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TERMS: 25 CENTS A YEAR, IN ADVANCE.

**SHALL WE CHANGE THE DES MOINES
 CONFERENCE HOME INTO A
 SANITARIUM?**

At the meeting of the Conference Committee at Des Moines, Nov. 7-9, it was thought best to change the Conference Home into a Sanitarium. This may be done by altering the back part of the building, and adding a building of three stories. The treatment of our worthy poor has been a question of much perplexity, as we have been able to accommodate but few of the many applicants for the endowed bed at College View, Neb. Quite a number have gone to Clinton since the medical department was opened there. Clinton, however, is on the extreme edge of the State, and the question has come to us many times, Why can we not have a place near the center of the State where our afflicted ones may receive treatment? Some of the brethren have suggested Boone as a favorable location, others have been inquiring for suitable buildings in Des Moines. The best that could be found for the purpose in Des Moines, would cost \$60.00 per month. This would amount to \$720.00 a year. We can see no light in paying such rent, with no more ownership at the end of the year than at the beginning, and \$720.00 gone.

When our Committee came together, the question of the Conference Home expense (which has been a grave question each year) was discussed, and it was thought that instead of being an expense of several hundred dollars a

year, the Home might be made to bring in several hundred dollars to the Conference. After long counsel, it was decided to build an additional building to that which we now have, so that we could care for about twenty-four patients at one time, besides the outside patronage that is waiting to come in. The office of the Iowa Tract Society would remain in the building, as it is at present.

There are many reasons why this would be a most suitable place. The location is high and healthful, and there is a pleasant, shaded yard. Patients could easily attend church services when they desired to do so. Those who are now in charge of the Home will be willing to continue as before. The \$720.00 expense for rent per year, would thus be kept in something that would be our own when expended. There would then be no danger of an increase in the rent, which would probably be the case as soon as we had the necessary pipes in and the work under way. There are many other reasons why it seems best to use our own property for this purpose. We have not thought it best to erect a large building, but to put it up in such a way that additional enlargement could be made later, if it should become necessary.

It is thought that it will cost \$4,000.00 or \$5,000.00 to build, heat, and furnish the building suitable for present needs. Some in Iowa desired to assist in an enterprise of this kind, when to us it seemed impossible to carry it through. But now Iowa is blessed with good crops, and good prices, and by a lift together, it can be accomplished. Dr. Kellogg has written us encouragingly of Sanitarium work in Des Moines. We have decided to call for donations to the Des Moines Sanitarium fund, and if enough can be imme-

diately pledged to justify us, we will immediately commence work. Please write me at Marshalltown, Iowa, 616 W. Boone St., stating how much you are willing to donate to this enterprise, or address the Iowa Tract Society, 603 E. Twelfth St., Des Moines, Iowa. State the amount you can give, and how soon you can send it. Of course, means is the *most needed now*, but some may be able to do more in three or six months. If there are a limited number of such, we can obtain the money until that time. Thirty days is counted cash. There are carpenters, bricklayers, and plasterers among us, who can donate work. Let all those whose hearts the Lord moves to assist, write me *at once*, as the fall is far advanced, and we must begin soon, if the work is pushed this fall.

Another point: We can now buy the lot lying just north of the Home, at a cost of \$2,500.00. It is a beautiful lot, reaching the alley, and would give us ample room (which we now lack) for storerooms, driveways, etc. If there are brethren and sisters of means, who would wish to see this added to our now cramped space, we hope to hear from them. The Committee realize the need of this lot, but we have not thought to make a call for this, unless the brethren at large think best to include it.

Now, brethren, write at once what you can do, and we will soon tell you if we can have the Des Moines Sanitarium. We earnestly pray the Lord to guide in this matter, as in all things.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

THOUSANDS upon thousands of the human family are perishing, physically, mentally, and spiritually; and Christianity comprehends a restoration in every one of these conditions.—*Sel.*

NATIONAL REFORM CONVENTION.

By request of the President of our Conference, I was present at the National Reform Convention held at Washington, Iowa, Nov. 1—3, 1898. The meeting was held in the First U. P. church, which is by far the strongest denomination in the place. Dr. H. H. George had been in Washington some time, preparing for the meeting. The few of our people who live in that place, had also been getting ready. Bro. John L. Kilgore, aged 86 years, had distributed our religious liberty tracts over the greater part of the town. The object of the Association, as stated on their program, is as follows:—

This Association stands for the defense of Our imperiled Sabbath.

The Bible in our common schools.

A uniform divorce law according to the law of Christ.

A complete severance of the connection between our government and the liquor traffic.

A suitable Christian acknowledgement in State and National Constitutions."

They seemed to recognize that the poor, "imperiled Sabbath" (Sunday) was on such a sandy and uncertain foundation, that they had to hold and prop it up in every way possible, else it was liable to topple over.

It was stated that a perfectly free discussion of the subjects under consideration would be open to all *true friends* of the Association, but no time would be given to captious debate. So this "perfectly free discussion" was, after all, only open to those who agreed with them. They were also careful to state their position, as follows: "The Association earnestly opposes everything of the nature of a union of Church and State, but maintains with equal earnestness that the separation of Church and State does not involve the divorce of the State from the Christian religion." It is evident that they wish it to be understood that this temporary separation of Church and State is not to go to the extent of a divorce. So, of course, in the eyes of the law, they would still be united.

An idea of the meeting may be obtained from some of the subjects on the program: "How Can Christian Citizenship Be Secured?" "Religion and State," "Licensed Traffic in Liquor," "The Christian Sabbath Essential to the Nation's Life," "Marriage and Divorce," "Perils of Secular Education," "What Responsibility Has This Nation for the Millions That Have Recently Come Under Our Influence by the War?" "Can We Impress Them with a Christian Civilization if we Nationally

Disown Christ Ourselves?" "The Christian Amendment; What is it? Its Absolute Necessity to Convert This Nation from a Secular to a Christian Government."

The central thought seemed to be that if our government would simply write down Christ's name in the Constitution, all crime, iniquity, war, and bloodshed would suddenly cease to be. The jails and penitentiaries could be turned into churches, and the Utopia of nations would be realized in our beloved land. How wicked it is for anyone to oppose such a simple and sure remedy for the cure of Uncle Sam's ills!

The following statements were made: "The ten commandments should be the law of the land, and enforced as such." "The fourth commandment remains as it was given from Mt. Sinai; since the resurrection, however, the first day of the week is to be observed, as specified in the fourth commandment. This is the Christian Sabbath." "God says, 'The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work;' the civil government says, 'No, work seven days.'"

I was struck with the beautiful consistency(?) of these statements, which virtually mean that God says the seventh day is the Sabbath; therefore, we should keep the first.

The following comment was made: "President McKinley, while in Chicago recently, had a barber come and shave him on the holy Sabbath (Sunday). When the President does such things, what can we expect of the common people?"

Great enthusiasm was manifested at times, and different speakers were cheered repeatedly. They have stopped making extreme statements concerning the force to be used in carrying out their purposes, and are now endeavoring to educate public sentiment in harmony with their ideas. According to God's word, the time will come when they will succeed. When the rushing flood comes, sweeping all before it, may we all so have improved the time, and so have builded our characters on a solid foundation, that we may stand the storms, because we have builded upon Christ, the Great Rock of Ages.

FRANK A. WASHBURN.

"THE only way Christ is seen upon this earth to-day is in the lives of living men."

FIELD REPORTS.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

SINCE we closed our tent meeting at Anita, I have had the privilege of holding meetings at several places. I much enjoyed the camp-meeting at Creston. At our quarterly meeting in Atlantic, one was baptized, and two united with the church. We have our new church building almost ready for dedication.

According to appointment, I visited the church at Massena, and the ordinances were celebrated. At the business meeting an elder was elected and ordained. I have also held some meetings in new places, with some interest. There seems to be many openings to preach the truth. In all these meetings we have enjoyed the blessing of the Lord.

E. G. OLSEN.

PERRY.

AFTER repeated calls for a tent to come here, our request was granted, and about August 9 Bro. Henry Johnson came here and pitched a tent, Bro. Wm. Johnson joining him a week later. Their labors were successful, and Eld. C. F. Stevens came, and four went forward in the ordinance of baptism. Nine have covenanted to keep all God's commandments. There are several more who are undecided, and if a few more meetings could be held, we have reason to believe that they would decide for the Lord.

Our company here has been much encouraged by having the privilege of hearing God's word, and in knowing that another city has heard the third angel's message. We give God all the glory for the results. We ask an interest in the prayers of God's people for our success.

MRS. B. W. ZILLEY.

RUTHVEN, SPENCER, AND BENTON.

SEPTEMBER 16 I joined the tent company at Ruthven, where we labored until Oct. 28. We did not see the visible results there that we desired, but we can only leave it with the Lord. One dear old lady took her stand for the truth, and for this we are thankful, yet we hope others will decide for the Lord, while the jewels are being gathered for the Master. At Spencer we held two meetings in the Christian church. The Lord was there to bless, and a good impression was left with them. I trust that they may hear more of the present truth in the near future.

I met with the Benton church Nov.

4-7, and the good Spirit of the Lord was there and moved hearts. Sabbath evening, as the word was spoken, the Lord gave power to touch hearts, and at the close of the service one young man gave his heart to the Lord. May the dear Lord add much of his blessing to this company, that they may be a bright light in that section, drawing men and women to "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."
WM. GUTHRIE.

THE BOOK WORK.

STOPPING-OVERNIGHT.

ONE of the disagreeable features of our work is the finding of meals and lodgings. This is probably one of the most discouraging difficulties that the beginner has to meet; and I am inclined to think it is one of the chief causes of driving the beginner from the field. A person has a natural diffidence about asking a stranger for accommodations of this kind. It comes so near to begging, it takes a long while to get accustomed to finding accommodations among strangers. But by degrees one becomes reconciled to this way of doing, and settles down to make it a matter of business. There is really nothing wrong in bargaining with private families for meals and lodging. It is in no sense begging, as one pays for it. There is only a sort of squeamishness that we have to get rid of about this. Often it is pride in us that stands in our way.

There are plenty of good-natured, friendly, hospitable people everywhere, and it is seldom difficult to find a place to stop, and generally by forethought and commencing early, the canvasser can get accommodations in part payment on a book, where he could not make the sale any other way. Then he gets the accommodations for nothing, and some profit on the book besides. I often have more opportunities of this kind than I can improve. Many are anxious to pay for their books this way. I generally provide stopping places for my delivery, while canvassing, so that I can plan my work, and know where I can stop overnight.

I generally commence an hour or more before sunset to find a stopping place. If you are canvassing along a main traveled road or turnpike, it is best as a rule to turn off in some cross-road, or less traveled thoroughfare, where people are not bothered so much

with travelers. Tramps of every description frequent the main highways, and follow the railroads. Plan to be at least three or four miles from any hotel. A person can seldom get accommodations at residences near a hotel, because they say there is a hotel near by. Before asking to stop, I notice whether the house looks large enough to contain an extra bedroom, whether appearances are clean, and whether the family is moderately small, and the hostess able to do the work, and also whether they seem to be clever people or not.

Then I begin acquaintance by showing the book and obtaining the order, if possible, before asking to stay overnight. If I get the order, and have plenty of time before sunset, and the prospects are favorable, I pass on to find a place where I can only obtain the order by staying. Another reason for passing on when you get the order, is that to ask to stay overnight lowers a person in the estimation of some people, and if there should be reason why they could not keep you, it would make a little unpleasant feeling spring up, which we wish to avoid. If they are prominent church members and inclined to be prejudiced, they will be very likely to ask to look over the prospectus during the evening, and might get set against the book.—*J. E. Frazier, in Union Record.*

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOV. 4, 1898.

PROPHECIES OF JESUS.

| | Hrs. | Ord. | Val |
|-------------------------------|------|------|--------|
| Lewis Hillard, Spencer..... | 20 | 4 | \$7.00 |
| Carl Rasmussen, Rockwell..... | 34 | 10 | 13.50 |
| Fred Scharf, Glenwood..... | 46 | 5 | 8.75 |

THE COMING KING.

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| H. B. Tilden, Eddyville..... | 45 | 17 | \$17.00 |
| Pearl D. Bascom, Cedar Rapids.. | 17 | 6 | 6.00 |
| Sarah Duerksen, "..... | 19 | 7 | 7.00 |
| Anna Duerksen, "..... | 16 | 3 | 3.50 |
| Ida Church, Creston..... | 34 | 7 | 7.00 |
| Cathinka Henriksen, Milford...13 | 10 | 10 | 10.00 |
| Christine Henriksen, Spirit Lake.. | 17 | 6 | 6.50 |
| Dora Rasmussen, Sheldon..... | 31 | 12 | 12.00 |
| Susan Haskell, Mason City..... | 16 | 8 | 6.50 |
| Mary Haskell, "..... | 16 | 5 | 5.00 |
| E. A. Mitcheltree, Norwalk..... | 12 | 2 | 2.00 |
| Mattie Morlan..... | | 1 | 1.00 |

DELIVERIES.

| | Books. | Value. | Lost. |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------|-------|
| Mrs. E. A. Mitcheltree..... | 3 | \$8.00 | 0 |
| Pearl D. Bascom..... | 3 | 3.00 | 0 |
| Burton Church..... | 3 | 5.75 | 1 |
| H. G. Miller..... | 24 | 46.25 | 10 |
| *R. L. Bennett..... | 3 | 3.75 | 0 |
| Mattie Morlan..... | 1 | 1.00 | 0 |
| Ethan A. Brown..... | 59 | \$63.00 | 20 |

SUMMARY.

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| No. of agents..... | 19 |
| " " orders..... | 101 |
| Value of "..... | \$112.75 |
| " " helps sold..... | \$55.10 |
| Total value..... | \$167.85 |
| Value of deliveries..... | \$125.75 |

*Delivered by Burton Church.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

FROM THE SCHOOLS.

MRS. M. E. PERRY, BURLINGTON: "We held our convention Sunday, Oct. 30. Some were present from New London. We were also favored with the presence of Brn. Willis M. Adams and W. L. Manfull. The program furnished was carried out with the exception of one paper, 'Why Foster the Missionary Spirit in Our Schools.' The one to whom this subject was assigned not being present, Bro. Manfull was asked to say something on this line, which he did; his remarks were listened to with interest. The papers read brought out many good thoughts. The remarks by Bro. Adams upon the different subjects were most excellent and timely. We are sure much good is derived from holding these conventions, and as a school and as individuals we want to go forward in the Sabbath-school work, and be doing just what the Lord would have us do, so that the 'Well done' may be said to us."

MABLE MURRAY, MILFORD: "We held our convention at the Milford church, the Spirit Lake and Estherville Sabbath-schools taking part. It was a lovely day, and nearly all were present. The papers were well prepared, and discussion followed each, from which helpful and valuable ideas were obtained. The general thought expressed at the close of the convention was, 'I have been helped;' and we thanked God for the privilege of gathering together in a Sabbath-school convention. How good God is to his children."

A. A. BOPP, RIVERTON: "I am somewhat late in writing you in regard to the written review, though I want to let you know that I think it a success. I think we had the best review we have had for some time. Every one seemed deeply interested, and I hope you will continue the plan. May the Lord bless you in your efforts for this work."

SAMUEL FERGUSEN, LAURENS: "The Sabbath-school here held its first convention Oct. 15. We held only one session as we are only a small company, just thirteen being present. We followed the program, and enjoyed the meeting. We hope to be able to get some of the school children to attend our school. We are all of good courage."

Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, Nov. 15, 1898.

—WEEK of prayer services for all our churches and companies, Nov. 23—26, 1898.

—BRO. T. S. JACKSON has again returned to the work at the Good Cheer Mission, Clinton.

—“EXAMPLE is more contagious than small-pox, and there is no way of vaccinating against it.”

—BRO. AND SISTER G. R. HAWKINS, of Dubuque, visited last week with relatives in Des Moines.

—MRS. S. J. FOSTER has been visiting friends in Des Moines, on her way to her home in Dysart, Iowa.

—BRO. J. W. DORCAS has been at Osceola for the past week, making preparations for the comfort of the workers during the State meeting.

—BRO. B. E. FULLMER was in Marshalltown for a couple of days last week, returning to the Beacon Light Mission evening after the Sabbath.

—MR. FRANK GOODRICH, a nephew of Sister Sarah Kane, is attending school at Highland Park College. We are pleased to meet him in our Sabbath services.

—ELD. J. S. HART, after closing his meetings at Ruthven, went to his home in College View, Neb., for the few days intervening between that time and the State meeting.

—BRO. ANGUS McDONALD, of Winterset, drove to Des Moines last week, with a wagonload of apples. While delivering them at the Conference Home, we enjoyed a brief visit with him.

—BRO. H. G. MILLER, one of Iowa's most faithful canvassers, has been appointed to go to Dakota, to assist in the canvassing work in that field. Bro. Miller spent Sabbath in Des Moines en route with horse and buggy for his new field of labor. All who know him will join with us in wishing for him abundant success.

—MR. CHAS. L. MATHERLY and Miss Bertha Condon were married Tuesday, Nov. 1, 1898, at Pittsford, Mich. They announce that they will be “At Home” after Nov. 15, at 156 Champion St., Battle Creek, Mich. Bro. Charles is one of our “Des Moines boys,” and hosts of friends wish for him and his bride every true happiness.

—THE *Good Health* for November, as before announced, is an “anniversary number.” As it comes to our table, we find it to be not only replete with matter pertaining to sanitary progress and dietetic reform, but also to contain, in the report of the anniversary meeting, quite a history of the institution during the thirty-two years of its existence. As we read this, and also note its present standing, we can but acknowledge the workings of a divine Providence. The illustrations, including representations of our leading men, add much to the attractiveness of this number. It is especially designed for general circulation. Send in your orders to the Iowa Tract Society for as many copies as you can dispose of in your locality. Price to our workers, including our isolated Sabbath-keepers, 5 cents per copy.

—THIS week the readings for the days of prayer, Nov. 23—26, have been mailed to all our isolated Sabbath-keepers. The churches and societies have been supplied direct from the office of publication. Any one failing to receive a copy, may obtain one by writing to the Iowa Tract Society, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa, as we still have a supply on hand.

—HAVE you heard about the Thanksgiving number of the *Signs*? It is an excellent number to do missionary work with. It will pave the way nicely for the quarter-centennial number later. Price in quantities of 5 to 25 copies, 2 cents each; 25 to 100 copies 1½ cents each; 100 copies or more, 1¢ cents each. Order at once.

—ORDERS for “Steps to Christ” are coming in quite rapidly. We hope to receive an order from every church and company. Every one should plan to do something for this work. The book sells for 50 cents, and the worker is allowed 50 per cent discount, but must pay 5 cents extra for postage.

—CHURCH elders should now be planning for the days of prayer. Appoint those who are to assist in the reading, in plenty of time. Leave no detail uncared for that will contribute to the success of the occasion.

—“SINGING the gospel” is no modern invention. Paul and Silas sang it in the dungeon at Philippi, and “the prisoners heard them,” and so did He whose praise they sang.—*Selected.*

—BRO. F. M. BASKINS, so long connected with the work at Waverly, Iowa, has moved to Watonga, Oklahoma Ty.

—MRS. HENRY JOHNSON is visiting friends at Pilot Mound.

—BRO. B. L. DIEFFENBACHER has just held a few meetings with the Winterset church.

—MRS. HATTIE E. PARSONS, of Des Moines, left last Thursday, for an extended visit with friends in Illinois and Kentucky.

—MRS. BERTHA JORGENSEN, who has been assisting in the work at the Clinton mission, visited her sister at Boone last week, going from there to the State meeting.

—A NUMBER of the workers passed through Des Moines on their way to the State Meeting. Those coming to the Home on Monday were Minnie Beaman, Henry Johnson, Wm. Johnson, N. C. Bergersen, and C. Santee.

“A DO-NOTHING.”

WHAT is a “Do-Nothing?—One who don't do something for God. Have you read what will become of a “Do-Nothing?”

What can you do? Take a club of *Signs* and sell them among the people of your city, or loan or give to your friends and neighbors. Subscribe for this paper and have it sent to them for three months, six months, or a year. Take subscriptions for the paper. These are some of the successful ways to become a “Do-Something.”

PUBLISHERS.

APPOINTMENTS.

THE Stuart Sabbath-school Convention will be held Nov. 20. All neighboring schools are cordially invited to attend.

R. L. BENNETT, *Supt.*

GENERAL MEETING.

AFTER consultation with the Conference President, we have decided to hold a general meeting at Atlantic, in connection with the dedication of our new church building. The Lord willing, this meeting will be held Nov. 25—27. The dedicatory services will be held Sunday afternoon. Eld. Santee, Dr. Habenicht, and others are expected to be present. We hope the surrounding churches and companies will favor us with their presence. Let us come together earnestly seeking God for his blessing. As this will be during the time of the week of prayer, meetings will begin the evening of Nov. 23. As we expect a large gathering, it may be well for some to bring bedding.

E. G. OLSEN.