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TERMS: 25 CENTS A YEAR, IN ADVANCE.

THE SMITHLAND CAMP-MEETING.

THIS meeting was held in a beautiful park not far from the village. Quite a number of the brethren and sisters were present from the surrounding churches and companies. Two hundred were in attendance at the Sabbath school. Those who came to the meeting to seek the Lord for greater power and blessings, were not disappointed. The message given was calculated to inspire all to greater activity in the Master's work. The Holy Spirit is given to those who work. The laborers from abroad were Elds. O. A. Johnson and N. W. Kauble, both of Union College; and Bro. and Sister F. W. Brown, representing the medical missionary work. Bro. Brown and wife have recently accepted the Sabbath truth. They are now under appointment to go to India where they once labored. Each evening before the regular service, a meeting directed by Bro. Brown, was held on the main street of the village. We believe this effort was productive of good and added to the interest of the camp-meeting. One hour each day was devoted to the study of the missionary work, Mrs. L. Flora Plummer leading. The children's meetings were conducted by Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas. The services were fairly well attended by the citizens of the place, and frequent remarks of commendation were expressed.

On Sabbath afternoon six persons followed their Lord in the sacred or-

dinance of baptism. At the closing meeting remarks like the following were frequently made: I am going home to be a light to those around me; I will do faithful work for my Master; etc. Those who study the signs of the times cannot help but realize that the last days are upon us. Now is the time to work for the Master. If we are active in his service, we will never grow cold. God bids his people to go onward and upward, and he will work in accordance with our faith and devotedness.

L. F. STARR.

DES MOINES CHURCH SCHOOL.

IN last week's issue of the BULLETIN, Eld. Santee called attention to our proposed church school, and I desire to further emphasize the importance of this matter.

All of our older brethren and sisters, who have been connected with the third angel's message for a number of years past, have undoubtedly noticed the drifting of our young people toward the world. A few who come up to the years of manhood and womanhood attach themselves to the work and interests of the third angel's message, but the many form alliances with the world that eventually lead them entirely away from all connection with the last message of mercy for this day. I presume that all have studied more or less with regard to the reason for this; and there are undoubtedly many causes for this drifting away from the training of early childhood, but there is no one cause that has been working so pernicious an influence as the public schools. When I say this it is with all due respect to our public school system; for it has had its work to perform, and it has done a good work, too. But all of its interests lie in developing the minds of the children in the channels and thoughts of this

world; and if it should attempt to do more than this, you and I, with the light that we possess on these things, would certainly object, on the ground that the common schools were reaching out into a field that does not belong to them.

Notice the result: Your children spend from eight to twelve years in the public schools. The thoughts that they receive from the instruction are thoughts pertaining to the things of this world and its ambitions; the spirit to succeed and make a name or mark in the things of this world is unconsciously, day by day, written in their minds, until the things of God are entirely superseded by the things of this world. Next, their associates are the children of this world, whose minds at home and at school are filled with ambitions pertaining to this life; and they being in competition with these associates and in constant association with them, naturally form the same thoughts and are actuated by the same desires. Then again, many things in the course of instruction taught are absolutely untrue, and as a result there is formed in the minds of the young, infidel and skeptical thoughts.

After thinking of these things, it is not strange that so many drift away, but it is strange that God has the power to save any. The Spirit of Prophecy indicated, years ago, that church schools should be established. Our faith has not been strong enough to grasp and act on this instruction heretofore, and the result is the loss of many of our young people to the third angel's message. The saving of our children is surely as great a field of missionary effort as any other of the many interests of God's work. Children may have been educated in the public schools and saved during the years that are past and gone; but with

the decaying influences that are taking possession of the schools as well as all other earthly things, it will be much more difficult to save them in the future than it has been in the past.

A proper consideration of this question will lead many to plan and arrange to have the younger and primary children educated in church schools instead of the public schools; and we hope to hear that many parents among our people in the vicinity of Des Moines are planning to send their boys and girls, or bring them, to our school.

C. H. PARSONS.

"WHAT GOD HATH WROUGHT BY US."

Report for Quarter Ending June 30, 1898.

No. of societies.....	117
" " reporting.....	105
" " members reporting.....	920
" " letters written.....	612
" " letters received.....	305
" " Bible readings held.....	369
" " subscriptions for periodicals.....	212
" " periodicals distributed.....	44,871
" " pp. reading matter distributed.....	291,789
" " missionary visits made.....	2,352
" " hours spent in Christian Help work.....	3,750
" " persons supplied with clothing.....	325
" " " " " " food.....	413

The societies failing to report are as follows: Ames, Bedford, Cedar Rapids, Davis City, Hawleyville, Lisbon, Levey, Nanson, Shelby, Unionville, Urbana, Wadena. We trust these societies will have an extra good report the next time, to make up for this omission. Forty isolated individuals and members of family schools reported to the State society direct. These have written 38 letters, received 36 letters, held 21 Bible readings, took 11 subscriptions for periodicals, distributed 1,634 papers and 21,372 pages of books, tracts, and reading matter, made 92 missionary visits, spent 39 hours in Christian Help work, and supplied eight persons with clothing and six with food. A number of the societies report boxes of food and clothing shipped to different missionary enterprises.

The report as a whole shows a decided increase over the amount of work done in the corresponding quarter of 1897, yet there is a perceptible falling off from the previous quarter. Undoubtedly this is due to the fact that this season of the year is not so favorable a time for many to work as during the winter. We do feel that we have reached a crisis in our work. Those who are heartily serving God are drawing nearer and nearer to him, and those who are careless and indifferent are becoming more so. We have been granted "a moment of time" in which to work in comparative

peace and quietness. O, that each one would see the importance of faithfully improving that "moment."

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER. *Cor. Sec.*

FIELD REPORTS.

KNOXVILLE.

THE Lord is making the hearts of his people glad here, and we have abundant reason to praise his name. The work of visiting and relieving the sick and sorrowing is more widely extended, and some are moving out in this direction who in the past have known but little of the blessedness which comes from exercise in this way. In them is confirmed the word of the Lord by Isaiah (Isa. 58:6-8), and they can say with hearts full of gratitude and with increased health and strength, "Take us, dear Lord, just as we are; fit us for thy service; and use us continually, till thou shalt come to pronounce the "well done."

Aug. 29.

S. O. JAMES.

WINTERSSET.

ALTHOUGH you have not heard from this society for some time, we have not been idle. We meet every Thursday, and always find plenty to do. Sister Wilson, of Macksburg, visited us a week ago, and assured us by her words and words that she wished to have a part with us. Last Thursday seventeen of our company went eight miles north of this place, and spent the day in Christian Help work. One of the sisters gave us a quantity of nice sweet corn, and to-day we prepared it to dry. We all enjoy our work, and expect to continue on until our life here below is ended.

August 28.

S. J. CARNAHAN.

OXFORD.

OUR missionary work is prospering in this place. We have a membership of seventeen, and the attendance at our meetings usually averages about nine. Although this is a small company, we feel that the Lord is with us and hears our prayers. Without his help we could do nothing, but it is comforting to know that he never forsakes us. We desire to ask our brethren and sisters to remember us in their prayers, that our work may be done more faithfully, and that it may continue to prosper.

LYDIA SACORA.

"THE truth of God imparts energy to those who receive it, and works sincerity of heart."

OBITUARY.

BARGER.—Died at Muscatine, Iowa, Aug. 9, 1898, of heart trouble, William Barger, aged 73 years, 6 months, and 1 day.

Bro. Barger died very suddenly. With his wife and daughter he was visiting a neighbor, and as he was assisting them into the buggy, to return home, he dropped dead. The funeral services were held at his home Aug. 13. Words of comfort were spoken by Eld. P. A. Hansen from Amos 4:12. Bro. Barger was a resident of Muscatine county for many years. He accepted the third angel's message four years ago, under the labors of Bro. and Sister G. R. Hawkins. He leaves a wife and ten children and many friends to mourn. He will be sadly missed by the little company at Muscatine.

DORA RINELY.

THE BOOK WORK.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUG. 26, 1898.

PROPHECIES OF JESUS.		Hrs.	Ord.	Val.
H. G. Miller, Darbyville.....	36	7		\$13.25
Burton Church, Fern.....	33	2		3.50
F. G. Specht, Le Mars.....	31	11		20.25
H. L. Specht, ".....	34	3		5.25
D. G. Gaede, ".....	36	15		27.25
Lewis Hilliard, Spencer.....	44	8		13.75
Fred Scharf, Council Bluffs.....	46	5		9.75

THE COMING KING.

H. B. Tilden, Hedrick.....	31	10		\$10.00
Sarah Duerksen, Manchester.....	6	2		2.00
S. R. Kephart, Stuart.....	30	10		12.50
Geo. Durkee, Winterset.....	16	2		2.00
J. S. Fry, Montezuma.....	33	12		12.00
Pearl D. Bascom, Manchester.....	18	12		12.00
Susan Haskell, Nora Springs.....	18	2		2.00
Mary Haskell, ".....	15	6		6.00
Belle Rame, Nevada.....	26	12		12.00
Mrs. Christine Fiseher, Dubuque.....	28	10		10.00

STORY OF REDEMPTION.

Laura A. Gilbert, St. Charles.....	15	2		\$2.00
Ethan A. Brown, Janesville.....	44	11		11.75

BIBLE READINGS.

D. P. Powell, Sioux City.....	25	8		\$18.00
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GREAT CONTROVERSY.

Martin J. Fritz, Atkins.....	40	6		\$16.00
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DELIVERIES.

	Books.	Value.	Lost
Mary E. Hannah.....	2	\$2.00	0
Belle Rame.....	1	1.00	0
Pearl D. Bascom.....	1	1.00	0
Anna Duerksen.....	5	5.00	3

SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	21
" " orders.....	156
Value of ".....	\$221.25
" " helps sold.....	\$41.90
Total value.....	\$263.15
Value of deliveries.....	\$9.00

ALL those who are conformed to the image of the Redeemer are as willing to be ruled by Christ as they are to be esteemed by him. He that deems his yoke heavy will not find his crown easy.—*Secker.*

ENCOURAGING WORDS FROM CANVASSERS.

LEWIS HILLIARD, HARTLEY: "I am of good courage, and am still trying to push the work. The influence of our papers and tracts is helping me greatly. I find many homes where the papers have been received and liked very much. Let the good work of distributing our literature go on. We may never know until the judgment day how much good it has done. One minister here has been telling the people not to buy 'that Advent book.' One lady, after seeing my book, told me what this minister had said. When I told her this was the book, she said she had a mind of her own, and as she liked the book, she would take one. So, they can do nothing against the truth but for the truth. I ask an interest in the prayers of God's people, that I may be a faithful worker to the end."

D. P. POWELL, SIOUX CITY: "I met three ministers yesterday at one place, and presented my book ('Bible Readings') to them. One of them, a Baptist minister, said he had seen the book before, and had made up his mind to get one at the first opportunity. He gave me his order, and recommended the book to the other ministers. He told them that it gave plain Bible facts, and that if they wanted to know what the Bible said on the subjects considered, it was the book for them to buy. He also told them it was published by the S. D. Adventist denomination. They each ordered a copy, and said they wanted me to work among their members. I thank the Lord for the influence of his Holy Spirit upon their hearts, and for sending angels before me, day by day, to prepare the way."

PETER LINDAHL, FOSTORIA: "I can say that my Heavenly Father has been and is still good to me. He is blessing me every day, and how good it is to be a blessing here in this dark world. During the past week I have met some who, I believe, have a desire to do the Lord's will, and I hope and pray that they may be on the Lord's side, at last to praise him around the great white throne. O, brethren and sisters, may the Lord help us to sow the seed, for 'they that sow in tears shall reap in joy.' 'He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.' O, what a meeting it will be, and then we shall see Jesus as he is."

SARAH DUERKSEN, MANCHESTER: "I must tell you of an experience I had in calling upon a wealthy family,—a class that I always dread to canvass. I entered a large, elegant house, and kindly asked the lady for a few moments of her time. After looking at my book, she gave me her order, and was so interested that she went with me and introduced me to three of her neighbors, helping me to secure two orders. She regretted that I had so nearly finished canvassing her neighborhood, as she would have been glad to speak favorably of the book to others. She requested me to order several extra books, promising to induce some of her friends to take them."

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE IOWA SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The following is the report for quarter ending June 30, 1898:—

No. of schools.....	191
" " reporting.....	186
Present membership.....	3,759
Average attendance.....	2,708
No. of classes.....	353
Total contributions.....	\$499.44
Donations to missions.....	\$236.80
Haskell Home.....	\$6.00
Donations to Oakwood School.....	\$4.21
Camp-meeting donations.....	\$66.81

Six schools have been added to the list: New London, Dubuque (German), "Good Cheer Mission," Davenport, Keokuk, and Floyd. Three schools now meet with neighboring schools. Four have been broken up by deaths and removals, and for various reasons it has seemed best to drop six others for the present. The "Good Cheer Mission" and also the one at Davenport, are mission Sunday schools. These make four such schools that are reporting to us, and we believe much good will be accomplished by them.

The Sabbath school is a great missionary field, open to all of us, and if the injunction "Every man to his work each to do his best," is heeded, we are sure much earnest work will be done in this line, and glorious results will follow.

MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS, Sec.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

(Continued.)

THEN each one has a responsibility to assist the division superintendent. We can do this by having good reviews, and being prompt in answering, in this way encouraging the superintendent

and others in the division. Pay close attention to what is being said; act interested; look straight at the speaker while he is talking; and do not laugh and talk. We ask the Lord what we are to do for him. If we are then asked to conduct a review, how can we refuse? We must take it as an answer to our prayer, and with the Lord's help do the best we can.

We have an individual responsibility toward the teacher in always having the lesson. "Let us study our lesson for the good we can get out of it and not for the sake of answering the questions correctly. We have helps in Bible study for a similar reason that we cook our food before eating it. Our food may be ever so well cooked, but if we swallow it without thorough mastication, we will be weakened instead of receiving strength: so one who only takes the thought of the lesson writer, weakens his mind and receives no food for his soul. Use the lesson book as an assistance to independent thought."

Notice the little children. They like to feel that they are one of us. Because we are a little taller than they, we forget that in the sight of God we are all children. "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matt, 18:3. Let us all be children together, willing and ready to assist each other in all things, and let us pray earnestly that the spirit of criticism may be removed from each one of us. Perhaps some of our members have not had the same opportunity to study and improve as others have. They are just as earnest and possibly just as bright as you are; but they think you know so much more and can express yourself so much better than they, that they will shrink from asking the simple questions in class or review that would be of such a help to them. They often go away discouraged because they know so little and don't see how they can improve themselves; but if they were sure you loved them and wanted to help them, they would ask all of these questions, and be helped and blessed by the answer. The "Gospel Worker" tells us: "There is a great work to be done for the youth and children; and every son and daughter of God may act a part in it, and thus be partakers of the reward that will be given to the faithful worker."

[Extract from a paper read by Mrs. Anna Parsons at the Convention held in Des Moines.]

(Concluded next week.)

Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, Sept. 6, 1898.

—WAVERLY Camp-meeting, Sept. 13—18, 1898.

—CRESTON Camp-meeting Sept. 27—Oct. 2, 1898.

—ELD. L. F. STARR is now visiting a number of the churches and companies in North-eastern Iowa.

—BRO. W. L. MANFULL spent last Sabbath at Stuart. He is in Des Moines this week for a few days.

—"It is better to know nothing and know it, than to think you know every thing and be more or less mistaken."

—FATHER AND MOTHER PAYNE, of Adel, went last week to Oakland, California, to spend the winter at the home of Bro. A. O. Tait.

—MRS. J. S. HART in returning to her home in College View called on Des Moines friends between trains, having spent nearly two months with her husband in tent work.

—MRS. W. B. EVERHART passed through Des Moines last week on her way from College View, to join her husband and the other workers at Cincinnati, Appanoose county.

—BRO. CARL JENSEN writes that they have recently changed their location in Burlington, and are more conveniently situated than before, with more room for meetings, etc. Their present address is 818 Maple St.

—BRO. E. A. WARNER, one of our Appanoose county canvassers, called at the office last week on his way to Wadena. Bro. Warner has been one of our most devoted and successful canvassers this summer.

—BRO. F. W. BROWN and wife are visiting the Onawa, Blencoe, Castana, and Smithland churches in the interval between the Smithland and Waverly camp-meetings. They will attend both the Waverly and the Creston camp-meetings in the interests of the medical missionary work.

—UNION COLLEGE will open Sept. 14. Quite a number from Iowa will be there at the opening of the term, but we are sure not all will be there who should be and who might be. It is not too late yet to make preparations for attending. Boys and girls, talk it over with father and mother. See if there is not some way to arrange so that you can attend Union College this year.

—THE prospectus for "The Desire of Ages," by Mrs. E. G. White, has just been received from the publishers. The sample pages from this new book show it to be intensely interesting and beautifully illustrated. The publishers speak of it as "one of the most important books ever offered to our people." The complete work, which is 7 by 10 inches in size and contains 900 pages, will be ready about Oct. 15. The book "is not only a life of Christ; but, rather, a use of that life as a great object lesson with which to illustrate the principles of true Christian living." More concerning it will appear soon, with prices. The price of the prospectus is \$1.25.

—WE desire especially to call the attention of all to the issue of the *Sentinel* bearing date of Sept. 1. The first-page illustration is called "The Gateway of Politics" and is a striking one. The short notes surrounding the picture are well calculated to draw the attention of thinking men. Have you neighbors who are interested in politics? Send for some extra copies of the *Sentinel* of Sept. 1, and distribute them. You may be able to take some orders for it. At any rate the one copy they receive will do good.

—BRO. S. A. HILL returned to Iowa last week for the purpose of moving his family to Dakota. Sister Hill writes, "Somehow it is not all pleasant parting with Iowa friends." We know that the "Iowa friends" share with her the feeling of sadness that comes in parting, especially the society at Eddyville with whom she has worked in the capacity of librarian. Our prayers go with this family to their new home among new associations.

—REV. J. FRED JENKINS, the pastor of the Baptist church at Storm Lake, Iowa, attended the camp-meeting at Smithland. He had some previous knowledge of the truths advocated by our people, and desired to become better acquainted with us. His presence and assistance at that meeting was greatly enjoyed both by the people and laborers.

—THE book sales at the Smithland camp-meeting amounted to \$94.08. The first-day offering to foreign mission work was \$26.38. Cash and pledges to the Tent Fund amounted to \$26.37.

—BRO. AND SISTER B. E. FULLMER went last week to spend a few days at Marshalltown.

—"OPPORTUNITY is the cream of time."

—BRO. WM. KNAPP, an isolated member living at Cooper, Iowa, writes that he is of good courage in the work, and that he could use more papers and tracts in missionary work than he can obtain. Those desiring to assist in the work there, please send papers postpaid.

—SEVERAL of the tent companies have recently made changes in locations. The workers formerly at Sloan begin meetings at Rodney, Monona county; the Wiota tent has been moved to Anita, Cass county; and the Arlington company have repitched their tent at Volga, Clayton county.

—COME to the camp-meetings, brethren and sisters. It will cost you more than you can afford to remain away. Come in time for the first meeting, and stay until the close. We know not how many more such opportunities we may have. Let not the things of this world weigh heavier in your mind than the things of God. Come to the camp-meetings.

SOME FACTS ABOUT "GOSPEL OF HEALTH."

1. It is our denominational health journal, hence essential to all those who wish to keep pace with the whole message.

2. It is the busy man's health paper, giving in simple, concise form the things that he must know in order to get health and keep it.

3. Every mother needs this journal, for it will tell her how to preserve her own health and that of her children.

4. Ministers, Bible workers, and canvassers want it because it contains instruction of the highest importance to them in their work.

5. Every live, up-to-date missionary worker wants it, because it gives him month by month the latest and best thoughts of more than a score of our leading physicians.

6. It will give its readers this fall and winter the cream of the instruction given in the Sanitarium Summer School just closed. Baths, fomentations, electricity, simple massage, and other forms of treatment, will be thoroughly discussed. Hygienic cookery and healthful dress will receive careful attention.

7. All instruction will be *clear, concise, simple, and practical*, and adapted to meet the wants of busy men and women.

If you wish to see a copy, write for sample to GOSPEL OF HEALTH, Battle Creek, Mich.