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SOME BLESSED DAY!

O weary, aching, throbbing brain,
There is no toil nor love in vain.
"Fear not," thy humble effort shall be blest,
For thee there still remains sweet rest.

O blessed Christ!—let strength divine
Revitalize this frame of mine;
Amid the storms that sweep the soul,
Safely lead me to the goal.

Lead on through all the mists of life,
Let me be patient in the strife,
O Father, Saviour, Brother, Friend,
Lead onward, upward to the end.

And then, O then! to see thy face
And know thy perfect, saving grace;
And evermore with thee to stay,
Some blessed day—some blessed day!
—Ernest Lloyd.

SANITARIUM SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The work of securing subscriptions for the building fund for the new sanitarium to be erected at Nevada has scarcely begun, but several thousand dollars in pledges to this fund have already been received. A general spirit of self-sacrifice is being manifested by all classes. This is particularly true of the conference workers. Some of the Bible workers who are receiving very small wages have given one hundred dollars each. It is evident that the believers in Iowa are thoroughly loyal to the counsel of the Lord given through the spirit of prophecy, and are willing to sacrifice for the upbuilding of the medical arm of the message, concerning which the Testimonies have said so much.

In about two weeks the subscription list will be published, and we shall be glad to have as many of our people on the list by that time as possible. On looking over the list of the citizens of Nevada who subscribed toward the \$15,000 which they raised for us, I find that several of them gave \$1,000 each; quite a number gave

\$500; and there was scarcely a subscription for less than \$25.00. The Catholic priest of Nevada gave \$100. He has been to the Sanitarium and received such benefit from his visit that he felt moved to give that amount toward securing the institution for his home town. This much on the part of unbelievers should move us to lift heavily in this enterprise also. Surely, we will not want to be outdone in this matter by those not of our faith. Send all subscriptions to the conference office.

M. N. Campbell.

A NEW EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY.

The brethren and sisters of Iowa who are interested in our educational work will be greatly pleased to learn that we have secured the services of Prof. Justice G. Lamson, former dean of Emmanuel Missionary College, to act as our educational secretary. Prof. Lamson has had long years of experience in connection with our educational work in all of its phases, and is thoroughly qualified to take hold of that work in this State. He expects to be ready for duty within a week or two, and will be pleased to visit the churches that are thinking of having church-schools and counsel with them in regard to the matter. Quite a number of responses have come in in reply to the call issued through the Bulletin two weeks ago, but once more I ask the officers of those churches which are interested in having a church-school established to write. We will arrange for Prof. Lamson to visit them, and give them the benefit of his experience in that line of work, and as he is also an ordained minister and regarded as a speaker of exceptional ability, they will be much edified as the result of his labors.

Let us earnestly pray that brighter days may dawn for the educational work in this conference, and that it may be built up at least on an equality with our sister conferences.

M. N. Campbell.

A WARNING.

A number of our people report that they have received copies of a journal called "Gospel Review," issued by one J. M. Gar-

mire, of LaFayette, Oregon, enclosed in envelopes on which was the return address of some of our loyal workers. This is a wicked deception on the part of the senders of this paper, and is designed to mislead our people and cause them to think that the paper has been sent by the person whose name appears on the outside of the envelope. Quite a number were sent to our workers with Eld. R. A. Underwood's return on the envelope, and I understand a number were sent out with my name upon them. This is a simple trick of Satan to deceive. The fact that the senders of this paper stoop to such a wicked practice in order to deceive our people shows the character of the periodical enclosed in the envelope and of the persons who are responsible for it.

This word of warning is not unnecessary, as a number have written in that they are greatly perplexed to know what it means. It means just this, that we are living in a time when Satan is resorting to every imaginable trick in order to deceive the remnant people.

M. N. Campbell.

SELF-IMPROVEMENT.

Education is power. No matter how small your salary may be, every valuable bit of information you pick up, every bit of good reading or thinking you do, in fact everything you do to make yourself a larger and completer man or woman, will also help you to advance. I have known boys who were working very hard for very little money to do more for their advancement in their spare time, their half-holidays, by improving their minds, than by the actual work they did. Their salaries were insignificant in comparison with their growth of mind. A man, capable by nature of being an employer, is often compelled to be a very ordinary employe because his mind is totally untrained.—The Director.

"A truly noble character will not stoop to resent the false accusations of enemies. Every word spoken falls harmless; for it strengthens that which it can not overthrow."

FIELD REPORTS.

INDIANOLA.

We secured the free use of one of the best locations in the city just two squares from the business center, for which we feel very thankful indeed. This city is considered by all other denominations than the Methodists as a hard place to begin work; yet we are glad to say that the interest has been increasing ever since our meetings opened, on the 5th inst. The attendance ranges from 40 to 125, and we feel somewhat encouraged over the outlook, notwithstanding the fact that the weather is inclement at present and has been much of the time. We are trusting him who is at the helm, and who is able to control everything which is opposed to the onward march of the third angel's message.

We remember the different tent companies in our devotions, and hope to be remembered also, that our efforts here may be crowned with success. M. W. Lewis,
E. W. Wolfe.

ROWLEY.

After recovering from a long spell of sickness last spring, I visited Ruthven, Graettinger, and Humboldt, holding one meeting at each place. The members of each church are of good courage in the Lord, and feel it their duty to press on until the work is finished. Leaving Humboldt, I visited my parents at Traer for two weeks, and while there had the privilege of speaking in the new M. E. church. The house was filled with interested listeners, and from what I learned while there it seems to me that another effort should be made before our little church building is moved.

Monday, June 8, Bro. George Juhl and I came to Rowley and pitched our tent, and on Friday evening we began our meetings. Although it rained during the afternoon, yet about 25 came. Sunday night the tent was filled with interested people, and we hope the kingdom may be shared by many from this place. We ask the prayers of God's people for ourselves and the work at this place. J. W. McComas,
Geo. S. Juhl.

OSKALOOSA.

We began our meetings June 8, with a congregation of about 30. Since then the attendance has ranged from 30 to 50. One encouraging feature is that the same ones come nearly every evening.

It was quite difficult for us to find a location, but after five days of hard work, we secured a lot in the very best part of town. While we were pitching our large

tent a lady who lives near came and asked us what we were going to do. We told her that we were going to hold some gospel meetings, and she said, "I don't know whether you will or not." We tried to make her understand that we had a perfect right to the grounds, and told her again that we would hold meetings. Then she said, "I don't think you will." A little later we saw two policemen coming down the walk. One went into her house, and the other stood outside and sized us up. Finally, when the policeman came out of the house they talked together a minute or two, and then wended their way back down town, and we were unmolested.

Our own people have been a great help to us in many ways, and we very much appreciate their efforts. The enemy is wroth, but we are of good courage in the work, although we desire the prayers of the Bulletin family, that we may be successful in winning souls for Christ. O. M. Kittle,
David Olsen.

HAWARDEN.

Dear Brethren and Sisters: You are interested in the work and workers, and as we can not write personal letters to all, we are thankful for a paper through which to report.

We arrived at Hawarden the evening of May 13. I went to a union prayer meeting that night. Of course, they did know me, but the leader was telling the people how some were saying the world was coming to an end, but he thanked God we were to have a long period of peace before that event. As I sat and listened, I thought, God help me to tell this people the truth; and as I looked at the four ministers, intelligent men and influential, I said, What am I; what can I do. Then the word came, "Not by might, nor by power; but my Spirit, saith the Lord."

The next morning was rainy, but we started out to look up a location for our tents. We asked the Baptist minister for a nice lot they owned, but he said they were going to hold a tent meeting there themselves. We found a vacant lot adjoining, and was tempted to take it, but decided not to as it might hinder them in their meetings. We met the minister that day, and he said, "You make a distinction between the laws in the Bible, don't you?" I replied, "We are only practicing what you Baptists preach on the law question. You preach the ten commandments; we live them." After a little further conversation, he laughed and began to remark about the weather. We are getting along nicely. They invited me to speak at their missionary meeting, and some of their members are attending our meetings and

taking readings. I ask the minister to attend our services whenever I see him, but he is a very busy man.

After we pitched our small tents and were getting comfortably located, a man came along and said he had rented the ground for a garden and wanted to plow it. We explained that we had rented it, but discovered that he had rented of one man and we of another. As we had had earnest prayer over the matter of locating there, I was confident we would not have to move, and told him I believed the Lord wanted us there. I then went down and saw the real estate man and told him we would give \$5.00 for the use of the ground, and that would pay the man for his trouble. He said he would do what he could for us, and we had a good talk. In a day or two we found that it had been decided to let us have the lot.

We then pitched the large tent, and that night a storm blew it and one of the small tents down, and broke one of the large poles. But we knew the tents were the Lord's, and thought that if he wanted us to do the work all over it was all right. We have been hindered much on account of rain and wind, but have decided by the help of the Lord to work between showers, and in the rain if necessary, and utter no word of complaint about the weather. There have been bad storms all around us, so we have fared well.

We are having some good visits with the people, and the attendance is real good when the weather permits. We organized a Sabbath-school last Sabbath, and had an attendance of 25. We are so glad to have a part in the great work of giving the light of present truth. Ross is doing well with his book, and we all are of good courage.

Mrs. Minnie Syp.

DEDICATION AT MT. PLEASANT.

Our new chapel was dedicated May 31. We were glad to have Eld. M. N. Campbell and Bro. J. W. Dorcas with us, and to greet visiting brethren from Rome, Salem, Burlington, Keokuk, Middletown, and Muscatine. The services were held in the afternoon, and the day was beautiful and the house was well filled. Eld. Campbell offered the dedicatory prayer, and during the service gave a short synopsis of the leading points of the faith which makes us the peculiar people that we are. Our new chapel is truly an ornament to the cause in Iowa.

Church History.

The organization of the Mt. Pleasant Seventh-day Adventist church was perfected some forty-six years ago, and but few of the charter members are now living. Some time prior to the year 1880, the first

church property was purchased on South Main street. This building was sold in 1884, and a new one erected in its stead, where we worshiped until the fall of 1905, when the lot was sold for \$1,600 cash, and the building carefully dismantled and removed to the present site. Nearly all the lumber was used in the erection of the building we recently dedicated, which cost about \$1,450 in addition to the lumber.

Following is a partial list of the workers who have gone forth from this church to herald the last message to the world:—

- Eld. George I. Butler.
- Eld. J. N. Andrews.
- Eld. C. A. Washburn.
- Eld. J. S. Washburn.
- Eld. R. F. Andrews.
- Eld. Smith Sharp.
- Dr. F. A. Washburn.

Mrs. Flora Washburn-Watson.
 Dr. A. C. Selmon, now in China.
 Grace Washburn-Gosmer (Deceased on her way to Great Caymen Island).

- Dr. G. A. Hare.
- Dr. John D. Hare.
- E. Delta Vaughn.
- Kittie Vaughn.
- Eld. B. E. Nicola.
- Mrs. Dr. Loper.
- Bess Porter.

Ira J. Hankins and wife.

The following report of the dedication, under conspicuous headlines, and written by the editor, appeared in the "Evening News":—

"The Adventist people of this city dedicated their new house of worship on College avenue in the north part of town with interesting services Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday the regular meetings of the church were held. There was Sabbath-school at ten o'clock, and preaching by Eld. M. N. Campbell, of Stuart, Iowa, president of the Iowa conference, in the afternoon and evening.

"On Sunday Eld. Campbell preached in the morning and evening, and in the afternoon the formal dedicatory services of the church were held. The service was very simple but impressive, and in keeping with the simple piety and devotion which characterizes the denomination. The choir led the singing and Eld. Campbell opened the service with a comprehensive statement of the Advent faith. This was followed by the report of Mr. C. W. Smouse, chairman of the building committee, who also read a list of the church missionaries who have gone out from here and are now laboring in different parts of the country. The dedicatory prayer was then given by Eld. Campbell. There was a large crowd present at all the services.

"The new church which has just been

completed has cost, exclusive of the lot, old lumber, and donated labor, about \$1,500. It is a neat little edifice and well suited to the needs of the congregation. The old church was located on South Main street, and much of the lumber from this building was used in the erection of the new one. Much of the labor was donated by members of the congregation. Mt. Pleasant people will rejoice with the Adventist people in the completion of so splendid a piece of work, and wish for them success in their work in Mt. Pleasant."

C. W. Smouse.

THE BOOK WORK.

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

"Great Controversy."

	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Total
J. C. Madison,	46	12	5.25	\$38.25
Nels H. Olsen,	59	15	.75	42.09
May Martin,	12	1	.75	3.50
Hans Hansen,	28	20		56.00
Ellen Svenson,	67	15	5.25	46.50
Esther Anderson,	33	12	2.00	36.00
James Christensen,	15	5	1.50	15.25

"Heralds of the Morning."

Lydia Eidemiller,	43	9	18.30	34.05
P. Langhoff,	2	3	1.50	6.75
Wilbur Smith,		43		75.25
Ross J. Syp,	29	9	3.00	21.00
Glen A. Shelton,	15	6	2.75	13.25
Walter Brower,	40	4		6.00

Deliveries.

	Books	Value	Helps
Walter Brower,	2	\$ 3.00	\$
Glen A. Shelton,	90	157.50	51.50
Ross J. Syp,			1.50
P. Langhoff,			1.50
Lydia Eidemiller,			2.25
Esther Anderson,			2.00
Ellen Svenson,			3.00
May Martin,	4	11.00	1.75

Summary.

No. of canvassers,	13
Value of books and helps sold,	\$393.80
Value of books and helps delivered,	235.00

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS.

How is our Sabbath-school prospering? Every Sabbath-school superintendent should ask himself this question, and then search carefully for the truthful answer. Is the membership of the school becoming less? Are there some who should be with you who are not? If there are, make an effort to find out why they are not. If there are those who can not meet with you regularly, have them become home department members of your school and keep up the regular study of the lessons at home. Be sure to have them keep a record of this study each week on home blanks which we furnish; in this way isolated members may be numbered with you, they will re-

ceive the benefit of the weekly lesson, and the average attendance of your school for the quarter will be greatly increased.

Continual effort should be made to encourage punctuality. It brings in confusion, and is positively wicked, to allow ourselves to form the habit of coming a few minutes late each Sabbath. Sometimes this difficulty may be partially overcome by appointing a short song service to precede the Sabbath-school exercises, and urging all to be present.

Another question should be, Is the interest in the school increasing or diminishing? At a time like this, when everything points to the finishing up of the work of God in the earth, surely the interest in the study of his Word should be increasing. The interest in both review and class recitation should be lively. If this is not true in your school, you and your fellow-laborers should pray and study earnestly to discover some means of bringing about such a condition. "We need a life-giving power, a zealous enthusiasm, a true animation, that our schools may become filled with an atmosphere of true piety and purity; that there may be religious advancement; that the fear of the Lord may circulate through the school; that the superintendent and leaders may not be satisfied with a dead, formal process, but may set every agency at work, that the school may become the noblest, most efficient school in the world. This should be the object and ambition of every worker in the school."—"Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work," p. 93.

Are the Sabbath-school contributions increasing each week? Is the mercury in the Sabbath-school "thermometer" rising? This device kept before the school should keep all interested in the donations. Short items of interest gleaned from reports of laborers in the different foreign fields as found in the "Review and Herald" will also be a benefit. If you can get people interested in doing something to save others, their own spiritual life will be quickened. Watch carefully every department of your school, and seek to have it always advancing instead of retrograding.

"In selecting officers from time to time, be sure that personal preferences do not rule, but place in positions of trust those whom you are convinced love and fear God, and who will make God their counselor. Without the love and fear of God, however brilliant the intellect may be, there will be failure." "But above everything else, select those who, in the simplicity of their souls, are walking in the truth, who love and fear God, and take their lessons in his school."—"Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work," p. 84.

One hundred and seventy members in our Children's Mission Band! But we are looking for many more. Plan your work so as to gain the greatest possible amount for the needy mission fields—it is wonderful what the children can do if they only try.

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Des Moines, Iowa, June 23, 1908.

—Mr. Simon Pines, of Woodward, spent the Sabbath in Des Moines.

—Mr. W. H. Hankins, of Sigourney, called while in Des Moines last week.

—The life of a man is made up of action and endurance; and life is fruitful in the ratio in which it is laid out in noble action or in patient perseverance.—H. P. Liddon.

—From a copy of the Muscatine "News-Tribune" recently received we notice that Eld. G. R. Hawkins is being requested to preach a sermon on "The Law and the Sabbath."

—Mr. C. C. Morlan, who for some time has been connected with the Nebraska Sanitarium, passed through Des Moines last week on his way to Carroll, where he is now engaged in the canvassing work.

—If some of our customers experience a delay in receiving books, we trust they will be patient. On account of the flood, it has been very difficult to get freight out of Kansas City, and hence some orders are slow.

—Miss Mary Hansen, of Ringstead, passed through Des Moines last week on her way to Santa Barbara, California, where to-morrow evening wedding bells will ring and she will become the wife of Mr. Sherman Negal. Mr. and Mrs. Negal will spend the summer in the canvassing work, and Mr. Negal will teach in the school at Loma Linda the coming school year after which he will enter the ministry.

—The end of another quarter is almost here, a number of our people have neglected to order their pamphlets, and some of them will be disappointed the first Sabbath of the new quarter by not having their lesson sheets, for even now it is too late to order them and receive them in time for distribution next Sabbath. But, to make the disappointment as brief as possible, send in your orders at once, and you will receive them next week.

—With the near approach of the 1st of July, we wish to call the attention of many of our subscribers to the fact that it is time for them to renew their subscription to the Bulletin. The Tract Society is very lenient, and does not stop the paper immediately upon the expiration of subscription, and subscribers who are benefited thereby should show their appreciation by remitting at once. Now let the quarters and half dollars roll in; or, if it is more convenient to send stamps, they will be just as acceptable.

—The hot season is the time of the greatest infant mortality, and the July number of "Life and Health" has been prepared especially with a view to bringing to mothers instruction bearing direct upon the proper care of children and babies. The leading feature of this issue is the care of the health of both old and young during the heated season, when sickness is most common, but especially among children. Associated with this counsel are important suggestions which blend with it so consistently that the whole combination forms a very practical number, and will prove to be very helpful to all who read it. Usual prices. Order of this office.

—All who are interested in the canvassing work will be pleased to see the long list of workers now reporting, and will pray that abundant success may attend their efforts.

MISSIONARY WORK.

Following is the report of missionary work done during the quarter ending, April 30, 1908:—

No. of societies reporting,	63
No. of isolated members reporting, ..	18
Letters written,	521
Letters received,	265
Bible readings and cottage meetings, ..	367
Subscriptions for periodicals,	237
Periodicals sold or given away,	13,648
Pages of books, tracts, etc., distributed,	77,914
Missionary visits made,	2,119
Hours spent in Christian help work, ..	1,712
Articles of bedding and clothing given away,	655
Persons supplied with food,	323
Children brought into Sabbath-school, ..	26
Persons interested,	83

THE BLESSING OF WORK.

Live for God in common things. Do your work purely and faithfully when there is no one to say it is well done. Make the unwritten history of your life faithful in good words wisely spoken, in kind deeds thoughtfully done, in the silent expression of meekness and purity and love. Cherish the feeling of companionship with Christ in all the walks of life. Do not despise or neglect anything that was of sufficient importance to receive the attention of the Son of God.

Some strange satirist, half in humor and half in earnest, says, "Satan invented work, sabbathless Satan." It is all a mistake—a mistake which has filled the world with bitterness and woe. All needed and profitable work is of God. Work is the honorable inheritance and the healthful discipline of the sons of God. Work is a ladder let down from heaven on which redeemed men climb to the seats of the blessed. Work makes the feeble strong, the timid brave, the poor rich, the wretched

happy. Man attains the perfection of his being by becoming a co-worker with God in filling the universe with light and blessing.

Idleness is the invention of the great adversary who entices man away from his God-given work in Paradise, and who ever lies in wait to deceive and destroy unwary souls. The tempter comes in the hours of ease, and he is most sure of his prey when he finds men with nothing to do. Idleness enfeebles the mind and shrivels up the heart and debases the soul and takes away all the meaning and beauty and joy of life. The most pitiable and wretched man on the face of the earth is the man who has time and talent and health and riches and nothing to do. For the lazy man, life has no purpose and labor has no reward. For him the flowers have no perfume and the birds no song. In vain for him the morning spreads its glories on the mountains, and the evening sets its stars in the sky. He knows nothing of the greatness which patient effort and high achievement give to character, nor of the divine joy with which self-denial fills the soul. He makes himself a burden to every enterprise for the world's advance, a blot upon the immortal page where the brave and the good are writing their names for eternity. It were better to be a brute and sweat in the harness or tug at the plow than possess the faculties and the soul of a man, and yet refuse the work which God has set for man to do.—March.

Do not quarrel with your lot in life. Do not complain of its never-ceasing cares, its petty environments, the vexations you have to stand, the small and sordid souls you have to live and work with. Above all, do not resent temptation. That is the practice which God appoints you; and is having its work in making you patient and humble and generous and unselfish and kind and courteous.—Drummond.

APPOINTMENTS.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Sioux City, July 4, 5, 1908.

Absent members are requested to report.

Mrs. E. M. Frederickson, Clerk.

Council Bluffs, July 4, 5, 1908.

Absent members please report by letter.

Mrs. Mary M. Gallup, Clerk.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

UNDER this head, business notices not exceeding eight lines in length will be inserted for twenty-five cents an issue.

For Sale.—A folding organ suitable for tent or school house meetings. Has been used about 18 months, and is nearly as good as new. Will sell for half price, \$14.50. Peter Olsen, Ute, Iowa.