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STATE WORKERS' MEETING.

It has been four years since we have held a workers' meeting, but since our last camp-meeting it has been the desire of our workers that we hold a meeting this fall. Undoubtedly, this desire has come about as a result of the good workers' meeting which was held just preceding the camp-meeting.

A number of churches have invited us to hold the meeting with them, and after careful consideration we have decided to hold this meeting at Parkersburg, November 7-12. We desire all of the workers in the conference to be present from the first service. We believe that we need to come apart and rest awhile, that we may be better fitted to do the work before us the coming winter. The times in which we live demand greater earnestness and courage on the part of the watchmen than ever before. We trust that all will pray

earnestly for a great out pouring of the Spirit of God at this meeting.

The brethren at Parkersburg have kindly opened their homes to accommodate the workers while at this meeting, but it might be well for all to bring bedding and come prepared for unpleasant weather. May God prepare the workers in this conference to do a greater work than ever before, that the cause of God may be built up and the coming of our Lord hastened.

L. F. STARR.

THE MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN.

FROM Sister White's article in the *Review* of October 5, I quote the following: "In His work to-day, the Lord would be pleased to have those who are engaged in any part of His service guard against the tendency to take upon themselves responsibilities that they are not called to bear. Some of His servants are to direct the business matters connected with His work in the earth; others are to look after the spiritual matters. Every laborer is to strive to do well his part, leaving to others the duties entrusted to them."

I am reminded of the great missionary campaign just before us. In this campaign many will want to throw the duty onto some one else. But the missionary campaign is to serve two purposes: First, it is to help in getting the gospel to the world; and, second, it is to stir God's people up to action that will get them nearer to Him. Every man, woman, and child is to take part in this great effort just before us. But many will be heard saying, I will buy and pay for the papers if some one else will sell them. It is very often said that the canvassers are the ones to sell the papers, etc., that are to be sold in missionary campaigns; but let us remember that one great object of the campaign is to get the people to work for their own souls' sake. Canvassers are doing this all the time, and God is blessing them so much that we desire others to share in the blessing. My brethren and sisters, the only way for

us to get this blessing is to go to work. Go to work for the sake of getting this great message before the world, and thus bring the coming of our blessed Saviour. There are many souls dying of stagnation and general drying up. If these would take hold of this missionary campaign and work as hard as they could, new life would come to them. Fault-finding and criticising, and all such contemptible things, would leave them.

This missionary campaign ought to stir up an interest among our people to keep on putting our publications before the people of the world. May the Lord bless you, dear reader; and may He be allowed to stir up your soul to this great work. If there are any who would like some instruction, let us hear from them, and we will do what we can to help them.

We now have an opportunity to help give this message to the world. Will we take advantage of it?

R. J. BRYANT.

CLINGING HANDS.

"THE most awful experience of my life," said a gray-haired man not long ago, "was something that happened in my childhood. I was one of an excursion party on a wrecked steamer, and a number of us escaped to the shore in small boats. Our boat held all that it could carry, but as we made our way through the water filled with human beings struggling for their lives, hands grasped our boat, almost sinking it, and had to be beaten off before they would release their hold. It was necessary for our own safety, no doubt, but, boy though I was, the horror of knocking off those pleading, clinging hands has haunted me ever since."

Yet we are often guilty of deeds like that where there is no question of our own safety. Beaten and wounded by life's rough waves, fellow mortals are continually turning to us for help, or sympathy, or strength, and too often we impatiently push back the outstretched hands. We are too busy to

give thoughtful consideration, too selfishly engrossed to learn the meaning of the sad eyes that look pleadingly into our own. We can not see the struggle of the lonely, sinking soul, and so we carelessly push aside many a mute plea for pity, many a trembling hand that might gain strength if we but steadied it even a little.

As we are now making a general missionary effort, scattering the printed page as nearly everywhere as we can, I pray that God may move mightily all hearts to join in the good work. You will find clinging hands where you least expect. Do not push them away; instead, give them the Word of life.

L. F. STARR.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS.

It is not possible to make suggestions applicable to all churches in any work, and we do not make the following suggestions with the idea that they will be practical under all circumstances.

In the *Review* work, many of our church officers have first of all called a meeting of the church officers and talked freely of the importance of all members having the *Review*, counseled as to the best methods of arranging for the encouragement of every member to provide it, and studied carefully what is written in the Testimonies, Volume 4, page 598. In some places it has been found best to appoint a suitable person to make a thorough canvass of all the members at their homes.

In the regular Sabbath service, the subject of the *Review* is taken up in a thorough manner, and the people acquainted with its value. Something should be selected from the *Review* that would demonstrate to the people the practical importance of it in the home. Nearly every issue contains something of this nature, and with a little thought and study one can select that which will convince every member of the church that he ought to have access to its columns constantly.

After this presentation of the subject the meeting should be turned into a *Review* testimony meeting, and those who have been readers of it asked to give their opinion of it, and of its value in their homes and to them individually. These always have valuable experiences to relate relative to the good it has done their neighbors after they have read it themselves. This kind of a meeting makes not only a very profitable occasion to the members, but

also an interesting one. Our brethren tell us that the members express themselves as being glad they were present, and that those who do not have the *Review*, and have not heretofore appreciated it, at once arrange to have it come to them.

The great majority of our people not taking the *Review* are neglecting it more on account of not knowing its value than for any other reason. If our church officers will labor to help them to understand its importance, there will be but few who will be without it.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

COLLECTION FOR HOME WORK.

In harmony with recommendations passed at our last conference, it has been decided to take up a collection for the home work, Sabbath, November 4. The recommendations were passed unanimously, and read as follows:—

Whereas, Our beloved State institutions, namely, the Iowa Sanitarium, the Sanitarium Bakery, and the Stuart Industrial Academy, are in debt, and,

Whereas, The Spirit of Prophecy plainly states that we should shun debt as we would shun the leprosy; therefore,

7. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this conference that we make every effort during the year 1905-1906 to remove these debts by means of donations, collections, etc., etc., as deemed best by the Iowa conference committee; and,

Whereas, That grand book, "Ministry of Healing," from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White, now coming from the press, is practically donated to the Sanitarium work throughout the world; therefore,

8. *Resolved*, That we advise every Seventh-day Adventist family in Iowa to place their order as soon as possible with the Iowa Tract Society for one or more copies of the same, and that we make an effort to place in the homes of our friends and neighbors a copy of this valuable book at the first opportunity.

But at this time especially the donations will be turned toward the Academy and the tent fund. The book "Ministry of Healing," if proper arrangements can be made, will be sold to meet the indebtedness on our Sanitarium. We shall expect to receive a good offering. Let all plan to help lift the cause of God out of debt. We trust that all will give freely, and the Lord says that they shall receive freely.

May God help us at this time to relieve our institutions of their burdens, that we may be better prepared to work.

L. F. STARR.

"A MAN may make a splendid living, robing himself in purple and fine linen, and faring sumptuously every day; but if meanwhile he is not making himself a noble and Christlike manhood, he is losing all that is worth while."

FIELD REPORTS.

LUCAS AND LIBERTY CENTER.

TRULY, God is good, and we thank Him for all His blessings this season. At Lucas the attendance continued excellent all the time, although some were kept at home on the chilly evenings. At the last service, Sunday night, September 24, the tent and yard were both full. The town was deeply stirred over the message, and many acknowledge that the Sabbath is the day to keep. The opposition manifested is mostly against those who are beginning to keep the Sabbath, rather than against us directly. This has only helped to develop a little company there of ten precious souls who are firm for this blessed truth. A Sabbath-school of thirty members has been organized, and it would do you good to see the enthusiasm shown in studying the lessons and in doing home work for the school through the week. Eighteen were present at prayer meeting, and most of them took an active part and were anxious to see this message go. The company will keep up this service while we are away. Some of us hope to meet with the little flock there each Sabbath. The brethren from Woodburn, Liberty Center, and Chariton often met with us for Sabbath meetings, and were a source of encouragement, not only to us as workers, but also to those just accepting this message. On Friday, September 29, meetings were begun at Liberty Center, a little inland town fifteen miles north of Lucas. So far, the attendance has averaged about two hundred and fifty, many coming in from the country and from neighboring towns. Our courage is good, and as workers together with God, we can say the message grows dearer to our own souls as we labor for others. Pray for the work at both these places.

MR. AND MRS. J. T. SPRIGGS,
ED SWAP.

THE BOOK WORK.

WHY NOT MORE CANVASSERS?

IN ANSWER to the above question, which was printed in the *Worker* a short time ago, a brother ventures to give four reasons why there are not more of our young people in this line of work. There is so much truth in the four reasons given that I can not refrain from passing them on to you.

1. Because there is a lack of faith in God's promise. If twelve or fifteen dollars a week, besides expenses, were guaranteed by some human person, there would be a coming into the work by many who are now "fearful and unbelieving." "My God shall supply all your need" is less to doubting souls than the word of poor, weak, finite man; and so the Lord's work is neglected.

2. Because there is pride in the heart. "I am not going from house to house like a tramp or beggar to sell books." How many have listened to Satan and then echoed these words in their hearts? Ridicule has kept many souls from duty. The Lord says: "The intelligent, truth-loving canvasser should be respected; for he occupies a position equal to that of the gospel minister." "Careless spectators may not appreciate your work or see its importance. They may think it a losing business, a life of thankless labor and self-sacrifice. But the servant of Jesus sees it in the light shining from the cross. His sacrifice seems small compared with those of the blessed Master, and he is glad to follow in His footsteps."

3. Because the work requires self-denial. There is no doubt about this matter. The humble, faithful canvasser's work requires as much sacrifice as any work of God. "He that loveth father or mother . . . son or daughter more than me, is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me."

4. Because failure has come in the past. Some have seemed to make a failure even when they were faithful in the work. But many more have failed because they have entered the work in a lazy, careless, and lifeless manner. Three or four hours' work a day brings failure to almost every person. Three things are necessary to success: first, have a good business; second, know your business perfectly; third, stick to it.

Dearly beloved in Christ, why not more canvassers? Let us put away our excuses and meet this question at once. O, why not enter the harvest field now, and remain faithful workers until the work is done? Delays are dangerous. Come and enter now.—*J. S. James, in Minnesota Worker.*

"GRIEVE not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps
COMING KING.				
Vaughn Trimble.....	30	7	\$ 7.00	\$4.55
Hannah Klienmeyer.....	↑	2	2.00	

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps
GREAT CONTROVERSY.				
L. S. Scott.....	30	3	\$ 9.50	\$.75

	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
DELIVERIES.				
E. R. Carnahan.....	18	\$47.00		2
L. S. Scott.....	4	9.75		
J. V. Trimble.....	7	7.00		2
Hannah Klienmeyer.....	1	1.00		

SUMMARY.				
No. of canvassers reporting.....				4
" orders.....				12
Value of ".....			\$ 18.50	
" " helps sold.....			\$ 5.30	
Total value.....			\$ 23.80	
Value of deliveries.....			\$ 64.75	

YOUNG PEOPLES' WORK.

OFFICERS AND THEIR WORK.

"THE restless energy that is so often a source of danger to the youth might be directed into channels through which it would flow out in streams of blessing." Much of the work of directing this energy falls to the officers of the society. Every young people's society should, of course, have a leader and a secretary; and, if sufficiently large, should have an assistant leader and an assistant secretary. These officers, together with the elder of the church and the superintendent of the Sabbath-school, should constitute a committee on plans of work and for dividing the society into small bands for service.

The leader should be an individual thoroughly consecrated to God, willing to lead out in the work. He should make it his duty to train other leaders by having them occasionally lead the meeting. The assistant leader should have qualifications similar to those of the leader. He should take his turn in leading the meetings, and should always be ready to take charge of the meeting in case the leader is absent.

The secretary has a very important position to fill, and should magnify his office by keeping a faithful record of all meetings and of work done by the society and by reporting the same to the State secretary. Where there is no assistant the secretary should also keep a faithful account of all money received and paid out by the society. He should be ready to lead the meetings in the absence of the leader and the assistant.

The assistant secretary should be ready to take the secretary's place when necessary and should act as treasurer of the society. These officers should all be Christians who are willing to work. If it is not possible to get such officers, it would be better not to have any. F. J. WILBUR.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. FLORA V. DORCAF.

FEEDING ON THE WORD.

WE should have a Sabbath-school wherever there are Sabbath-keepers. If there are two, three, or four that can meet together for Sabbath-school, they should be just as careful to be regular in attendance as though there were more members.

Every isolated Sabbath-keeper should have a regular hour each Sabbath day to consider the lesson. Every Seventh-day Adventist should consider it a privilege to unite in this study of the Scriptures. One great cause of our spiritual weakness is our neglect to partake of the spiritual food provided. If in our physical life we go without food or take our meals at irregular seasons, the result is weakness and loss of health. This is just as true in the spiritual life. We can not hope to be strong, healthy Christians, able to resist evil, if we fail to study God's Word regularly. The statement has been made that "The Christian is not safe for a single day without study of the Word." When we speak of study we do not mean a casual or hurried reading of some short chapter. We understand by this expression that we are to apply the mind, to thoughtfully and carefully consider.

Let us not go crippling along, too weak to stand alone, and certainly not able to help others, when right at hand is the precious Word which is able to make us "wise unto salvation," a "perfect man thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Shall we not appreciate the provision made for our spiritual welfare and really study the Word?

WE hope all our schools will hold an ingathering service. The proceeds of the missionary gardens should be collected at this time. If you failed to have such a garden, dedicate a row or two of corn or potatoes for each member of the family as a harvest offering to needy fields.

PREPARE for a rousing Sabbath school convention. The helps furnished leave us without excuse. Study them thoroughly, and you will not fail in your effort.

SABBATH-SCHOOL secretaries should send in their reports. It will save time and postage if we do not have to remind them later by correspondence.

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—BRO. S. B. KEPHART went to Winterset last Thursday to labor for a time.

—“NOTHING reveals the character of a man more than the way in which he meets difficulties.”

—MRS. JENNIE OSBORNE, of Webster City, attended quarterly meeting services in Des Moines, where she holds her church membership.

—MISS EDITH GREENFIELD, of Birmingham, spent Sabbath and Sunday in Des Moines on her way to Stuart to attend school at the Academy.

—ELD. G. R. HAWKINS spent the Sabbath with the company at Grinnell, and conducted quarterly meeting services. He reports an excellent meeting.

—A CARD from Miss Jessie Welsh announces her address as 45 Grange Ave., Chapelton, Leeds, England. She requests that all correspondents be careful to fully prepay the postage. If this is not done she will have to pay additional postage.

—ELD. L. F. STARR spent the Sabbath in Des Moines. He spoke Friday evening and conducted the regular quarterly meeting service on Sabbath, also the annual election of church officers. The attendance was good, and the meetings were enjoyed very much.

—BRO. AND SISTER J. F. PIPER came to Des Moines last Thursday from Winnebago county, where they have been laboring since camp-meeting. They expect to locate at Woodburn for the winter, and Bro. Piper left yesterday for that place, while Sister Piper will remain in Des Moines for a few days.

—THOSE interested in the musical productions of Bro. Asa Smith, formerly of this State, may wish to purchase the new book “Songs for Service in Church and Home.” It contains about twenty pieces of Bro. Smith’s composition, and sells for 50 cents. The Iowa Tract Society will receive orders.

—ON his arrival in Des Moines last Wednesday on his way home from Cedar Rapids, where he had spent Sabbath and Sunday, Eld. L. F. Starr met the distressing news that two of his children were seriously ill with diphtheria. At latest reports they were getting along quite well, and no serious fears are entertained.

—WE are very much pleased with the October issue of *Life and Health* and believe it to be the best yet. Following is a partial list of contents: Chronic Rheumatism of Joints, Extremes in Diet, The Daughter in the Home, A Visit to a Japanese Hospital, Orderly Home-making, Power of Mother’s Voice, The Home Life, Tact With Children, Why Single Blessedness is Preferred. This is the first fall campaign number. Price, single copy, 5 cents; 6 to 25 copies, 3 cents each; 25 or more copies, 2½ cents each. Order at once of the Iowa Tract Society.

—“THE Place of the Bible in Education,” by A. T. Jones, will be instructive and interesting to those who wish to know more about Christian education. This book gives information in regard to the education of Daniel and the schools of the prophets, and takes up the study of mental, moral, and physical science, etc. The Iowa Tract Society can furnish this book in paper covers, postpaid, for 25 cents.

—BRO. R. J. BRYANT wishes to learn the means by which our people come into the truth, and so requests all to state how they became convinced, by preaching, through Bible readings, or by reading books, tracts, or papers. Church elders might gather the statistics in their respective churches, and mail them to him at this office, while isolated members should write to him direct.

—WORD from Eld. D. P. Gaede, of Russia, informs us that they are having many trials in that country. Times are hard there, and the price of eatables has gone up, while in spite of the peace proclamation they experience difficulty in their work. He reports his family as being well, and says that they “read with deep interest the reports from good old Iowa.”

—THERE is an opening for a limited number of young men to enter the nurses’ training class which begins November 1. Those who desire to enter should write at once. Address Iowa Sanitarium, Des Moines, Iowa.

—“CHRIST in Song” is no longer bound in board or half morocco. The following bindings can yet be secured: Flexible, at 35 cents; cloth, 50 cents; selections, 15 cents. Address Iowa Tract Society.

—MR. CLYDE MORLAN has just returned home to Des Moines from a visit at Creston, his former home. Bro. Morlan only recently recovered from a long, severe siege of typhoid fever.

“UNCHARITABLE thoughts will deface the most charitable actions.”

“OUTLINE OF MISSION FIELDS.”

THERE has come to my hand from the Mission Board, a booklet entitled “The Outline of Mission Fields,” giving a brief, but comprehensive outline of the missionary work done by Seventh-day Adventists in lands outside of America. This is just the help every church officer and conference worker needs, but no class of workers will find it more helpful than our church school teachers. It gives the area and population of all foreign countries, a brief history of the first missionary work done in these lands, the date and manner of the opening, and the present condition and outlook of Seventh-day Adventist missionary work. An interest in the study of geography may be developed by the use of this little book. It is free for the asking. Address Mission Board of Seventh-day Adventists, Takoma Park station, Washington, D. C. B. E. HUFFMAN.

NOTICE.

IN preparation for the coming Young People’s Day, November 4, each church should have access to the following literature:—

“Young People’s Work Manual,” by the Sabbath-school department of the general conference. Address Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, Takoma Park station, Washington, D. C. This leaflet is free.

Report of the Central Union Conference young people’s convention. Five cents while they last.

“Young People’s Work, Leaflet No. 1.” Address Mrs. Plummer, as above, or M. E. Kern, College View, Nebraska. Free.

“Our Young People’s Work,” by F. J. Wilbur. Address M. E. Kern. Free.

APPOINTMENTS.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

MUSCATINE, Oct. 14, 15, 1905.

Will all members please report either in person or by letter. There will be important matters brought up for consideration besides the election of officers for the ensuing year.

J. H. KRAFT.

LADOGA, Oct. 21, 1905.

First meeting Friday evening. C. W. Neal will be present. The churches at Sharpsburg and Clarinda are invited. MRS. J. B. WALLACE, *Clerk*.