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"HASTING THE COMING."

THERE is not a person who is imbued with the Spirit of Christ, that desires to see probation close before every soul that can be saved has been saved, even if we have been subjected to weary delays, to privations, and to dangers. Yet, at the same time, those who are filled with the Spirit can, from the depths of the heart, but feel a longing desire to see Christ come, to close the bitter contest that has been waged for so long against the children of God. How can both of these desires be realized? It is by faithful labor. Peter says, "hasting the coming of the day of God." 2 Peter 3:12, margin. The experience of labor for others is the only means by which we can be ready *ourselves* for that day.

Our canvassers' school is appointed to assist many, in the cheapest possible manner, to a training, that they may carry the truth to others. A noble work has been done in this line, and others must take it up and still carry it forward. A number are donating means and food for the school this winter, and some are giving that which is worth far more than silver or gold, and that is their noble young men and young women, that they may obtain a knowledge that will enable them each to become a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Dear parent, what is your son or your daughter doing to gain an experi-

ence that will fit them for the coming Saviour? You say that your children have no gift that way. You do not realize what they can do by the grace of God if you will give them a chance. You say, "It is too hard. I can not be separated from them." If you do not let them go from you now into the work, you will see them go from you into the world later, in most cases, and lost. If you love them, let them work out their salvation now while there is work.

We have certainly come to the "parting of the ways." This government has clasped hands with Rome. The gulf has been spanned, and the work is drawing to a close. Read again Testimony 32, page 207. This was written years ago. Now we have reached that time, and there is not one family in five among us that feel that our children have had the experience that will enable them, by faith in God, to stand. Brethren, open the way for your children to attend the canvassers' school and go into the work of God. God will lay his Spirit upon them, and many will come if you encourage them.

The school will commence Feb. 6. It will be held at Des Moines. If any contract sickness, special arrangements will be made with the Sanitarium for treatment. If there are young people who feel that they are unable to come for lack of means, please write to W. L. Manfull, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa, or to me at Marshalltown. We are going to do all on our part that we can, to make this a school for workers, young and old. In Minnesota, a few years ago, we had gray-headed men and women in our canvassers' school. We ought to have them here this winter. If you have laid off the harness, it is time to put it on again, and regain the blessing that you enjoyed when you had it on.

If you have never engaged in the work, there is time for you now. Prices will be as low as in the past,—\$1.00 per week for room, board, heat, and light. Prepare now to attend the school, and plan to have a part in the closing work. The calls come thicker and faster, and they will continue to come until all that we have and are, is used in the Lord's vineyard. Then the Lord will come. Every added call from the Lord gives us an added right to claim more of him.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

"IT IS HIGH TIME TO AWAKE." ROM. 13:8.

THE people of God should have so pushed God's work that Satan would have been kept on the stretch to keep up his counterfeits of the truth. And especially should this have been the case with the third angel's message, which should have gone with such energy and rapidity that the opposition to it would have been forestalled. Then people would have had a chance to hear the truth before their minds were filled with prejudice. But instead of that the work has moved so slowly, and with such little faith, that the enemy has easily kept pace with it, and sometimes has even pushed his counterfeits so far ahead that many are deceived and led captive before they have heard the truth.

In nothing else is this more true than in the religious liberty work. For many years we have believed and preached, from prophecy alone, that our rights would be trampled under foot and fierce persecution spring up in the United States. A few years ago it seemed as if that time had come. But we were reminded just then that God had told us years ago that there would come a reaction,—a lull in the rising tide of persecution. We were also told that when this lull came

many would lose their energy in religious liberty work, and some forgetting that the prophecy still read as before would be so far deceived as to think that we had been overzealous, and had imagined persecutions that would never come; but on the contrary the lull was only the calm before the tempest.

Now, there has been for some years a decided lull in these persecutions; and it has happened with many as the Lord said it would,—our interest has lagged, and religious liberty work has with some been almost dropped. Yet, all this time, the *American Sentinel*, which in God's providence was established for this very purpose, has been earnestly pleading with us not to go to sleep, not to let Satan deceive us. But, brethren, some of us have been asleep. Shall we not now awake? Let us prove that we have awakened by pushing the circulation of our faithful *Sentinel*. It is a fact that *Iowa is behind* in this matter, and it is our loss, as well as a loss to the *Sentinel*. There ought to be as many copies of the *Sentinel* taken in Iowa as there were years ago, and many more. Shall we not make it so? Shall we awake?

J. O. BEARD.

A CHANCE FOR ALL TO WORK.

At this time, when we are waiting for the return of Him who "gave to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch," I trust that every man, woman, and child among us desires to find that work and do it. The special *Signs* that are put out from time to time will furnish work for all. Every member of the family can have a part in this work. The importance of getting these publications into the hands of the people is apparent. The special *Signs*, especially the last one,—“The World's Harvest Issue,”—are made up of such matter as is very acceptable to people generally. In this number *most important truths* are told in a very interesting manner. Look over the list of writers who have contributed to it, and read what they have written. Is not a thing that has been the object of so much careful thought, worthy of your earnest efforts to get it into the hands of your friends and neighbors? It was prepared for this express purpose. Then, shall we not, from the least to the greatest, hasten it on in its mission? It speaks words of warning, just what we want our loved friends to

hear. It tells in no uncertain language that Jesus is soon coming. Don't we want them to know it? Many of us feel that we have not the ability to go to their homes with Bible in hand and set these truths before them; but here is something prepared to hand. If we will do our part,—get these papers out,—they will have their effect. We have recently seen honest souls not of our faith deeply stirred on the subject of Christ's second coming, simply through the appeals made by this “silent messenger.” The first thing to do in preparing for the work is to get a paper and begin reading. As soon as you are thoroughly interested in it, show it to your friends and neighbors. You can interest others in that in which you yourself are interested. If you truly enjoy the paper, you can sell it. When the number spoken of came out, my brother and I began work with it on this plan: We first went to those we thought would want it, afterward extending our canvass to all. As a result of the work done, ninety-seven copies have been sold in Emerson. On account of prejudice at that place, we have never had a large attendance at our meetings (camp meeting excepted), and so it could not be considered as an especially fertile field for this work. Papers were sold in nearly every house. Besides this, thirty-seven have been sold out of town. We sell them at the regular price, 10 cents per copy, and give away some. In what has been done we can take none of the credit; for we know that God worked with us and gave us success.

We are convinced that God's special blessing is upon this work, and that those who engage in it will thus labor together with him. Shall we simply think about this? God forbid. It is the *doers* that are blessed. We think that the date of the paper will be nothing against its sale, when the nature of the matter it contains is appreciated.

C. T. ADAMS.

OBITUARY.

RAY.—Died December 19, 1893, Sister Mary J. Ray, at the home of her son, near Bingham, Iowa, aged 75 years, 7 months, and 5 days.

Mother united with the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1889, and continued a faithful member until death, endeavoring to keep all of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. She leaves two sons and one daughter to mourn her loss.

MRS. HATTIE E. BUTE.

FIELD REPORTS.

MUSCATINE AND BURLINGTON.

It was my privilege to spend the week of prayer with these churches, dividing the time about equally between them. It seemed almost strange, after three months in school, to be again actively assisting in the church work, and so this to me was a special privilege. At each church the regular readings took first place; other meetings were held as best suited the convenience of the church. Considering the number of obstacles, the attendance was quite good, and all seemed to enjoy the services. The ordinances were celebrated at both places. Eld. C. A. Washburn was present at Burlington the last Sabbath, and before the ordinances an elder and deacon were ordained.

Quite an interest was taken in the plan to devote ten cents per week to mission work, and several in each church declared their intention to adopt it. These are both among the large cities of Iowa, and a great field lies before the churches there, to be gleaned almost entirely by the members, or to be passed by. The rich blessing of God lies before them if they enter these fields. The Master says, “Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal.” John 4:35, 36. When we lift up *our* eyes, and see the ripening grain, should not the ones who *see* be the ones to *reap*? Then may the Lord help each who *sees* to *reap*, “that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.”

BURT FULLMER.

EMERSON AND RUSSELL.

DURING vacation I had the privilege of meeting with the brethren and sisters at Emerson and Russell. At the former place I was pleased to meet again Bro. P. Park Adams, who with his brother Charles has stood, since last summer, against opposition and prejudice, which is quite strong. Some who were interested, and seemed almost on the point of accepting the truth, have decided, as in most places, that the sacrifice and opposition were too great; but a few of the most influential and respected in the place have taken their stand for the truth, and a few others also seem almost ready to obey. The attendance at the meetings

is quite small, but those who come are very much interested. Though the company at this place may not be large, we trust that it will be substantial, and that all will continue to hold up the standard of truth till the great conflict is over and victory is gained.

Bro. C. T. Adams, who expected to be with the company at Russell through the week of prayer, was called home, so I stopped at Russell for awhile on my way from Emerson. It seemed good to find the brethren and sisters there faithful, and working for others. One young man near Russell, who with his family accepted the truth, is attending our school at College View, preparing to enter the work. Another family will soon move to an adjoining State; and though we are sorry to see them leave this church, we know that the whole harvest field is one, and that God wishes his truth represented and upheld in every place the world over. I am glad for a part in the labor and toil here, that I may at last have a part in that glorious reward,—the crown of life that fadeth not away, eternal in the heavens.

FRANK A. WASHBURN.

Jan. 2.

MEETINGS HELD DURING THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

BLENCOE.—At first it seemed that Satan came in to deprive us of the blessing due God's faithful followers at this time, but his efforts were a complete failure. Our meetings during the week of prayer were never more signally blessed of God. It seemed as if the angels were right in our midst, and the continued testimony of each one was, "His way and not mine." Bro. and Sister Gardner, of Onawa, met with us one day, and Bro. John Peterson and some of his family were with us three other days, with other friends from Albaton. The testimony of the visitors was, "How much we have enjoyed the meetings." Bro. McClintock was with us from the first, and we held our quarterly meeting last Sabbath, Dec. 30. Just before the ordinances were celebrated, he asked if any one wished to unite with us, extending his invitation to the children and young people. Without any urging, seven of the youth arose to their feet. It seemed, in regard to the children, that Joel 2:16 was about to be fulfilled. And, indeed, is not this a part of the very last work? The answer is, Yes, and only yes.

Brethren and sisters, Lift up your heads; for our redemption draweth nigh. To the dear Lord be all the praise. Our attendance was unusually good. Eight members were added to our company and one transferred to Onawa.

LYDIA E. MOORE.

DES MOINES.—Two meetings were held each day, at 2:30 and 7:30 P. M., some attending both services. It was a time of deep heart searching, on the part of some at least, and a drawing nearer to God. The leading thoughts found in the Readings were brought out more fully, as expression was given by those present, on the points that seemed to reach their hearts. One sister who mourned because she had so little to give, said after Tuesday's Reading that she surely could give ten cents per week, and would. The Readings were surely timely and stirring for all who are "candidates for translation." A candidate for translation! Solemn thought! Yet, O how cheering, with "Christ within, the hope of glory"! At the closing meeting the leading desire seemed to be that we might carry the week of prayer throughout our lives. The donations amounted, in cash and pledges, to \$303.99, of which \$16.00 was given by the children of the primary department.

HATTIE E. PARSONS.

MONROE.—Our week of prayer has just closed. We had a very profitable meeting, and thought best to close by holding our quarterly meeting. Not many were present at any time, and no visiting brethren chanced to drop in on us; but we have received much light, and feel that the meetings have been a great blessing.

EDEN RANDALL.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

NECESSITY OF FAITHFULNESS IN REPORTING.

It is without doubt the desire of every loyal member of the Sabbath-school that his school should be one of the best in the association. But in order to have this desire fulfilled, it is necessary for every member to take an active part in the work, and also see that officers are chosen who will faithfully discharge their duties, and do all in their power to make the school a success; for although the officers are not alone responsible for the interest manifested, yet without faithfulness on their part, the growth of the school will be dwarfed, and its progress hindered.

In regard to maintaining harmony and avoiding confusion throughout the entire organization, no one in the school holds a more responsible position than the secretary; if he is careless in making out his report, not taking pains to obtain the necessary information to properly fill out the report blank, when it reaches the State secretary and some efforts have been made to correct it there, it is in all probability incorrect yet; the questions which have been left unanswered will remain so, and it will have to be entered in the State report as it is, imperfect, and when it reaches the secretary of the International Sabbath School Association, it will be imperfect still.

But while we should be pleased to find every report correct, yet if for some reason the secretary is unable to answer all questions, we would say to such, Do not neglect to report on this account, as we are always glad to hear from the schools, no matter how imperfect the report may be. Nothing shows the lack of interest so much as failing to report, and nothing in regard to the work can give the State secretary more anxiety and trouble.

In conclusion, we would say, Be prompt in reporting; fill out the report blank immediately after the close of the quarter, and do not defer sending it. Let us bear in mind that that which is worth doing at all is worth doing well. We are to be faithful in all things. Jesus says, "He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much." May we so live, and perform our duties in such a manner, that when the Lord comes we may be numbered with the happy throng who shall hear the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—*Sabbath School Worker*.

THE BOOK WORK.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 29, 1899.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Oscar N. Conklin.....	13	2	\$2.00	\$.25
Mrs. Arthur Rhoads.....	4	3	3.00	.50
DELIVERIES.				
Books. Value. Helps. Lost.				
*Nettie E. Brown.....	28	29.50	\$14.00	5
Susan Haskell.....	36	35.25	14.50	5
Mary L. Haskell.....	31	31.00	21.75	5
Oscar N. Conklin.....	11	11.50		1
SUMMARY.				
No. of agents.....				5
" " orders.....				5
Value of ".....				\$5.00
" " helps sold.....				\$51.00
Total value.....				\$56.00
Value of deliveries.....				\$107.25

*Per Susan Haskell.

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DES MOINES, IOWA, JAN. 9, 1900.

—MISS ALICE JOHNSON, of the nurses' class, is visiting her parents in Minnesota.

—BRO. GEORGE EBEL has been holding meetings at Muscatine during the past week.

—HOMER GOSS, of Sandyville, visited the Sanitarium last week, in returning home from College View, Neb.

—MRS. A. BAKER, of Polk City, participated with the Des Moines church in the quarterly meeting services last Sabbath.

—MRS. ANGELIA HOBBS visited relatives at Iowa City during the holidays, returning to her school at Creston, Sunday.

—MISS MARTHA YOUNG, teacher of the Sandyville church school, spent the holiday vacation at College View, Nebraska.

—MISS NELLIE ALLEN, of Charles City, and Miss Bessie Young, of Dubuque, joined the nurses' class the first of the year, also Bro. Edwin H. Wilbur and Bro. Louis Jacobsen.

—MISS CORA GLUNT, of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, passed through Des Moines the first of the week on her way from College View to Washington, Iowa, to nurse a typhoid fever patient.

—To date 12,390 copies of the Harvest Number of the *Signs* have been ordered through this Office, thus giving this issue a circulation in Iowa of about 2,000 more than the Quarter-centennial Number.

—CLARENCE HOSKIN, of Smithland, and Hulda Freese, were united in marriage at the home of F. Butler, Onawa, Iowa, Dec. 20, 1899, Eld. J. S. Hart officiating. The BULLETIN extends best wishes.

—ELD. C. F. STEVENS returned to College View, Neb., last week, and will be with his family for a short time again. That is his permanent address, and all tithe money should be sent to him there.

—THE society at Sheldon reports twenty-four regular subscribers for the *Signs* as the result of work done with their club of twenty-five copies. The secretary adds: "For this we praise God. We expect sheaves in the gathering of the harvest."

—THE enrollment of Iowa students at Union College has reached 99. This is two more than has been enrolled there at any one time in the past. This is good; and now if this army of young people are willing to be moulded by the Lord, and will dedicate their powers of mind to him, we will see a material addition to the forces in Iowa, and to our missionaries in other lands.

—ELDS. J. W. ADAMS and C. F. Stevns, on returning from their visit among the churches of South-eastern Iowa, reported about \$1,550.00 additional donations, in cash and pledges, for the Iowa Sanitarium.

WELCOME.

MENTION has been made in a recent BULLETIN, of the appointment of Sister Della Wallace to the office of Corresponding Secretary. Sister Wallace has been one of our most successful workers in the past, and the public laborers will all welcome her once more to their ranks. For several years she has been called from the work to care for an aged father, who is now at rest. We are glad that she can accept the work assigned her, as her experience will prove a blessing to all the dear brethren and sisters, both isolated and in companies. In answer to inquiries, we would say that Sister L. Flora Plummer has accepted the same position under the General Conference that Sister Wallace now holds in the State work. The Lord bless his faithful servants.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

FROM AN IOWA BOY,

ALTHOUGH it has been a long time since I lived in Iowa, and I have wandered far and near and have traveled the high seas, still Iowa is my home. The Lord has given me a work to do for which few feel a burden. Chicago now has a first-class hygienic restaurant. With its elaborately decorated dining room and kitchen well supplied with modern conveniences, a place is provided where the "poor rich" can dine. Health reform has, as it were, put on a little better dress than ordinarily worn, and has gone with Daniel into kings' courts. We believe that our Iowa friends would not consider their time poorly spent in calling on us at the Health Food Restaurant, 178 Wabash Ave., as they are passing through the city.

D. D. FITCH.

NOTICE.

THE annual offerings for our State should be sent to the Missionary Department of the Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa. A notation showing the amount received from each church and company will duly be given in the BULLETIN.

AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

THE Lord willing, a meeting will be held at Mt. Pleasant, Jan. 25-28, for church officers, Sabbath-school officers, and missionary workers. We shall hope to see a general attendance of all officers in South-eastern Iowa at this meeting, also the members of churches are invited. This will be an important meeting. Eld. J. H. Morrison has promised to be with us. Sister Jessie Adams will have charge of the Sabbath-school work, and Sister L. Flora Plummer will also be present, if not called from the State at that time. We believe that this meeting can be made a rich blessing to all who can attend.

The brethren will open their doors, and do all in their power to make your stay pleasant. Bring bedding, and come prepared to make the burden upon the brethren as light as possible.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

APPOINTMENTS.

I WILL meet with the churches as follows, if the Lord wills:—

Bladensburg,	Jan. 12-14,	1900.
Birmingham,	" 15, 16,	"
Libertyville,	" 17, 18,	"
Bonaparte,	" 19-21,	"

We hope for a good attendance at each of the above places. Meetings will begin on the evening of the first date.

WM. GUTHRIE.

THE Lord willing, I will conduct meetings as follows:—

Iowa City,	Jan. 12-14,	1900.
Twin Oaks,	" 18, 19,	"
Columbus Junction,	" 20, 21,	"

The ordinances can be celebrated at Muscatine and Iowa City, if desired and the arrangements are made. Meetings at Twin Oaks will be held as Bro. Owen may arrange.

H. NICOLA.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

WANTED.—A competent housekeeper who keeps the Sabbath. Can give steady employment for one year. Address Mrs. R. J. Wallace, Ladoga, Iowa.

WANTED.—A place to work on a farm with Sabbath-keepers, by a boy 15 years old, North-western Iowa preferred. Address, WORKERS' BULLETIN, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.