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SOUTH-WESTERN CAMP-MEETING.

To the Brethren in South-western Iowa: The Conference Committee has kindly granted us a camp-meeting, to be held at Malvern, Aug. 15-20. I am quite sure the time will suit you, and Malvern is quite a railroad center for this part of the State.

Now as the time is right upon us, I want to urge the importance of taking active measures to attend this meeting. Some have not attended a camp-meeting for years because of the expense of traveling. Now this meeting will be more accessible to those living in the corner of the State, than any camp-meeting ever yet held. We trust that all living in reach will plan to be at the first of the meeting.

Let a number come prepared to remain for some time, according as the interest demands. We design to work on the plan of not closing the camp-meeting in the usual way, but will run it into a tent meeting, with some families remaining to help carry on the meetings. If we enter into this plan with all our hearts, we run no risk of success as to the plan, for God has spoken. So come, brethren and sisters, bring your children and friends up to the feast; for the Lord was never more anxious to give us the fullness of his blessing than now, and we never needed it more. Do not let some trifling matter keep you away; for you may depend upon it, that Satan will not fail

to do his part, and you will have some obstacles to meet. Remember the words of Paul, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as we see the day approaching." We know that the day hasteth greatly. Jesus says, "Behold, I come quickly," and Paul says, "For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry."

J. W. ADAMS.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

All those who desire to attend the Teachers' Institute which we are planning to hold in Des Moines during the month of September, will please send me their names and addresses, as soon as convenient. This will be necessary so that plans can be laid for lodging and board. Each one should state how much bedding he can bring, if any. We may not need to ask any to bring bedding, unless some wish to take it to their schools. It may be possible that all can not be furnished with schools this coming year, or there may not be a sufficient number of teachers for the schools. In either case, the Institute will be made a rich feast and a blessing. We will deal with the teachers as we do with our canvassers, and board them at the lowest possible figure,—perhaps \$1.00 per week for room, light, board, and for bedding if we can arrange for it. We will speak of this later. We shall plan for one lesson a day to be given in nurse work. This will also be a time of seeking the Lord for new experiences in the Christian life. The books necessary will be spoken of later. This Institute will be a great opportunity with the least possible cost to those who come.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

"A CHRISTIAN is a copy of Christ."

A TOUR AMONG THE GERMAN CHURCHES.

ELD. D. P. GAEDE and the writer had the privilege of visiting the German churches and scattered Sabbath-keepers in the State. The first stop we made was at Dumfries, near Council Bluffs. In the evening we held meetings in a schoolhouse, and during the day we made visits from house to house. The interest grew from the very first, and God blessed the straight message to the salvation of souls.

Sabbath, June 24, the regular quarterly meeting was held at the house of Bro. Julius Korgan. After a short sermon on the love of God and our kinship with him, we had a praise meeting. The Lord by his tender Spirit came in and melted the hearts. A minister from the Holiness people, and a number of other friends were present who expressed themselves very openly, and thanked God for having been there, and when the emblems were passed, they all partook of them. The next day (Sunday) he announced our meetings in his church and told the people to come. We were also asked to hold meetings with them, if we ever should come that way. The hearts of the people are ready to receive the truth. The brethren of this place have been considering the feasibility of building a church and a school, and the prospects are that they will have one in the near future. People not of our faith are anxious to see the work done, for they want to send their own children. Brethren have already promised to do the work, and we believe others will open their hearts to furnish the material.

Next we visited Brother Cron about nine miles south of Anita. He did not know we were coming, so we had to go by faith in getting out there. The Lord had a man in town waiting for us, so we could ride clear up to

Min
E. I. Hoyt

Bro Cron's door. He had attended the camp-meeting, and while there, a cyclone came through that part of the country. The storm came from the west, headed for Bro. Cron's house, plowing up the ground on his farm in great shape; but before it reached the house, it was turned off in a north-easterly direction, twisting some of his neighbor's trees off, unshingling the house, and doing a great deal of damage to the place. A few miles from this place people even lost their lives. The Lord knew that our brother was at camp-meeting, and would not permit the enemy to come and destroy his property. This was so noticeable that even others spoke about it.

We are now in Burlington, where we also are favored with God's blessing. The largest number of the Lord's children participated in the ordinances on Sabbath, July 1, that were ever in Burlington at any one time. Forty persons spoke of the love of God, nine were baptized, six Germans, two Swedes, and one American, and four other Germans were taken in by vote. One old lady is eighty-two years old, and has been waiting twenty years for baptism. She seemed to be the happiest of them all.

The Lord assured us of his presence from the very first. Sabbath morning, while Sister Jorgensen was having family worship with some of our people, a young man who had epilepsy was overcome with it. The sister felt that Satan was binding the young man, and prayed to God in her heart to free him, and he was loosed in a moment. He had been subject to it every day, but has not had it since. God is on the giving hand, if we will but permit him to give us rich blessings. Brother and Sister Jensen have been working in this city for five years, and God has been with them. They are about to go to Ft. Madison; the friends here will miss them very much, but they know that God goes with them and also remains with those who are left. Eld. Gaede, with Brn. Ebel and Wierts, will hold meetings in a Latter-day Saints church after a few weeks. The people here need a church and a school. Some of the young people have decided to go to Union College next fall, to get a good preparation for the work. Calls are coming in for workers from other States, but where are they? Young people, the Lord has called you to see this truth. Will you not hasten to go when he calls?

J. T. BOETTCHER.

RICEVILLE, MITCHELL CO.

Our meetings are still in progress with a good attendance and good interest. The celebration on the Fourth with all its attractions and the Free Methodist camp-meeting broke into our attendance somewhat, but since they are in the past our congregation has returned. We have presented some of the testing truths, and still the attendance holds. The Baptists are among the most regular attendants. Their minister, having become somewhat acquainted with our people while at the Battle Creek Sanitarium a while back, urges his people to attend our meetings, and he is real friendly toward us himself. Last Sabbath Brn. Trubey and Buhalts met with the company at Osage, the brethren of Floyd and Orchard meeting there too.

We have been threatened with storms several times, but have so far been protected by the All-wise. Yesterday we witnessed the formation of what we thought a cyclone. It was coming toward us, when its course was suddenly changed and, it passed around us. We cannot but praise the Lord for his love, care, and protection at all times. We ask to be remembered at the throne of grace, that we may be able to carry on the work at this place according to the will of God; and that souls may be brought to the light of the truth, and turn and serve God while it is called to-day.

L. F. TRUBEY,
C. J. BUHALTS,
G. A. LARSON.

KEOSAUQUA.

We have a nice location on the school ground in the south-west part of town. We have held meetings since the 19th of June with rather small attendance. The people are clever at their homes, and manifest a willingness to hear, yet yield readily to an opposing influence in remaining away.

There are five churches in this place, — Congregational, Methodist, and Christian, and the colored population have Baptist and Methodist churches. Some from this class are present at each evening service, manifesting a degree of interest, and reminding us of the field which Eld. B. E. Nicola and Sister Mollie Long have so recently entered. Circulars of the work at the Southern Industrial school would be of interest to the people here. Brn. C. E. Graham, of Pilot Mound, and W. C. Hankins, of Sigourney, call on the people daily with our literature, and assist at the

tent in the evening. Sister Adams conducts a children's meeting twice a week with fair interest. The Lord says, "Suffer little children to come unto me," and "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." We have invited brethren in this vicinity to unite with us in a Sabbath-school convention July 15, 16. We hope for the approval of Heaven in all we do among this people.

E. E. GARDNER,
W. M. ADAMS.

STUART.

We pitched our tent here June 22, and began meetings the 23rd. Our attendance was small until after the Fourth, from which time it has steadily increased. There is much prejudice here, and some refuse to come to the meetings. But in the face of it all we are steadily gaining, and the people are beginning to speak more favorably of the meetings. Some, as they talk among themselves, have been heard to say, "They have the scripture on the Sabbath question."

When this report reaches the BULLETIN family, we will be in the midst of the Sabbath question, and hope to be remembered by the family, that the work may not be marred in our hands. We feel sure that the Lord has a people here, and we hope to be the means in his hands of gathering out such for the Master's vineyard.

Our Sabbath school and Sabbath meetings are quite well attended, and some say they want to know the whole truth and to walk therein. We are of good courage, and are doing all we can to call this people's attention to the great love and goodness of God. Oh, may the glad time hasten on when we all may meet around our Father's throne above.

WM. GUTHRIE,
C. A. HEALD,
A. J. IDEN.

THE GERMAN WORK.

AFTER our good camp-meeting, we secured a small store building in Des Moines, in which to hold meetings. We have held meetings each evening since June 7. The attendance was small, but those who came, attended regularly, until we began to study the Sabbath question, then the attendance was still smaller. Three families and two elderly, widowed ladies acknowledge the truth. We closed our meetings believing that they have not been held in vain. We hope the Lord will open the way in this place for further

work to be done. The store building is offered to us free at any time we may return. We secured five new yearly subscriptions for our German paper.

From Des Moines we go to Burlington, where we will hold a series of meetings in the Mormon church. Brethren, when you kneel down before the throne of grace, remember the German work in our State.

July 9. GEO. EBEL,
J. H. WIERTS.

PARKERSBURG.

THE quarterly meeting held here July 1 was much enjoyed by all; for the Lord came very near by his good Spirit. We were glad to have Eld. J. W. Adams and Bro. T. S. Jackson with us July 7-11, and the instruction received was "meat in due season," and by the help of God we will profit by it. The needs of the Des Moines Sanitarium were presented, and a little more than \$500.00 was raised, of which almost half was cash, the rest to be paid soon. We are glad for the privilege of helping in the Lord's work. We want to be awake to the duties before us, and do what we can while it is yet day. Our hearts are full of praise to our Maker, for his kind care over us. We all want to meet Christ at his soon coming, and want God's people to remember us before the throne of grace.

July 12. LAURA M. BROWN.

OTTUMWA.

I HAVE commenced my second year's work in the city of Ottumwa, canvassing for the *Signs of the Times*. For the month of June my work sums up as follows: Homes visited, 151; subscriptions taken, 36. I commence the work for July with good courage.

J. W. DAMON.

SPIRIT LAKE.

YESTERDAY was a "red-letter day" for the little company at Spirit Lake. Fifteen or twenty of the friends from the Milford church were present. After a good Sabbath-school, by request Bro. Levi Edgerton led a social meeting, reading John 17. God blessed the simple reading of his word, and came in with his Holy Spirit, filling all the rooms where we were sitting, as was evidenced by the songs, prayers, and testimonies which we could all feel came from full hearts. The climax was reached when our precious young people reconsecrated themselves to God, and asked for our prayers and

benediction as they go to prepare for fields of future usefulness. This forms another strong tie between us and God's work.

MRS. M. G. GORHAM.

DAVENPORT.

WHILE Brother and Sister Jensen, from Burlington, were here on a short visit, Bro. Jensen gave some interesting talks that helped us so much. Surely the Lord has been with us, and has poured showers of blessings upon us. We know that we are living in the last days, and that we need a closer walk with the Master. Oh, that we might all consecrate ourselves daily to the Lord and his work. We feel that the work in this place will progress more rapidly in the future, as a result of their visit here. We are of good courage in the Lord.

MRS. MANSFIELD,
MRS. H. E. HANDLEY.

THE BOOK WORK.

THE CANVASSING WORK A MISSIONARY WORK.

JESUS calls for men and women who will volunteer to carry the truths to the world. "The unsearchable riches of Christ are to be presented to the world in contrast with the poverty of sin, and the delusive pleasures of the world. Only a heart brimming with the love of God, only a mind active by constant study of eternal interests, can properly set forth the beauties of the truths of God."

Careless spectators may not appreciate the canvasser's work or see its importance. But after hours and days of labor among scoffers and careless ones, we find some honest soul who is longing for a religion that can satisfy the heart, who is thirsting for a knowledge of the living God, and for some assurance of a life beyond the grave. Those who are thirsting for truth can see by the manner of the canvasser before them, by the tone of his voice, and the earnestness he manifests in his work, that he possesses what they have not; and in a few words they pour forth their anguish of soul. Then it is our blessed privilege to point them to the "Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world," and to tell them that Christ is a friend to sinners. "We have a grand work to do for the Master, to open the word of God to those who are in the darkness of error."

The canvasser should seek every opportunity to become acquainted with

the word of God, that he may every-day be better fitted to do good work. He also needs "self-culture and polished manners, not the affected and artificial manners of the world, but the agreeable manners that are the natural results of kindness of heart and a desire to copy the example of Christ. . . . Jesus made an infinite sacrifice to place them in right relations to God and their fellow-men, and divine aid combined with human effort will enable them to reach a high standard of excellence. The canvasser should be chaste like Joseph, meek like Moses, and temperate like Daniel; then a power will attend him wherever he goes."

MARY L. HASKELL.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING JULY 7, 1899.

| | Hrs. | Ord. | Val. |
|--------------------------------------|------|--------|----------|
| THE COMING KING. | | | |
| H. B. Tilden, Oskaloosa..... | 18 | 7 | \$7.00 |
| Mrs. H. B. Tilden, "..... | 9 | 5 | 5.00 |
| Mary Haskell, Newton..... | 11 | 2 | 2.00 |
| Pearl D. Bascom, Winthrop..... | 24 | 16 | 16.00 |
| Belle Rowland, Vinton..... | 9 | 7 | 7.00 |
| Christine Henriksen, "..... | 25 | 16 | 16.00 |
| Ervin W. Warner, Bethlehem..... | 30 | 7 | 00 |
| Burton Church, "..... | 22 | 8 | 8.00 |
| D. N. Johnson, Parkersburg..... | 30 | 20 | 20.00 |
| Mrs. C. E. Vosburgh, Mo. Valley..... | 21 | 10 | 10.00 |
| PROPHECIES OF JESUS. | | | |
| C. E. Vosburgh, Mo. Valley..... | 22 | 9 | 16.75 |
| Lewis Hilliard, Algona..... | 30 | 10 | 18.75 |
| Henry Baetke, Audubon..... | 44 | 11 | 17.25 |
| HERALDS OF THE MORNING. | | | |
| Lloyd Mantull, Waterloo..... | 26 | 4 | 5.25 |
| C. A. Anderson, Radcliffe..... | 30 | 11 | 14.00 |
| Elsie Fulton, Birmingham..... | 17 | 4 | 5.50 |
| Olive Lafave, Hawarden..... | 13 | 19 | 13.00 |
| Will Mulder, Orange City..... | 36 | 7 | 84.00 |
| DANIEL AND THE REVELATION. | | | |
| Geo. Durkee, Cooper..... | | 3 | \$6.75 |
| BIBLE READINGS. | | | |
| F. E. Lamb, Creston..... | 17 | 8 | \$18.00 |
| GREAT CONTROVERSY. | | | |
| J. P. Gaede, Audubon..... | 26 | 2 | \$7.50 |
| STORY OF REDEMPTION. | | | |
| Chas. Graham, Keosauqua..... | 20 | 1 | 1.25 |
| MISCELLANEOUS. | | | |
| P. W. Atkinson, Fallow..... | 27 | 0 | |
| DELIVERIES. | | | |
| | | Books. | Value. |
| H. B. Tilden..... | 5 | | \$5.00 |
| Mrs. H. B. Tilden..... | 3 | | 3.00 |
| Christine Henriksen,..... | 1 | | 1.00 |
| *Chas. Robinson..... | 6 | | 6.00 |
| Burton Church..... | 1 | | 1.75 |
| Will Mulder..... | 3 | | |
| Olive Lafave..... | 2 | | 2.50 |
| SUMMARY. | | | |
| No. of agents..... | | | 24 |
| " " orders..... | | | 176 |
| Value of "..... | | | \$234.00 |
| " " helps sold..... | | | \$41.25 |
| Total value..... | | | \$275.25 |
| Value of deliveries..... | | | \$19.25 |
| *Delivered by Burton Church. | | | |

BLESSED is the man who has found his work; let him ask no other blessedness. Know thy work, and do it.—
Carlyle.

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DES MOINES, IOWA, JULY 18, 1899.

—MRS. C. H. PARSONS, of this city, is visiting friends in Arkansas.

—MRS. S. A. RIDDLE, of Prairie City, made a brief call at the Office last Friday.

—THE tent meetings commenced at Story City July 8. Bro. N. C. Bergersen writes that they have a fair attendance.

—MISS EMMA BEAMAN, a successful teacher in Iowa public schools, is attending the Summer School at Battle Creek, Mich.

—MISS ALLIE MANTZ, who has been teaching a church school in Michigan, is spending her vacation at her home in Keota, Iowa.

—A CARD from Bro. Carl Jensen states that he is now in his new field of labor. His address is 711, 5th St., Ft. Madison, Iowa.

—If any Sabbath-school has a supply of "Joyful Greeting" song books which have been laid aside, and it is desired to put them to good use, write to Mamie Beaman, 603 N. Birch St., Creston, Iowa.

—MARRIED.—Dr. James Erkenbeck and Miss Eunice Hale, both of Battle Creek, Mich., were married at the home of the bride's mother, at Colorado Springs, Colorado, July 3, 1899. Their friends bid them God-speed.

—WE are informed of the sad death on June 22, 1899, of George Norton, aged 19 years, youngest son of Bro. J. H. Norton, Melrose, Iowa. The funeral services were conducted by the Evangelical minister, Rev. Springer.

—MR. WM. T. SHOWERS, of Prescott, and Miss Mable Crow, of Fontanelle, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, July 9. Rev. J. W. Kelley, pastor of the Congregational church, officiating. Their home for the present will be at Prescott. The best wishes of their friends attend them.

—THE carpenters working on the Sanitarium have about completed the interior wood work and the laying of the hard wood floors on the second, third, and fourth stories. The first floor and the basement are yet to be finished. Have patience, brethren and sisters; there is much to do yet before the building is finished.

—BRO. H. B. TILDEN writes thus of the opening parade, which was an imposing feature of the Iowa State Sunday-school convention held at Oskaloosa: "At the front was a company of police. In the rear was a company of twenty boys about ten years old, dressed in uniform and bearing guns. Thus was fitly represented the source from which the so-called Christians of to-day obtain their strength,—the arm of flesh. How great is the darkness! We need, as never before, to let our light shine before men, that our Father may be glorified. May the Lord help us to be faithful sentinels."

—THE *Good Health* for July proves to be one of unusual interest. The following subjects are discussed, and the names of the writers are sufficient assurance of the value of each: "The Chief Cause of Nervousness," Dr. J. H. Kellogg; "Feeding of Children," Dr. A. G. Henry; "Artistic Dress," Dr. Abbie M. Winegar; "What to Do in Drowning Accidents," Dr. A. B. Olsen; "After House Cleaning," Mrs. S. M. I. Henry; "Summer Vegetables and Salads," Mrs. E. E. Kellogg; "Weaning the Baby," Dr. Kate Lindsey. The price of this single number is 10 cents per copy. Single subscription for a year, \$1.00.

—AN aged sister, Mrs. E. D. Carmichael, writes thus of the blessings of the camp-meeting: "I am so glad that my life has been spared to attend the camp-meeting, and share in the glorious victory and receive drops of the latter rain. In returning from the meeting our horse became frightened, and it seemed for an instant that we were to be dashed to pieces, yet our lives were spared. All praise and glory to God for his wonderful care. If we could only see our loved ones, our neighbors, and all others getting ready for the everlasting kingdom, our hearts would leap for joy. Courage in the Lord, dear brethren."

—WE are sure our brethren and sisters are desirous of helping the cause of God in every possible way. No doubt there are a number who have more or less fruit which they are canning at this season of the year. If all such would can some for the Sanitarium and for the Rescue Home in Des Moines, it would be greatly appreciated. We are sure there are many who could send a box of canned fruit to these institutions this fall, if they plan now to do so.

—PAPERS are desired for rack work at Stuart. Send postpaid to S. B. Kephart.

—THE Sabbath-school column is not omitted for lack of matter, but to give place to the reports from workers.

—THE American Medical Missionary College is the only Medical Missionary College in existence. It has just graduated its first class of students from a four years' course. The *Medical Missionary* for July contains a full report of the exercises, addresses, etc.

—BRN. C. W. AND D. H. SMOUSE, of Mt Pleasant, have bought a lot and will make the church there a present of the use of it for fifteen years or longer, on which to erect a school building for their church school. They expect to erect the building this summer.

—BRO. G. W. STAHL writes concerning the reading-rack work at Council Bluffs: "I find that many persons here go regularly to our reading racks for their religious reading. Conductors and train men take papers home to their families, and the traveling public patronize the rack in no small way. I think that a great deal of good is being done in this quiet way."

NOTICE.

I HAVE been pleased to have the Sabbath-school reports come in as promptly as they have been coming; however, there are a few I am now waiting for. If yours has not been sent, can you send it this week?

MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

UNDER this head, short business notices will be inserted at twenty-five cents per issue.

WANTED.—A trusty hand at once, to work on a farm by the month. For further particulars address Andrew Johnson, Box 478, Marshalltown, Iowa.

APPOINTMENTS.

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| CONFIDENCE, | July 22, | 1899. |
| | C. F. STEVENS. | |
| LISBON, | July, 22, 23, | 1899. |
| | J. W. ADAMS. | |
| | T. S. JACKSON. | |
| WESTON, | July 20—23, | 1899. |
| Shelby, | " 24, 25, | " |
| Harlan, | " 26—29, | " |
| Jacksonville, | " 31—Aug. 3, | " |
| Elk Horn, | Aug. 5—8, | " |
| Exira, | " 9—12, | " |
| | P. A. HANSEN. | |
| | P. E. BERTHELSON. | |