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THE NIGHT COMETH WHEN NO MAN CAN WORK

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## SIGOURNEY CAMP-MEETING.

The accompanying cut shows the campground at Sigourney; this picture being taken at the time of a Chautauqua meeting held there. It looks very much as we expect it to look June 6-12.

"Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together . . . and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."—Heb. 10:25.

"Go to the camp-meeting, even though

of the work where it is so much needed.' Do not reason this way; God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of his people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people."

"Let all who possibly can, attend these yearly gatherings. All should feel that God requires this of them. If they do not avail themselves of the privilege

benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in the last days, days of peril and conflict."

### DOES IT PAY?

With over two and a half million dollars invested in some eighty sanitariums, and these institutions operated at large expense, and sometimes at a loss, the question may arise, Does it pay? This question might receive either an affirmative or a negative answer, according to the standpoint from which we view it. From the worldly standpoint of a money-making business, our sanitariums can never hope to be made great financial successes. Our sanitariums which are more than self-supporting and are making good gains, are paying salaries which the people of the world would consider too small for the kind of work performed. If the wages in our institutions were in proportion to wages for similar work in other institutions, none of our institutions could hope to make expenses.

So from the financial standpoint, the answer would be, No; it does not pay to operate sanitariums. This same answer might be given to the question, Does it pay to run our schools and colleges? Does it pay to run publishing houses? Does it pay to send out ministers and Bible workers? Does it pay to go into the canvassing work? In each case we would find that from the worldly standpoint, our work is a financial failure.

But there is a much broader side to this question and it is the object of this paper to call attention to some of the reasons why it does pay Seventh-day Adventists to operate sanitariums.

But what are our sanitariums doing? What is their work? Are they doing any good in the world? Are they doing that for which they were established? We answer, Not all for which they were



you have to make a sacrifice to do so. Go with a will to work and make every effort to induce your friends to go, not in your place, but to go with you. . . ."—Test. Vol. 6 p. 40.

"Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage . . . you cannot afford to lose one such privilege."

"Some will say 'it is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money and give it for the advancement

which he has provided, that they may become strong in him' and in the power of his grace, they will grow weaker and weaker and have less and less desire to consecrate all to God. Come, brethren and sisters, to these sacred convocations. . . your farms should not be considered of greater value than the higher interests o. the soul."

"Anciently the Lord instructed his people to assemble three times a year for his worship, . . . they met to recount his mercies, to make known his wonderful works, and to offer praise and thanksgiving to his name."

"If the children of Israel needed the

established, but to some extent at least they are fulfilling the purpose of God in doing their part to carry the third angels message to the world. The influence of our sanitariums has become world-wide. There is scarcely an intelligent person in many communities even hundreds of miles from a sanitarium who does not know something of Seventh-day Adventists through the work of the sanitariums. Our health workers reach a class of people not easily reached by other workers. They reach both the rich and the poor. They reach those who, in their condition of ill health, would not listen to the truth if it were taken to them by other workers; but when brought in contact with the truth lived out in our institutions, they are susceptible to its influence.

While our sanitariums can not report large numbers coming into the truth, yet they sow the seed, which is often watered and the harvest gathered in by other workers. Many times the minister comes into a new field, and among the first individuals to become interested in the truth are those who have been to a sanitarium. They know something of Seventh-day Adventists, and they respect this people because of their sanitarium work. Many persons of influence who would look with disdain upon our methods of work in going from place to place with a tent, or in sending out men and women to canvass for our books, are led to respect our work by means of our sanitariums.—Selected.

#### THE MISSION BOARD.

Many and difficult are the problems constantly coming to them for consideration. Continuously the pleas for help come in from the fields, often several letters arrive in one mail from different parts of the earth, all containing earnest appeals for help. Some worker may have been forced to abandon his post of duty, and another is asked to take his place at once. Varied are the demands. But whatever they are, the Mission Board is dependent upon the organized field for the answer to the call—whether it be a demand for men or means. If the former, this usually calls for some tried worker, somewhere in local or union conference employ, to respond. This may mean a new language to be acquired, that the same familiar truths we all hold so dear may be told in a plain, simple manner to the people over in the other country.

And then so much is involved in se-

lecting these workers. Often their places are hard to fill or the ill health of some member of the family stands in the way. All these things must be carefully considered. And during this time, the field has to wait. These weeks and months of waiting seem very long to the few struggling with the difficulties. In some instances the Board has spent one year, or ever two full years, in diligent search for a suitable laborer to answer some specific call.

Thus the Mission Board grapples with these mission problems week by week and month by month. In it all, the men bearing these burdens in connection with the general work are simply the servants of the church, acting by the delegated authority vested in them by the individual church members throughout the land,—your servants under God, set for the finishing of this work in the limits of this generation.—T. E. Bowen.

#### CONSECRATION.

The daily life of the Christian is a life of surrender. There will be a giving up of self and selfish plans,—a laying of all at the feet of Jesus.

We do not know the way we should go. We do not know what lies before us. We have not wisdom or discernment to choose what is best, and to discard that which is of least worth among the many things forced on our attention as we go through the day. By choosing our own way and withholding from God a surrender of self, we lose much time, and overlook valuable opportunities of doing good to others and of building up our own characters.

If we are too busy to cultivate the acquaintance and friendship of Christ by communion with him in meditation and prayer, our lives will be filled with fretfulness, anxiety, fear, and care. This is not God's will. "My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord," says the psalmist.

We do not know the beautiful things he would tell us,—the things that would make us strong, and our lives bright and helpful and a song of praise and gladness in spite of the trials and cares he lets come,—if we only had the wisdom to stop and listen; and this wisdom he will give if we only will let him begin the day for us and go through it with us.

Many the temptations that would be warded off by the angel at our side—temptations that are "more than we are able to bear;" many the cares that would be lifted; rich and refreshing the sweet-

ness that would come into our lives instead of the bitterness, if we would only let God rule our days.

In the words of another: "Consecrate yourself to God in the morning; make this your very first work. . . Surrender all your plans to him to be carried out or given up as his providence shall indicate. Thus day by day you may be giving your life into the hands of God, and thus your life will be molded more and more after the life of Christ."—Selected.

#### ACADEMY NOTES

The school buildings are receiving a fresh coat of paint.

The students are very busy these days preparing for approaching examinations.

The farm work is progressing splendidly. Mr. Ross Sype is here, helping to push the spring's work to completion.

The Friday evening meeting, April 29, was a season of great refreshing. The Spirit was indeed with us to strengthen and help.

On the morning of May 5, Eld. M. N. Campbell gave a good talk to the students. His remarks, on what we must do to best prepare for our place in the work, were most timely. They will help us to make right plans for the summer's work.

Now is the proper time for young people throughout the state, as well as for us at the academy, to plan for next winter's school work. Come to school next winter and "get ready" with us.

#### ACADEMY MUSICALE.

A program of unusual interest was given at Stuart Academy, Wednesday evening, May 4. Those who have been acquiring a knowledge of music, both vocal and instrumental, under the teaching of Mrs. J. G. Lamson, gave a recital, which was much to the credit of the teacher, as it told of much pains-taking effort. After the evening meal many willing hands transformed the dining hall into a conservatory for the occasion. The decorations though simple, were pleasing.

Professor Lamson as master of ceremonies, filled that office with his usual tact and good humor. From the first to the fifteenth number, the program held the attention of all present. The vocal selections were especially pleasing; the ladies quartette and the solo by Miss Howell were much appreciated and the effort of our smallest girl, Miss Vera

Howard, was a pleasant surprise to all. The instrumental numbers were well rendered and gave evidence of real study and faithful practice. The male quartette performed its share in the closing number. Eld. M. N. Campbell favored us with his presence and gave an interesting talk on Music, bringing to us new thoughts and a better understanding of the value of music and musical ability.

That evening's record leaves nothing unpleasant in memory's gallery; we went to our rooms with happy hearts, greatly appreciating our privileges.

#### PROGRAM.

'10 Class Recital Under Direction of Mrs. J. G. Lamson.

- 1.—"Her Bright Smile Haunts me Still" Instrumental.—Mrs. H. H. Howard.
- 2.—"King's March," by Sidney H. Gambell, Instrumental.—Miss Alma Lauterbach.
- 3.—"There, Little Girl, Don't Cry," by James Whitcomb Riley.—Ladies Quartet. Miss Howell, Miss Hunt, Miss Kinsman and Miss Larson.
- 4.—Piano Duet.—Miss Hazel Tuttle and Mrs. J. G. Lamson.
- 5.—"Nocturne, "Sunset," by Wheeler, rendered by Mrs. M. M. Hare.
- 6.—"Melody in F," Rubenstein.—Albert H. Olesen.
- 7.—"Japanese Lullaby," Eugene Fields. Sung by Vera Howard.
- 8.—"Moonlight Revere," M. Viola Allen Piano Duet, Miss Kinsman, Miss Lauterbach.
- 9.—"Life's Lullaby," Gerald Lane. Solo by Miss Howell.
- 10.—Address by Elder M. N. Campbell.
- 11.—"Meditation," Morrison. Instrumental, Miss Lena Hunt.
- 12.—"Alla Marcia in D," Henry Hackett.—Albert Olesen.
- 13.—"Jesus is Calling Today," Hymn. Played by Mr. Jno. Myhre.
- 14.—"Po' Little Lamb," J. A. Parks.—Ladies' Quartette.
- 15.—"Doxology," Parks.—Male Quartet J. G. Lamson, M. M. Hare, H. H. Howard, W. T. Marshall.

W. A. Meeker.

#### PERIODICAL WORK

Conducted by G. C. Hoskin.

Order all publications, both single copies and clubs, from the Iowa Tract Society.

One of our successful periodical workers, who expects to be assisted by her

two young daughters during the summer, orders 2200 "Signs" and 600 "Life and Health" for June.

Single copies of our magazines furnished at 10 cents each; 5 to 50 copies, 5 cents each.

Dr. O. C. Godsmark's astronomical articles commence in the June "Watchman." Don't miss any of them.

A good stock of June magazines at this office as soon as issued. Send in your orders now, so that you can get into the field early.

Iowa climbs near the top on magazine sales for April. Over ten thousand sold. But May is going far ahead of that, if the interest continues.

Our missionary societies are learning the value of magazine distribution as a good missionary work, and some nice orders were received this week.

If you write us at once, there may still be time to secure a few copies of the important number of "Liberty," giving the Johnston Sunday Bill Hearing. Five to fifty copies, 5 cents each.

If you failed to get a copy of the "Watchman" containing the article on Halley's comet, you should not fail to get the June number. Dr. Godsmark commences his astronomical articles in that number.

125,000 temperance "Instructors" sold up to last week. This equals last year's sales; now, we want to double this in short order. Who will help us? Second orders are being received from a number. Can you not use a few more?

The last of this week will be spent at Stuart Academy, arranging territory for the students who take up the sale of our good magazines. It is expected that at least twelve will take up this work as soon as school closes.

"Enjoyed our work so well, sold 60 this afternoon," says one. "Enjoyed my work so much at— and—, sold 350 last week," says another. Others say: "Send 200 temperance 'Instructors' at once;" "Enclosed find \$4.64 for 116 temperance 'Instructors,' send at once;" and "Send 500 'Signs,' and 100 'Life and Health' at once." Others order only 50 or 100, but they are too numerous to mention. But this is not all of them, we have not mentioned the largest orders. Wouldn't you like to try 25 or 50 and be conscious of accomplishing a good work? The experience will do you a world of good.

#### INFLUENCE OF READING.

The chaplain of Newgate prison in London, in one of his annual reports to the Lord-Mayor, referring to many fine looking lads of respectable parentage in the city prison, said that he discovered, "That all these boys, without one exception, had been in the habit of reading those cheap periodicals" which were published for the alleged amusement of both sexes. There is not a police court or a prison in this country where similar cases could not be found. No one can measure the moral ruin that has been caused in this generation by the influence of bad books.

While youth is the period of greatest impressibility, and therefore of greatest peril, maturity does not, of itself, bring absolute safety from the influence of corrupt literature. Character in this world never gets beyond the possibility of being bettered or worsened; few are so fortified in virtuous habits that they can with impunity bring their minds into prolonged contact with an evil book.

Some years ago I visited, in a Western city, a family with which I had been long acquainted in the comparatively pure atmosphere of an inland village. The family consisted of a husband and wife, still in the freshness and vigor of eager manhood and womanhood, and two beautiful boys. As I sat in the snug parlor conversing with the wife, I saw upon the table a copy of an execrable sheet that shall be nameless here; it was evidently a weekly visitor, and in some sense representative of the literature that was coming into that home. Soon I took my departure with troubled and foreboding thoughts. Not many months later, being in the city again, I called on the family and was met at the door by a strange face. Asking for Mrs. ———, I was told that she did not live there; that she had left her husband, and they were divorced. The beautiful home was broken up, by no appreciable cause but the vitriating influence of corrupt reading and consequent evil associates. The incident left on my mind an impression never to be effaced.—Philip S. Moxom in "The Aim of Life."

"True courtesy is kind. It exhibits itself in the disposition to contribute to the happiness of others, and in refraining from all that may annoy them."

"Life will always be, to a great extent, what we ourselves make it. The cheerful man makes a cheerful world, the gloomy man a gloomy one."

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Entered as second-class matter September 10, 1908, at the post-office at Nevada, Iowa, under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

—Mrs. J. E. Barcus and Miss Bernice McComas are at the McComas home.

—L. J. Schmidt, of Bonaparte, is an appendicitis patient at the Sanitarium.

—Mrs. Clara Barnhart and son Irving, of Michigan, are visiting the home folks, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Whitney.

—A box of nice bedding for the Sanitarium came this week, from Mrs. S. J. Jordan, of Sutherland, Iowa. The gift is thoroughly appreciated.

—Miss A. Helen Wilcox has accepted a call to work in the Greater New York conference, and expects to leave here some time in June for that field.

—Eld. M. N. Campbell returned Monday from an interesting trip among the churches, coming from Exira where a fine over-Sabbath meeting was held.

—G. C. Hoskin and A. R. Smouse, of the office went to Ames, Monday, to sell periodicals. They will thus gain the experience they are urging others to enjoy.

—A parlor lecture on "Nerves," by Dr. C. W. Heald, proved both interesting and instructive to many attentive listeners, at the Sanitarium, evening after the Sabbath.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Tyrrell, of Sioux Rapids, are at the Sanitarium and were joined there by their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. "Cap" Tyrrell, of Des Moines.

—Do not forget to lay your plans to attend the Sigourney camp-meeting if you are within a reasonable distance. Be sure to attend at least one camp-meeting this year.

—The surprising decrease in the population of Iowa, as shown in recent census reports, is attributed to the moving propensity and is right in line with statements made concerning our decrease in Conference membership, even while many are being added to the church.

—Miss Myrna Campbell is home from the Sanitarium, having made short record recovery from an operation for appendicitis—in fact the constant array of gratifying recoveries is interesting, and those who need help health-wise should make arrangements to visit this institution at once. None should wait until every about-home hope is gone, come early and save time and suffering.

—Our Religious Liberty Leaflets should be freely distributed everywhere, but especially where the question of Sunday laws is being agitated; they are just the thing needed to enlighten the people. Many who favor such laws would not do so if they had a better understanding of the principles as set forth in these tracts.

—Eld. J. W. Dorcas, after spending a few days at home, returned to his district Monday morning.

## AN INTERESTING STUDY.

A verse by verse study of that most interesting of all the books in the Bible, "The Revelation," will soon be begun in the "Signs of the Times" weekly. These studies will cover almost every phase of the gospel message and will be of special interests to Bible students and those interested in prophecy. That the "Signs" is appreciated by our brethren in the field is evidenced by the many letters that come to the office. Are you a subscriber to the "Signs"? Does your church take a club for general missionary work? If not, this is a splendid time to begin. Only 50 cents for three months, 90 cents for six months, \$1.75 per year. In clubs of five or more, \$1.25 a copy per year. Address Iowa Tract Society.

## BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL.

Commencing with the June number of the "Bible Training School" a series of articles will begin and continue throughout the entire year on the book of Jeremiah, which will be of special interest to all Bible students. With the same number will also begin a series of articles on the annual feasts of the ancient sanctuary service in the order in which they are celebrated. These articles will compare type with antitype, and will be a help to all who love to study their Bibles.

The price of the "Bible Training School" is twenty-five cents a year. Ask for your subscription to begin with the June number. Address, "Bible Training School," South Lancaster, Mass.

## IOWA CANVASSERS' REPORT.

### "Heralds."

	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Totals
Anna Nordquist	.11	2	1.25	5.25
J. V. Trimble	.41	10	1.05	21.05
I. E. Moore	.4	3		6.00
Ross Johnson	.24	11	.75	22.75
Ed Howell	.33	17		35.25
Lars Christiansen	.21	12	3.50	27.50
C. P. Christiansen	.25	11	3.25	25.25

### "Great Controversy."

Glen Shelton	.47	16		50.00
Thayne Hopkins	.26	7	.50	23.50

### "Bible Readings."

C. O. Darland	.22	4		9.75
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### Deliveries.

J. V. Trimble	1.05		21.05
I. E. Moore			4.00
C. P. Christiansen			3.25
C. O. Darland			16.50

### Summary.

No. of agents	10
Value of books and helps sold	\$226.30
Value of books and helps deliv'd.	\$44.80
Week ending April 29, 1910.	

## REPORT OF MISSIONARY WORK FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1910.

Members reporting work or donations	304
Letters written	443
Letters received	219
Bible readings or cottage meetings held	293
Subscriptions obtained for periodicals	72
Periodicals sold or given away	11258
Pages of books, tracts, etc., distributed	56928
Missionary visits made	771
Hours spent in Christian help work	1702
Articles of clothing and bedding given away	927
Persons supplied with food	250
Children brought into Sabbath-school	23
Persons interested	127

"There never will be a time when the kind of service that wins heaven's approval will have the approval of the self-seeking, clamoring world, or be popular with the ease-loving, amusement-seeking church members. There are two ways, the broad and the narrow; two services, that of self and that of Christ; two goals—and they are far apart. The broad way needs to be broad, for it must accommodate many professed church members, as well as the great motley throng that has never professed the name of Christ."