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OUR SABBATH MEETINGS

During the past six months various conditions have greatly interfered with our Sabbath school and church services, especially during the general prevalence of the influenza epidemic, which now seems to have quite entirely subsided. During the past winter, and spring thus far, the roads have been unusually bad, in many places almost impassable, so that our brethren and sisters who had to go any great distance to church and Sabbath school have been more or less deprived of this privilege. I sincerely trust, however, now that the spring is here and the weather will be more favorable and roads better, that our people will all avail themselves of the opportunity of meeting together regularly every Sabbath day.

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Heb. 10:25. The above quotation gives us the admonition and makes clear the importance of meeting together and exhorting each other, and especially as we see the day of the Lord approaching. Truly that day is approaching. We are certainly living in perilous times, and if ever this admonition should mean anything to the people of God, it is in these times of uncertainty through which we are now passing. We have been led to see during the past winter, in conditions above referred to, how suddenly and unexpectedly our privileges of meeting together can be cut off, for none of us would have thought a few months ago that anything could arise which would make it impossible for the holding of public services generally. We should, therefore, in view of such possibilities improve the opportunities, redeeming the time because

the days in which we live are evil.

We have not only the teaching and example given in the Word of God, of the importance of the Lord's people meeting together, but we have also special counsel on this subject, which has been given to us through the spirit of prophecy.

"The Lord has shown me that interest should be taken by Sabbath-keepers to keep up their meetings and make them interesting. There is great necessity of more interest and energy being manifested in this direction. All should have something to say for the Lord, for by so doing they will be blest. A book of remembrance is written of those who do not forsake the assembling of themselves together, but speak often one to another. The remnant are to overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. Some expect to overcome alone by the blood of the Lamb, without making any special effort of their own. I saw that God has been merciful in giving us the power of speech. He has given us a tongue, and we are accountable to him for its use. We should glorify God with our mouth, speaking in honor of the truth, and of his unbounded mercy, and overcome by the word of our testimony through the blood of the Lamb." Early Writings, p. 114.

"It is required that we meet together and bear testimony to the truth. The angel of God said: 'Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.'"

"It will pay, then, to improve the

privileges within our reach, and, even at some sacrifice, to assemble with those who fear God and speak for him; for he is represented as hearkening to those testimonies, while angels write them in a book. God will remember those who have met together and thought upon his name, and he will spare them from the great conflagration. They will be as precious jewels in his sight; but his wrath will fall on the shelterless head of the sinner. It is not a vain thing to serve God. There is a priceless reward for those who devote their life to his service."

"You must improve your opportunities of attending the meetings, and gaining all the spiritual strength you can; for you will need it in the days to come."

"Their work being always urgent, it is difficult for some to secure time for meditation and prayer; but this they should not fail to do. The blessing of Heaven, obtained by daily supplication, will be as the bread of life to the soul, and will cause them to increase in moral and spiritual strength, like a tree planted by the river of waters, whose leaf will be always green, and whose fruit will appear in due time.

"Some have made a serious mistake in neglecting to attend the public worship of God. The privileges of divine service will be as beneficial to them as to others, and are fully as essential."

"Some have failed to see the real importance, not only of attending religious meetings, but also of bearing testimony for Christ and the truth. If these brethren do not obtain spiritual strength by the faithful performance of every Christian duty, thus coming into a closer and more sacred relation to their Redeemer, they will surely wither spiritually, unless they change their course in

this respect." Vol. 4, pp. 107, 113, 539.

Many other similar quotations could be given, but the above will suffice to impress the importance of our people meeting together; not only for the spiritual strength and blessing that comes to them individually and to their families in thus meeting with others of like faith, but also for its influence over those not of our faith. Our truth and message is unpopular at best, but it does make a very favorable impression upon our friends and neighbors when they see that Adventists are regular and faithful in their attendance at their appointed services. Even though the number may be few, the Lord's promise is just as precious as where large congregations assemble. The Lord's blessing is not dependent on numbers. "Fear not, little flock," is the Saviour's admonition and again the promise is to the two or three who are agreed.

Can we not now that we have come to the most favorable season of the year, be faithful ourselves and also encourage our friends and neighbors to meet with us in Sabbath school and church services and thus help to bring our Sabbath school membership up to the four thousand goal. I am sure that this can be done, and it will bring great spiritual blessings to all. The present lessons would be helpful and interesting to anyone who could be induced to attend the Sabbath school.

A. R. OGDEN.

AN EXTENDED TRIP

Burlington was visited January 24 in the interest of home missionary work, and we held a convention over Sabbath and Sunday. All meetings were well attended. Elder and Sister Smith, also their Bible workers, rendered very efficient help. Elder Ogden spoke on Sunday evening to an interested congregation on the important theme "Who shall be able to stand?" The Burlington church showed their willingness to help finish the work by ordering 119 *Signs* weekly; they also arranged for a standing order of monthly magazines, and a number subscribed to the *Review and Herald*.

Muscatine was next visited. This church ordered one thousand *Present Truth*, and about nine dollars was gathered as a result of a few hours work with their left-over Harvest Ingathering papers. At Cedar

Rapids we were assisted by Elder Ruskjer, our Union Home Missionary secretary. The church at Cedar Rapids is a progressive missionary church trying to bring all its members into active service. From Cedar Rapids we went to Iowa City. Here Sister Carpenter is keeping the light of present truth burning before her friends and neighbors, and the few believers gather at her home to hear the truths which she has held dear for so many years. Although Sister Carpenter is nearly ninety years of age, yet she is an active home missionary worker. We next visited Atalissa. We held several Bible readings with the believers here, visited them in their homes, and enjoyed meeting with them very much.

We were glad to meet the believers at Davenport. Elder Clemens was not able to attend the meetings, but we enjoyed a good visit with him and he is very anxious for the furtherance of the home missionary work. We were glad to see the interest that the church is taking in distributing foreign literature.

We found that the church at Clinton is interested in the foreign speaking people in their midst, as well as in all other lines. At Dubuque a Convention was held over Sabbath and Sunday. Brother and Sister Corbaley are live home missionary leaders. The Dubuque church is composed of minute men ready for every good work. Here Elder Ruskjer left us, also Harriet Morse and Bertha Benson went to other work while I continued my visit among the churches.

Calmar, Lansing, Village Creek and Decorah were visited. At a convention in Waukon, the Lord came very near to us. I next visited the churches at Cresco, Hawkeye and West Union. At each place we enjoyed meeting our people, and were pleased to note a growing interest in all lines of home missionary work.

At Waterloo we conducted a missionary convention; it was well attended, and there was also a good interest in the evening meetings. Elder Watts and his co-workers are doing aggressive work and are a great inspiration to our people in their efforts for perishing souls. Charles City, Riceville, New Hampton and Fredericksburg were next visited; then we went to Mason City. According to this appointment, we stayed with the church

for about three weeks, holding meetings in a hall in town. These meetings were well attended. Four were baptized and others are interested. The Mason City church is a live church and did all they could in the interest of these meetings. The effort was also assisted by Brother Slater, Harriet Morse and Bertha Benson; and Elder Ogden delivered several excellent sermons which were greatly enjoyed. We were glad for Elder Olsen's visit with us on the last Sabbath and Sunday. Such a united effort as this could not fail to accomplish much good. March 29 I came to Nevada and arranged for a magazine institute and home missionary convention; this meeting is now in the past, and we believe will result in the upbuilding of the work.

MRS. MINNIE SYPE.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

At the Conference committee meeting referred to in last week's paper, plans were laid for the summer's work. We were glad to have an attendance of all the members of the Conference committee with Brethren Thompson and Ortner of the Union Conference; and by invitation, Elders Smith, Miller, Ostrander, White, Dorcas, Watts, Metzger and Hoopes were with us in the consideration of the plans for the summer's work. It was felt that a more satisfactory arrangement could be made for the summer's work by having with us in counsel some of the brethren who would have to lead out in the work in various sections of the State.

After much careful and prayerful consideration, it was decided that tent or other efforts in halls or buildings as might be arranged, should be held at Fort Madison by Elder Smith, assisted by G. V. Corkham, Olney Smouse, and Misses Nondis Van Hynning and Marie Hill.

At Clarinda or some other place as may be decided, Elder White will conduct an effort, assisted by Allen Chatfield, Bernard Scherr, and Misses Evelyn Davis, Mabel Hendricksen and Hazel Hanson.

At Waterloo an effort will be conducted by Elder Watts, assisted by Brother and Sister F. W. Meyer, Brother and Sister H. M. Jones and Mrs. Jordan.

Elder Weatherly will conduct an effort at Iowa City, assisted by

Brother Kent, Isaac Counsell and Misses Florence Utter and Netha Stutson.

Elder Leffler and Brother P. E. Bergman will conduct a Swedish effort.

At a place to be decided later, Elder Metzger and Bruce Watts will hold an effort.

Elder Miller, assisted by R. F. Carr and Ernest Schroeder, will be at Albia.

At Cherokee, an effort will be conducted by Brethren Patterson, C. D. Adams and Sister Asay.

Missionary licenses were voted to Ernest Schroeder, Bernard Scherr, Juliette Klinger and Signe E. Oster.

Brother C. V. Starr, who has arranged his affairs to again enter Conference work, was asked to engage in district work in the southern part of the State.

A number of other recommendations were passed by the committee in the interests of the work.

A. R. OGDEN.

CASTANA AND SMITHLAND

For the past few weeks I have been visiting and holding meetings at Onawa, Castana and Smithland, for the double purpose of helping our brethren and sisters, and also for finding an opening for a short series of meetings for the public.

At Castana I believe there is a real interest, but owing to the weather and other conditions, it was decided to postpone meetings there for a time at least. At Onawa, meetings were held four Sunday nights, but the attendance did not seem to warrant further effort for the public at present. Sister Edna Morton, and also other members, did their best in assisting and endeavoring to get the people out. Sister Rutledge and Sister Barcus very hospitably entertained me during the time I stopped at Onawa.

Smithland was once a strong church of over one hundred members, but now numbers only about twenty. After holding a few meetings there I found a good interest and a good class of people. And so at the present we are starting a regular course of lectures. The members are assisting in every way possible and attending as much as possible. There seems to be no prejudice in the town and so taking all things into consideration, we believe the time is ripe for work to be done. The primary essential to

all success or any success is prayer, earnest prayer and faithful prayer, so I earnestly request all of our brethren and sisters to remember the effort being put forth here when petitioning the Father for the success of the message we love so dearly.

W. E. PATTERSON.

ORGANIZATION OF CLASS '19

March 3, 1919. Does anyone know why this is an important date in the history of Oak Park Academy? Why, because the Senior class was organized on that day, and if we understand it correctly, they are launched for business, with no thought of anchoring.

Those sailing under the Royal Purple and Old Gold flag of Class '19 are, Ernest Schroeder, president; Reuben Johnson, vice president; Ruth Adams, secretary; Martin Schroeder, treasurer; Vera Hoopes, Irene Beams, Milo Schroeder, Olney Smouse, Arthur Nelson, and Gertrude Steen.

Although the Class ship has encountered many difficulties while in process of construction, and the number of members is not so large as when the ship was begun, yet all those who remain of the prospective crew, are full of enthusiasm, and of the real Class spirit of unity, which is so essential for a successful voyage.

Before many weeks, they will sail out of the harbor of dear old O. P. A. to enter the Master's service wherever he may call. But in going "from school life into life's school," may they take with them the lessons of truth and righteousness which they have learned here, that will help them as they sail over life's sea.

GERTRUDE ANITA STEEN.

A LAST CALL

Those who have been studying the inspiring Morning Watch texts thus far this year will agree that we never had a more helpful calendar than the one for 1919. Though three months have passed since January 1, it is not too late to purchase the calendar and to enjoy its benefits with thousands of others.

Even one month's study of these beautiful scripture texts is worth more than five cents, and there are

yet nine months in which to use the 1919 Morning Watch calendar. If you haven't one of your own, or if you have a friend who is without it, do not wait a day longer to secure copies. Order of your tract society. MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPT.

Brother Steen Jensen recently spent a few days at Nevada. As usual he was enthusiastic about his work.

Sister Slater has been assisting her husband in visiting and personal work in the meetings at Hampton, where there is a good interest.

Brother GrandPre, our Field Missionary secretary, spent the latter part of the week in the office, attending to correspondence and other office work.

Elder Beams, after spending a portion of last week at home during the rainy weather, returned Friday to his work at Carroll and Denison. There are interested persons at each place.

Have you a copy of that splendid little volume "Steps to Christ?" It is an invaluable aid in the study of the Sabbath school lessons this quarter. The price in cloth binding is seventy-five cents; paper edition, only twenty-five cents. Order of the Iowa Tract Society.

IOWA COLPORTEURS' REPORT

	Hrs.	Ord.	Helps	Total
April 15, 1919				
"Bible Readings"				
* Anna Hansen	76	4	16.05	41.95
Jonas Jeys	38	21	.85	95.85
"Our Day"				
* Orlean Redman	46	22	8.75	70.95
Summary				
Number of colporteurs	3			
Value of books and helps sold	\$208.75			
* Two weeks				

Wanted.—At once, a man to work on farm by month; usual wages and church privileges. Address R. L. Johnson, Webb, Iowa.

Wanted.—A place to work on farm with Seventh-day Adventists by a boy 19 years old. Address Adelson Shaw, Jr., Route 2, Albert City, Iowa.

Wanted.—A girl 12 or 14 years of age to do light housework and to care for children. Church privileges. Address Mrs. P. P. Anderson, Forest City, Iowa.

WORKERS' BULLETIN

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Elder Watts is holding a short series of meetings with the Muscatine church.

Elder J. W. McComas, who has been laboring in Toronto, Canada, for the last three years, has been spending a few days in Iowa with his family enroute to Nashville, Tennessee, where he is to take up work. He visited at Nevada over Sabbath and Sunday. He also met with the Marshalltown church Sabbath afternoon.

If any believer in this message is neglecting to study the Sabbath school lessons, they are missing much. If any of our readers know of isolated believers, "shut-ins" or others who for any reason are not studying the lessons, do a little missionary work, for five cents secure a lesson quarterly for them that they may have the benefit of the study of our good Sabbath school lessons this quarter.

An appropriate memorial service in memory of Aileen Johnston, a former student of Oak Park Academy, who died at her home Sabbath, April 12 was held at the Academy chapel, Tuesday morning, April 15. Suitable remarks were made by Elder Hoopes, special music was rendered and scripture selections were read. Both Aileen and her brother Harold who died in the early fall were members of the senior class. A written expression of sympathy was sent by the Academy faculty and students to the parents and brother.

APPOINTMENTS

Harlan, Sabbath, April 26.
A. R. OGDEN.

Lake City, Sabbath, April 26.
J. W. DORCAS.

A WORKER FALLEN

Clifford Ezlon Adams was born June 16, 1882, at Springfield, Massachusetts. When about two years of age he came with his parents to Council Bluffs, Iowa, at which place most of his life was spent. He was married October 19, 1904, to Grace Belle Ferron; to this union three daughters were born: Donna LaVonne, age twelve; Gracabelle, eleven; Dorothy Fay, eight; all of whom with the mother are left to mourn, also the parents; one brother, George, of Fairfax, South Dakota; three sisters, Mrs. Mabel Moomaw and Mrs. Helen Pott-hoff of Houston, Texas, and Mrs. Hazel Tracey of Omaha, Nebraska.

At the age of twelve years, he became a member of the Methodist church, and when only fourteen, he was elected president of the Junior Epworth League. Four years ago he united with the Adventist church at Council Bluffs; he at once became greatly interested in the young people and very soon was elected leader of the young people's Missionary Volunteer society of the church. Two years ago in January, he connected with the work of the Iowa Conference, laboring in Fort Dodge for some time; and last fall he was asked by the committee, after Brother Edwards' removal, to take the secretaryship of the Conference Young People's Missionary Volunteer work. While his health has not been such that he could devote his time to the work as he had a burden and anxiety to do, he anxiously looked forward to the time when he could more fully and more unreservedly give his life and energy to the work of the Department. Many times he has said, "Brother Ogden, I have never been engaged in a work that I enjoyed so much, if I were only able to do justice to it."

For some time he has been in poor health. Following each of the two last camp meetings, he has had quite a severe illness. After careful diagnosis it was found that he was suffering with ulcers of the stomach and other complications from which he could not expect permanent relief unless it be the result of an operation. He had quite a prolonged attack of the prevailing influenza during the winter. Before going on the operating table, he turned to his wife and said, "Mamma, I told you what to do about our girls, but the young people. Tell the young people to remember

India." One of the first things he said when coming out from under the anesthetic was, "Mamma, did you tell the young people to remember India?" He seemed to be making good recovery from the operation performed Sunday, April 13, his pulse and temperature being normal, until Tuesday when he suffered a severe attack of hiccough, which could not be controlled, and which caused the temperature and pulse to run high. He passed away Wednesday morning, April 16, at a few minutes before four o'clock. It was the writer's sad privilege to be at his bedside the last two hours, with the wife and attendants, and all that human skill could do was done for him.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer assisted by Elders Hoopes, Dorcas and Ostrander, Sabbath afternoon at Nevada. The church was filled with sympathizing brethren and sisters and associate workers. Brethren Smouse, Koehn, Woods and Regester of the Conference office and Brethren Corkham and Hannah of the Academy acted as the pallbearers. The wives of the workers and those associated with him in the office were seated with Sister Adams, the brother, a sister and a sister in law who were present at the service. Beautiful selections of music were rendered by the quartet, Brethren Foreman and Fickess and Sisters Corkham and Klinger. The floral presentations were simple, yet beautiful; the one from the Academy being a pillow of flowers with the "M. V." standing out clearly in the center.

While we can not understand just why our brother and associate worker should have been thus called from us in the prime of life, we confidently believe that in the providence of God there must be some all-wise purpose in permitting him to lay down life's burdens. Of him we believe it can be truly said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Revelation 14:13. Thus again we are brought face to face with the uncertainty of life and are led to exclaim, How frail is man! Brother Adams was conscious to the very last moment of life. Shortly before passing away he offered an earnest prayer committing himself into the hands of Him who doeth all things well.

A. R. OGDEN.