, and S. N. Haskell and wife. Come to the annual feast, brethren. Have you not felt the need of more of God's blessing? The perils of the last days are right upon us; the shaking time is here, and God is about to do wonderful things for his people. We hear the sound of an abundance of rain.

Come, and leave home cares behind. Bring the children, too. God has promised to send Elijah the prophet before the great and dreadful day of the Lord, "to turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers." The message is now due; and, parents, may we not claim it, and take our dear children with us to the kingdom?

J. W. ADAMS.

"As long as there are hungry ones in God's world to be fed, naked ones to be clothed, souls perishing for the bread and water of salvation, every unnecessary indulgence, every overplus of capital pleads for the poor and needy."

FROM RUSSIA.

SINCE my last report I have had many experiences, both good and bad. At our general meeting held Oct. 5-10, 1900, at Retekow Ekaternaslaw, Gov., South Russia, it was thought best to divide the field into three parts, that those in charge might better understand the demands of the field, which is as large as the United States. My field is the south-western part. This is really the most valuable part of the field. But for the last two years crops have failed almost entirely in the major part of the district, and, consequently, people are in very poor condition financially. Thus, their offerings have been very small, and recently we found the work here was in debt to the amount of three thousand dollars. We sought the Lord, to learn what to do. Many had not been returning to the Lord his own, and the workers, as well as the lay members, humbled themselves before God, and covenanted with him to be more faithful in the future.

Until Christmas I worked in new fields. Although the enemy tried in various ways to stop the work, the Lord protected his own. I had been at one place about a week, and a few persons were much interested, when just before meeting one night a lady came running in and told me that a mob was gathering to club me and deliver me to the police. I decided to leave at once. Just as I got started, the mob passed close by me, but as it was very dark they could not see me. I got to the train safely and went home. The mob went to the house and asked for me; and when the brethren told them that I was not there, they would not believe it, but stayed around until midnight. Some have taken hold of the truth there. At two other places I had almost the same experience, but

the Lord has helped wonderfully. Praise be to his holy name. As Satan could not harm me in this way, he tried to end my life in a terrible snow storm. As I was going home for the week of prayer I had to go thirty-five miles to get to the railroad. When we started at 8 A. M., it was not storming much; but it soon began, and at 2 P. M. it was terrible, and we lost our way. For several hours we tried to find a house, but in vain, and night came on. Our horses had not been fed since morning, and there was no way to feed them then. We had given up all hope; but after turning to the Lord, I felt the assurance that I would live through the storm, for I could not think that my work in this field was finished. I told the driver that we would not freeze to death, that we would find some way of escape. He had on very light clothes, so I took the lines and drove while he walked to keep warm. Finally, at 1 A. M., we entered a Russian village, and thus were saved. The man had frozen his nose, ears, and cheeks, and I had frozen my cheeks some and my nose, but how thankful we were to escape with our lives. And what a joy it was to see my family once more. What a faithful, true, and loving father we have! He is able to deliver us from all trouble as well as from death. I realize that his care for me is only for the advancement of his cause.

I had another experience last night. While I was preaching in the home of one of our brethren, suddenly the son of another one of our brethren began knocking at the window, and said, "Hurry and get away, the police are coming." I went out on the street at once to hide, one of the brethren going with me to show me the way. After some time he went back to learn what had happened. The police had been at the house, but as they could not find me, they had gone away. So I went back and stayed all night. Before retiring we had worship, praising the Lord for another deliverance from the enemy. My feelings are expressed in the following texts: Psa. 116:1-8; 18:2-6; 71:1-9; Rom. 8:35-39. Early in the morning Bro. Albrecht, the elder of the company, got a rig and we left for another village about twelve miles distant. I expect now to be at home until April 20. The Lord has blessed wonderfully thus far. I have had the pleasure of baptizing three precious souls in the Baltic Sea. At Epitoria, a harbor city, we have a church of

eighty members, and also a company of native believers.

People are very busy now with their spring work. Prospects seem to indicate a good harvest. We had plenty of snow during the winter and rain this spring, especially in the South. We are well and of good courage. I will close, sending our best regards to all the BULLETIN friends, and we would be glad to hear from you by letter. Address us at Kl. Alexanderpol, Ekaterinaslaw, Gov., South Russia.

D. P. GAEDE.

FROM MANITOBA.

WE are always glad to read the BULLETIN, telling us of the progress of the work in our home State. The Lord is also blessing the work in the Province. We have just been laboring for about three months in the city of Winnipeg. Notwithstanding the usual difficulties to be met in cities of its size, there are souls there who listened to the truth; and a neat building has been bought, where the believers may meet for the worship of God.

The Lord is opening up the way in the little town of Carberry, where we are working at present. The Salvation Army offer us the use of their new "barracks," which we are glad to accept. We are of good courage. The Lord is blessing us with health.

C. J. BUHALTS.

April 22.

FROM FINLAND.

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Iowa: The time goes very fast, and so little seems to be accomplished. We began meetings in this city last fall, and still continue them with a good attendance. A few weeks ago two started to obey, one of whom is yet faithful. The work here has been peculiar. At first we had an attendance of professed Christians, such as Mission Friends and Salvation Army people; but when the testing truth came, they dropped off one by one and others came, so the congregation is entirely changed now. Those who now attend are mainly those who never professed any religious experience. It seems that so far Luke 14:16-24 is actually fulfilled in our experiences here. Our prayer is that now while we have reached these classes some of them will accept the invitation to the supper. When we look at the magnitude of the work, with so few to do it, our hearts almost grow faint. We have only eight or ten can-

vassers and one preacher, in a country three times as large as Iowa in territory, and with almost half a million more people to warn. Our prayer goes out to Him who knows how the work ought to be done, to help us. Our courage in the Lord is good, and we enjoy good health. Will you kindly remember the work and workers here in this destitute field in your prayers and in your bounties?

Yours in the Lord,

JOHN AND MINNIE HOFFMAN.

Borga, Finland, April 7.

IN THE FIELD.

BRO. N. M. JORGENSEN and I have recently visited Waukon, West Union, Winthrop, Dubuque, and Clinton. At Waukon our meetings were well attended, though the weather was stormy. Seventy copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" were ordered by this church. One person was received into the church subject to baptism.

At West Union and Winthrop our attendance was not large, as these churches have been reduced by removals and other causes; but there are faithful ones at each place who we hope and trust may "hold the fort," and be the means of bringing others to a saving knowledge of the truth.

At Dubuque we were happily surprised to find a church and Sabbath-school of about forty members. Our meetings were well attended, though the weather was stormy the most of the time we were there. Bro. and Sister Hawkins have been working at that place for some time, and there is a prospect at present that others may be brought into the light. Other workers have also had a part in starting the work there.

At Clinton we found a company of sixteen Sabbath-keepers, with about a half dozen who are partially convinced of the truth. Bro. N. M. Jorgensen and wife and H. L. Stenberg and wife are stationed at that place, while others have helped in starting the work. It seems that a church might soon be organized there.

At all the places mentioned in this report there is need of earnest labor for those who are in darkness and error. May the blessing of God be upon all who have received the light of truth for these times, that they may be "workers together with God."

C. A. WASHBURN.

"ONLY those can forgive who love."

THE BOOK WORK.

WORDS OF CHEER.

(NOTES from the closing testimony meeting held by the canvassers at the recent General Conference.)

H. H. HALL: This day reminds me of a time during the Civil War. The army was marching through swamps, when for hours at a time they were able to see but two or three soldiers on either side. Then they would come to an open place and could see miles of marching columns. It gave them inspiration, and they rushed into the swamps with renewed courage. Sometimes when we are alone we become discouraged; but here we are in this company with workers from every field full of hope, and it causes us to press forward with renewed energy.

E. E. MILES: The Christian spirit that has prevailed in all the meetings of the Conference impresses my mind the most of anything. As we go out into the field again, I hope that we may have the opportunity of receiving that inspiration Bro. Hall has spoken of, by seeing our numbers rapidly multiplied, and a host go out to battle for the Lord.

C. F. DART: I can not help praising the Lord this morning for his goodness. I feel well paid for coming to this Conference. . . . I feel that I am better prepared to go out into the Master's vineyard and bring souls to Christ.

W. F. SURBER: We are representatives from all over the world. We are all engaged in one common cause, and we can all work together. Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom and liberty.

G. PHILLIPS: The Lord has told us by the Spirit of Prophecy that we should all press together. We should go forward as an army of well drilled soldiers. . . . I know that the truth is going to triumph, and I want to triumph with it.

A GREAT HARVEST AND FEW LABORERS.

THE Lord has established the canvassing work as a means of bringing a knowledge of the truth to many souls who otherwise would never know of it. Did we but realize the importance of this work and its sacred character, there would not be the dearth of workers that there is to-day. When this work is conducted upon correct principles, it is missionary work of the highest order. By means of the large books,

periodicals, tracts, and leaflets, all classes may be reached. Angels delight to accompany those who give themselves to this work. They will give words to speak that will bring hope and strength to many discouraged souls. "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who shall be heirs of salvation." All heaven is intensely interested in the canvassing work, and with almost impatient eagerness the angels wait to co-operate with man in the salvation of his fellowmen; for God has ordained that this work shall be done through the human agency. Wherever the needs of God's cause are presented the call is sounded, "Whom shall I send?" Oh, that many more would send back the inspired answer, "Here am I, send me." "Ye are the light of the world." Yet many, because of selfishness, worldly ambition, and a lack of the true missionary spirit, are hiding the light of truth the Lord has given to them.

A grand and good work has been done in Iowa by the faithful canvassers. By their work many souls are now rejoicing in the truth and are pressing into service. This good work should go on now as never before. In this large State the harvest truly is great but the laborers are few. Times are good, and employment at good wages is to be found everywhere. The people are intelligent and appreciate good literature. Our health works have never been widely circulated, and such books as "Daniel and the Revelation," "Great Controversy," and "Desire of Ages" find a ready sale when properly presented. Surely the times in which we live, and the opportunities offered, demand that each one enlist heart and soul in building up the canvassing work. O. E. CUMMINGS.

"The man who is ashamed of his religion has the wrong kind."

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 19, 1901.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Laura Beamer.....	20	8	\$ 8.00	
DESIRE OF AGES.				
Pearl D. Bascom.....	23	2	\$ 7.75	\$1.25
HERALDS OF THE MORNING.				
J. B. Myers.....	4	1	\$ 1.25	
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.				
Lewis Hilliard.....	31	8	\$14.00	\$3.75
SUMMARY.				
No. of agents.....				4
" " orders.....				19
Value of ".....			\$ 31.00	
" " helps sold.....			\$ 5.00	
Total value.....			\$ 36.00	

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

A FEW DON'TS FOR SABBATH-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

Don't let the opening hour pass by one minute without beginning.

Don't begin until order is secured. Be orderly yourself.

Don't call for order but once,—then wait until it is secured.

Don't scold if order does not come quickly. Be patient.

Don't be childish. Be childlike. You have all ages in your school.

Don't sing six verses of a hymn. Two verses are better; but if you must use three, sing the first and the last, and read the second. Variety may be just what your school needs.

Don't go before your school without a carefully prepared program of the entire session. Always know what you mean to do first, and next, and next, and last. Then quit.

Don't allow any general exercises, however attractive and beneficial, to infringe one moment on the teacher's solid half hour for instruction.

Don't forget that your school will never rise higher, spiritually, than its superintendent. If you desire better things for your school in this line, you must rise higher yourself.

Don't fail to clinch the central truth of each lesson by a brief, but pointed, review.

Don't allow yourself to get the idea that you are running a separate institution. It is but one of the activities of the church and is under its care and control.

Don't forget that the one object of all Christian work is to bring souls to Christ and to develop Christian character. Aim at nothing less.

Don't do the work in your own strength. Of yourself you are nothing. Keep close to Christ. He is more interested in your school than you can possibly be. Tell him all about it. Ask him to lead and guide you. Let his light and love shine through you in all that you do. Present him as a personal Saviour at every session of your school and at every opportunity to your scholars alone. Be cheerful. Be hopeful. Be prayerful. Be humble.—*Sc'l.*

"THE Lord looks with pleasure upon the little children who deny themselves that they may make an offering to him."

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DES MOINES, IOWA, APRIL 30, 1901.

—ELD. C. F. STEVENS spent Wednesday in Des Moines in returning from the General Conference.

—ELD. B. E. FULLMER goes this week to Jones county, first visiting the little company at Oxford Mills.

—MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER went to visit her parents at Pennville, Indiana, at the close of the General Conference.

—ELD. AND MRS. J. S. HART returned from the General Conference via Wisconsin, visiting relatives there.

—REPORT blanks have been mailed to all the Conference laborers. Any not receiving these should notify us at once.

—MISS MAMIE BURNETT, after attending the General Conference, went to visit relatives in Ohio, expecting to go from there to Indiana.

—A CONVENTION will be held by the Des Moines Sabbath-school, Sabbath, May 11. Members of neighboring schools are invited to attend.

—BRO. W. L. MANFULL stopped at Dubuque in returning from Battle Creek, going from there to visit Milford and Cherokee in the interests of the canvassing work.

—THE church at Des Moines was favored with a discourse by Eld. H. M. J. Richards last Sabbath, from John 10:27. He also visited at Winterset before going on to Colorado the first of the week.

—It has been thought best by those having the general work in charge, to call two of our faithful workers, Bro. and Sister N. M. Jorgensen, to labor in Nebraska. We understand that they will remain in Iowa until after our State camp-meeting.

—"ECCLESIASTICAL Empire" is the title of Eld. A. T. Jones' latest historical work. This book embraces the leading events from the fall of Rome to the present day. It contains in a connected way all the essential points of history necessary to a good understanding of the question of the relation of church and State. The latter part deals with national apostasy as it is and what its end is to be. The contents are the result of careful research, and are selections from the most authentic histories. It may well be spoken of as "many books in one." Order of this Office. Price \$2.50.

—THE publishers of the *Signs* still have on hand a quantity of the Quarter-Centennial number which they offer at greatly reduced prices. This is an excellent number of thirty-two pages, with numerous appropriate illustrations, presenting many valuable truths, all of which are just as good and profitable now as ever. While the stock lasts they can be had for \$1.00 per hundred or \$7.50 per thousand. Send orders to this Office.

—A REDUCED rate of and one-third fare for the round trip, on the certificate plan, has been secured on all the railroads in Iowa for those in attendance at our annual State camp-meeting, to be held on Governor's Square, Des Moines, Iowa, May 30 to June 9, 1901. The date for going passage is May 30 to June 5, inclusive; for return passage, June 10-13, inclusive also. More definite instruction will be given later.

—ALL the back numbers of the *General Conference Bulletin* may yet be secured. Order at once if you have not before. Now, when the Lord is working so mightily for his people, there is danger that some be left behind if all do not improve every means for advancement. Price of the daily *General Conference Bulletin* 50 cents; two years, 75 cents.

—OUR District Canvassing Agent, Bro. O. E. Cummings, stopped off in Des Moines for a day, in returning from the General Conference. We have the assurance of his best interest and most earnest efforts in the advancement of the canvassing work in our State.

—BRO. W. REASER, of New York City, is in our city on business, and met with us in our last Sabbath church services. Bro. Reaser is a skilled artist, and furnishes many of the illustrations found in our publications.

—WE mail the BULLETIN a day earlier than usual this week in order to get the notice of the withdrawal of Sister White's appointment, as soon as possible, to all who may have planned to be here at that time.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

Five patients were received during the past week:

BRO. J. PELMULDER, of Grant City, is here for a short course of treatment.

VANCE WALKER returned to his home at Winterset last Friday, well satisfied with the result of his short stay here.

DR. AND MRS. J. D. SHIVELY have

had the pleasure of entertaining their old family physician, Dr. D. M. Robins, of Osceola, who is spending a few days in the city this week.

NOTICE.

WILL the leaders of the tent companies in the field last year write me concerning the condition of their tents when taken down, that we may have them repaired now, if necessary? This may save delay after camp-meeting.

J. W. DORCAS.

913 E. 13th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

NOTICE.

THE first annual meeting of the Iowa Sanitarium and Benevolent Association will be held on Governor's Square, Des Moines, Iowa, Wednesday, June 5, 1901, at 4 p. m., Standard time, for the purpose of electing a Board of seven trustees and for the transaction of any other business that may legally come before the association.

By order of the Board,

C. F. STEVENS, Sec.

WITHDRAWAL OF THE APPOINTMENT FOR MRS. E. G. WHITE.

As stated in last week's BULLETIN, arrangements were made for Sister White to hold meetings at Des Moines, May 4 and 5; but an important meeting to be held at Indianapolis, Indiana, on the same date, at which her presence seems necessary, makes it impossible for her to fill her appointment for this place. While we regret the disappointment this will bring to some, we realize that the Lord is leading his servant, and we desire to submit to the direction of his Spirit.

THE CENTRAL OBJECT OF OUR STATE CAMP-MEETING.

SEVERAL meetings were held by the Iowa delegates during the General Conference, to plan for the coming camp-meeting, which all hope may be the best meeting ever held in our State. Though Sister White will not attend, we have the promise of the best help that can be provided us.

It was the prevailing opinion among our delegates that no private business should be conducted on the grounds set apart for the sacred work of the meeting. There are objections, which may not be apparent to all, against a tent of this kind; and we hope all secular business will be left behind when we come to the meeting, and that the one interest while here will be the salvation of God among us, the endowment with power from on high.

E. E. GARDNER,

For the Conference Committee.