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### THE CAMP-MEETING.

ANOTHER camp-meeting is in the past, with its record chronicled in the ledger of heaven. "In the books of heaven is recorded with terrible exactness every unfulfilled duty. Heaven-sent warnings or reproofs neglected, wasted moments, unimproved opportunities,—all are chronicled by the recording angel." As the years are passing by so rapidly, bearing their burden of records to the books of heaven, we believe all who attended this meeting have a desire to lift the banner of truth still higher during the year to come.

The camp was located in a beautiful grassy park, which, with its carpet of living green and waving trees, was a fitting place to study nature and become better acquainted with nature's God. The messages borne to the people emphasized the thought that it is not *saying*, but doing God's will, that will bring us wholly within the reach of salvation. Many battles with self were fought and victories gained. A spirit of confession and the desire to put away all sin, came into the camp, especially on the last Sabbath. Our hearts were made tender as we gathered on the banks of a little stream not far from the camp, and witnessed the burial of twenty-three souls with their Lord in baptism. It made our hearts turn homeward, with the longing to meet on the shore of the river of

life, with friends and loved ones, saved through the blood of the Lamb. One brother was set apart to the sacred work of the gospel ministry.

Elds. Morrison and Hoopes and Prof. Magan were the laborers from abroad. Prof. W. T. Bland and Prof. B. G. Wilkinson, from Union College, were with us during a part of the time, and Prof. J. T. Boettcher was present in the interests of the German work. Eld. L. Johnson's assistance was much appreciated by the Scandinavian brethren and sisters.

We are glad that there is a determination on the part of God's people, to move onward. Who will make the year to come one of consecration to God by sowing the seeds of truth beside all waters?

L. F. STARR.

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONFERENCE OF 1900.

THE thirty-seventh annual session of the Iowa Conference convened on the camp-ground at Ames, Iowa, June 1, 1900, at 9 A. M., Eld. Clarence Santee presiding. A few verses from the first chapter of James were read, and the following words seemed especially appropriate and encouraging: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." Prayer was offered by Eld. L. A. Hoopes. An invitation was extended to the ministers of other Conferences and to the General Conference workers present, to participate in the proceedings. Two churches were admitted into the Conference: Columbus Junction, ten members; and Providence, eight members. The following motion was then offered:—

That the President of the Conference, in consultation with the Conference Committee, be instructed to submit ten names to the members at the next session of this Conference, from whom five may be elected as a nominating committee, suggesting that so far as consistent, per-

sons be recommended who have not heretofore served on this committee. Carried.

The Chair was then empowered to appoint the remaining committees, and the following were announced: On Licenses and Credentials, E. G. Olsen, P. A. Hansen, L. F. Starr, J. S. Hart, W. B. Everhart. This committee was also appointed to act in the matter of irregularities in delegates' credentials. On Resolutions: Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, L. A. Hoopes, E. E. Gardner, Jessie Bosworth, L. F. Truby. On Auditing: C. W. Smouse, E. E. Gardner, Thos. Jeys.

SECOND MEETING. June 1, 11:45 A. M. Ten names chosen by the Conference Committee were placed upon the blackboard, from which list the delegates chose by ballot the following Nominating Committee: E. E. Gardner, Henry Nicola, C. A. Washburn, Wm. Guthrie, J. W. Adams.

THIRD MEETING, June 3, 9:30 A. M. On account of removals the Mona and State Center churches were dropped, by vote, from the Conference roll. Because of the appointment of the President of the Conference to a new field of labor, and the necessity of his leaving before the election of Conference officers, it was voted that Eld. J. H. Morrison act as chairman *pro tem*. Eld. Santee then spoke of the work in the State during the past year. The membership of the Conference is 3,481, 218 additions having been reported by church clerks. Two churches have been organized, and there are also a number of companies brought out by laborers; and churches will no doubt be established in several other places, as the result of the year's work. The total number of churches in the State is 105; number of church buildings, 60. An interesting letter was then read from Sisters Mollie Long and Minnie Beaman, two of our laborers support-

ed in the Southern field by the Iowa Conference.

FOURTH MEETING, June 5, 9:30 A. M., Eld. J. H. Morrison acted as chairman. A motion was made by Eld. Hoopes that the Conference be permitted to express their appreciation of the fostering care of God for each one, and for the work in the State, during the past year. The entire congregation responded by rising, and the beautiful song of praise and prayer, "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us," was sung with spirit. The report of the Committee on Resolutions was called for, and the following partial report presented:—

1. *Resolved.* That in harmony with the Testimonies on this subject, a more earnest effort be made in connection with our local camp-meetings, to follow up the interest aroused; also, that great care be exercised by our tent laborers in fully developing the work in any locality before leaving for another field.

*Whereas.* The Spirit of God has spoken with reference to the importance of entering our cities, and the training of workers; therefore,—

2. *We recommend.* That our tent efforts be made training schools for workers, especially in the cities.

*Whereas.* The Lord has recently and positively spoken upon the necessity of building up a large and able ministry; therefore,—

3. *Resolved.* That we collectively as a Conference, and individually as laborers, urge suitable young men to seek a preparation for the ministry; that we affectionately keep them in remembrance while preparing; and that when properly qualified we earnestly endeavor to start them in the work.

*Whereas.* The efficiency of our church schools depends largely upon the teachers; therefore,—

4. *Resolved.* That we hold this summer, at a time best suitable, a State teachers' Institute designed to foster and extend our church school work; and, that we request Union College to aid us by furnishing competent instructors.

*Be it further resolved.* That we ask our young people to seek, and Union College to give, such instruction as will prepare teachers on the lines indicated in the Testimonies.

*Whereas.* The work of placing our publications in the homes of the people is an important one; and,—

*Whereas.* There is more work in the way of instructing missionaries in our churches than the State Agent can do; therefore,—

5. *We recommend.* The selection of one or more experienced canvassers to work with the churches, remaining from one to three weeks in a place, going out with the members from house to house, giving practical instruction in the sale of our literature and in taking subscriptions for our books and periodicals.

6. *Resolved.* That a term of instruction be furnished the canvassers this winter, either at Des Moines or College View, at the discretion of the Conference Committee.

7. *Resolved.* That we as a Conference heartily endorse the plan of maintaining the Endowed Bed Fund at the Iowa Sanitarium; and that we recommend the managers to do charity work to the extent of their ability.

A motion was made to accept the report by considering each item separately. The discussion of the resolutions developed important principles, which should guide us in carrying forward the work of God. Especial prominence

was given to the subject of the education of workers. Pending the discussion of resolution 4, the Conference adjourned to 9:30 A. M., the following day.

FIFTH MEETING, June 6, 9:30 A. M. The work pertaining to the Missionary Department of the Conference was the special order of the meeting. The report of the Secretary of this Department was read, and the following is a brief summary:—

REPORT OF LABOR FOR YEAR ENDING  
APRIL 30, 1900.

No of local societies.....	121
" members reporting.....	3,008
" letters written.....	3,336
" letters received.....	2,038
" Bible readings held.....	2,722
" subscriptions for periodicals.....	1,373
" periodicals distributed.....	91,875
" pages books, tracts, etc., distributed.....	877,722
" hours spent in Christian help work.....	17,179
" missionary visits made.....	8,500
" persons supplied with clothing.....	3,220
" persons supplied with food.....	2,943
" Reading Circle members.....	483

Four new societies have been organized: Keokuk, Estherville, Birmingham, and Providence. The society at Levy united with the Des Moines society, Chariton with Russell, and Sergeant Bluff with Sioux City; while the societies at Bedford, Fostoria, and Dakotah have been discontinued. An earnest effort has been made to introduce the Reading Circle work, with the result of an excellent interest and increased activity in missionary work where the lessons have been faithfully studied. The work of sending the *Signs, Instructor, and Life Boat* to the county jails and poorhouses has been carried on regularly, and the local societies and isolated Sabbath-keepers have again contributed the amount necessary to furnish them for the present year. In this work some very encouraging features have been developed. Letters have been received from those in charge of these institutions, stating that many have become interested through reading the papers,—in one instance the jailer himself. Some forty names have been secured for Christian correspondence. From our State institutions also come words of encouragement, with the assurance that the papers are welcome visitors each week. The plan of sending out "Helps" for the semi-monthly missionary meetings has been continued during the year, an especial effort having been made to reach the young people and children, and create an interest in the study of the Bible and in general missionary work. Regular correspondence has been carried on with over two hundred isolated Sab-

bath-keepers in the State. It has been the aim of the workers to meet the mind of God in all the work done. How far we have succeeded in this only God knows. We leave all with him, knowing that he alone can rectify the mistakes made, and perfect our work. The financial report showed that the total receipts for the year were \$44,042.72, a gain of \$8,047.09 over the preceding year. Of this, \$4,442.54 was for foreign missions, or \$1,091.82 more than for last year. The donations for Haskell Home amounted to \$641.18; Endowed Bed Fund, \$284.95; International Tract Society, \$145.11; Canvassers' School, \$238.52; Iowa Sanitarium, \$4,802.17. The expenditures include \$6,498.46 sent to Review & Herald office for publications; \$2,060.77 to the Pacific Press Pub. Houses; \$116.41 for freight and express; \$245.87 for stationery; and \$301.25 for postage, of which \$85.00 was for pound rate matter, showing that 4½ tons of tracts and papers have been sent out, besides the books mailed at the regular postage rates. \$408.80 has been paid to canvassers in the way of donations and railroad fares, and \$67.00 for horses and buggies for their use. The financial standing of the society shows a present worth of \$7,895.03. During the year \$7,835.10 worth of books was sold by canvassers, or a gain of \$521.46 over the preceding year, while the total receipts for books and periodicals was \$12,586.97, or a decrease on the total receipts from this source of \$612.45. Resolutions 5 and 6 were read and discussed. The following resolution was then presented by the Committee on Resolutions:—

*Whereas.* The Lord has stated that the debts of our schools are a reproach which should be rolled away, and that when rolled away this will cause the "Jubilee Song of Freedom" to be sung throughout our borders; and,—

*Whereas.* The Lord through his prophet has said that the time has come when he would have all the powers of his people brought into exercise to relieve the financial situation of our schools; and,—

*Whereas.* Union College, Nebraska, which has been established in the providence of God for the salvation of our youth, carries a very heavy debt; and,—

*Whereas.* The Lord has called upon our publishing houses, conferences, ministers, canvassers, and people everywhere, to arise and roll back this reproach from off our schools; therefore,—

8. *Resolved.* (a) That we concur in the request of the Union College Board to pay from the title fund our proportion of the wages of one-third of the Bible teachers in Union College. (b) That we ask the Conference Committee to appoint some consecrated and energetic laborer to take charge of the circulation in our Conference of Sister White's book, "Christ's Parables and Object Lessons," the proceeds of which in this district, are dedicated to the payment of the Union College debt. (c)

That we ask our ministers, as they visit the churches, to take up systematic work with the people, endeavoring to get them to purchase this book in larger or smaller lots as they can, and circulate it. (d) That we ask our people everywhere to purchase this book in as large lots as they consistently can, and circulate it among their friends and neighbors. (e) That we ask our canvassers to give a small portion of their time, whatever they can consistently, and in the fear of God, during the coming Conference year, to canvass for this book free of commission, or for as small a commission as possible. (f) That in view of the labors and sacrifices of the Iowa Conference in this respect, we earnestly request Union College to put forth redoubled efforts to prepare canvassers and colporteurs for the field, who will love to devote unselfishly their lives to the cause of circulating like the autumn leaves, our literature throughout the State.

J. H. MORRISON, *Chairman.*

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER, *Sec.*

(Concluded next week.)

#### A LETTER FROM BROTHER SHERRIG.

WE are permitted to publish a recent letter from Bro. Zach Sherrig, written from Denmark, Europe:—

"Dear Bro. Manfull and all my good friends in the Iowa school: God bless you all is my prayer. When I look back to the many blessed hours we have spent together in Des Moines, I can but say, 'The Lord is good.' We have perplexities and difficulties over here, as well as in other places; but without these I fear the Lord could not handle us. We had a canvassers' school at Christiana for two weeks this winter, also one at Bergan, Norway. Then I went to Finland, where we had another good school. I left that country Feb. 28 on a steamer bound for Stockholm. We left in the middle of the night during a terrible snow storm. After battling with the storm and floating ice for about thirty hours, we stranded on a rock on the eastern coast of Sweden, having been forced fifteen miles south of our regular course. The sea was in such a condition that the people on the shore could give us no assistance. There were sixty-two passengers. You may wonder what I thought as we hung there on the rock, not knowing what moment the big iron ship would go down with all on board. Some of my thoughts were these: I have now attended the different schools I had planned to hold during the winter, and the Lord has blessed in them all. It may be that my work is ended; but if not, neither the storm nor the sea can take my life. I did talk with God, who has even the angry elements in his own hand. You may be assured that it is one thing to read about people who are in danger on the sea and another thing to be there. Well, God

saved us all. The passengers thanked the officers and crew for their noble work in freeing the ship, which was right, as they did all they could; but there was one who gave all the glory to God.

"I am glad to know that you had a good school in Des Moines again. May God bless all the dear souls who are willing to leave home and loved ones, that they may be a blessing to others. O, for more of Heaven's power in our work, that the message may go with greater power. Please give my best regards to all my good old friends, and do not forget the folks in the Office. Thank them for the BULLETIN. I remain as ever, your brother in the blessed work."

#### HATLEY, MISSISSIPPI.

Dear Iowa Workers: We have been here one month, and are not discouraged. We left New Sharon, Iowa, April 5, for the sunny South, bidding good-bye to friends that we had known all our lives. At Cairo we went out on the bridge across the Mississippi River. It was a grand sight, with timber on both sides. We had a supply of tracts, which we made use of, also selling one "Thoughts on Daniel." One man said he knew by the looks of our baby that we did not use meat. We arrived safely at Armory, and were met by Bro. J. H. Nash. There is where Brn. R. S. Owen and Nash were tried for Sunday labor. We are glad to say that prejudice is dying out. There is a great work to be done in this field, and much of it must be done by the farmer. There is a church of thirty members here. A church school was taught last winter by L. A. Jacobs, son of S. M. Jacobs. We have been busy putting in a crop. Anything in the vegetable line does well here. There are good prospects for a large crop of fruit this year. We intend to buy land, and farm. This seems to be an important branch of the work in the South. If a few farmers would come here with some means, and raise something besides cotton,—something that people could live on besides meat,—it would be a great help to the truth. The people are poor. Their crop is spent before it is raised, but souls are hungering and thirsting for the truth. Can Iowa send one of their young men to this field,—one who can work and preach? We have more to say, but will wait until next time. J. S. AND M. A. FRY.

## THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

#### CONVENTION REPORTS.

ANNA RAILSBACK, AUDUBON: "This is the fourth convention we have held, and the best one of the four. About three hundred were present in the afternoon, and all seemed to enjoy the meeting, though the program was somewhat long. Brn. E. G. Olsen and Wm. Johnson were with us, also members from the Atlantic, Exira, and Providence schools. Truly, it was a precious season for us all, and we are glad for these conventions."

IDA E. STOWE, ATLANTIC: "The Atlantic Sabbath-school met in convention. Quite a number from abroad were present with us, to enjoy the services. Five papers were prepared, which were full of good points. A free discussion of these papers brought out many practical thoughts that can not fail to benefit those who will practise them. The children and young people did their part well, and had their songs, and the work assigned them held their interest. The convention closed with a children's meeting on the subject, 'Building on the Rock.' We all felt that it was a good day for us."

MRS. A. E. TOPLIFF, DAVIS CITY: "We held our convention May 12, and had a splendid meeting, although our numbers are few. Clyde Miller, of Battle Creek, was with us, and rendered good help. We also had some help from outside our own members, as several little girls came and assisted us. We love the work, and hope that we may all attend that wonderful meeting above, where Christ will preside."

THE Holy Spirit, the representative of the Captain of the Lord's host, comes down to direct the battle. Our infirmities may be many, our sins and mistakes grievous; but the grace of God is for all who seek it with contrition. The power of Omnipotence is enlisted in behalf of those who trust in God.—*Desire of Ages.*

TRUTHS we sincerely and heartily believe govern our whole life. Inwrought and powerful convictions of any kind mold the character of a man, whether for good or ill. Consequently our beliefs are the real factors in our history.—*Word and Work.*

# Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, JUNE 12, 1900.

—'PATIENCE is power.'

—DR. A. N. LOPER and wife, of the Nebraska Sanitarium, spent a day at the camp-meeting.

—BRO. HENRY RORHOLM and Miss Sophia Marks were united in marriage at Ames, Monday evening, June 11, Eld. E. E. Gardner officiating. The BULLETIN extends best wishes.

—HEALTH and temperance lectures were given at the camp-meeting, also practical lessons in cooking, by Miss Anna Willson, of Union College, a graduated nurse of Battle Creek Sanitarium.

—WE regret that on account of its length the report of the Conference proceedings can not be given in full this week. It will be concluded next week, also the report of distribution of labor will be given.

—ELD. R. F. ANDREWS, of Onarga, Illinois, accompanied by his daughter Elsie, was in attendance at the camp-meeting for a few days, assisting in the meetings, and exchanging greetings with old-time friends.

—BRO. F. M. CORBALEY, who with his wife has been connected with the Illinois Conference for a time, enjoyed a few days' attendance at our State camp-meeting, and expects to work in the Iowa Conference the coming year.

—MARRIED, at the home of the bride's parents at Strahan, Iowa, May 20, 1900, Mr. Andrew Johnson and Miss Mary E. Hannah, Eld. Luther Warren, officiating. The BULLETIN family unite in wishing this worthy young couple joy and increased usefulness in the Lord's work.

—ABOUT seven hundred were in attendance at the camp-meeting. This decrease in numbers as compared with former years was no doubt largely occasioned by the false and misleading statements which appeared in the newspapers, reporting a smallpox epidemic at Ames.

—PROF. M. W. NEWTON and wife, of College View, sailed June 2 for an extended tour in Europe, to visit Germany, also countries in the extreme north for scientific observations. They contemplate seeing Palestine and other oriental countries, and the Paris Exposition, before returning.

—By the kindness of Eld. C. F. Stevens, we are permitted to make a few extracts from a recent letter from Eld. Geo. I. Butler, of Bowling Green, Florida. He says: "Florida has the climate for me. Not perfect, of course, by any means, but about the best to suit my taste of any I have ever struck. As to writing for the paper, I hardly think it is worth while. You know I am nothing but an old farmer now-a-days; have n't spoken in public for five years or so. I just stay at home and try to get an honest living for my poor, afflicted wife. She is the same poor sufferer that she has been for the past ten years. Helpless as far as being able to walk, or to bear her weight on her feet; and she suffers greatly at times. This world is not very much to such old pilgrims as we are, but I can truly say that my faith in every feature of the truth was never stronger than now."

—WE call especial attention to a resolution passed at the late State Conference concerning the circulation of the Extra to our German paper. The date of this Extra is June 5, so that immediate action should be taken on the resolution. The subject matter of the paper bears especially on the cause of true Religious Liberty. It is a sixteen-page paper and sells at 5 cents per single copy; twenty-five or more copies, 2 cents each. We trust that not only our German people but all will take an interest in circulating it among their German friends and neighbors. Order of this Office.

—ELD. CLARENCE SANTEE, with his family, left the camp-ground Monday, June 4, for California, his future place of labor. For four years Eld. Santee has faithfully served as president of our Conference; and now that the General Conference has called him to another field, the earnest prayers of all will follow him. At Marshalltown, where he has resided, the church will deeply feel the loss which this change brings.

—BEGINNING with the June number the *Life Boat* will contain a series of articles on "True and False Divine Healing." Address orders to Missionary Department of Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines. For terms see article by the editors in another column.

—A NUMBER of the brethren and sisters improved the opportunity of visiting the Sanitarium before returning to their homes from camp-meeting.

—*Words of Truth Series* No. 24, entitled "Ownership and Tithing", should be read by every Seventh-day Adventist. Price  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent per copy.

## TRUE AND FALSE DIVINE HEALING SERIES.

At the very time when God is sealing a people for translation, there are springing up in various parts of the country numerous so-called divine healers and organizations, and a class of literature for the propagation of these ideas. We are naturally expecting a more and more marked display of God's power among his people as we approach the end, and many are raising inquiries in reference to these manifestations. The only way to avoid the spurious is carefully to study, under the guidance of the Spirit of God, the truth in reference to this subject.

A leading feature of the *Life Boat* for the next few months will be a consideration of the principles involved in this question. For the trifling sum of ten cents this paper will be sent to any one for the next four months, and for twenty-five cents, one year. Reader, are you prepared to meet the inquiries that your neighbors will be sure to make of you sooner or later in reference to these questions?

EDITORS LIFE BOAT.

## CANVASSING REPORT FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING JUNE 1, 1900.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Phebe Vosburg.....	24	8	\$ 8.00	\$2.00
L. Alton June.....	46	32	34.00	2.00
Arthur Rhoads.....	16	6	6.00	.50
Mrs. Arthur Rhoads.....	14	3	2.25	.70
H. B. Tilden.....	48	30	30.00	3.90
Mrs. H. B. Tilden.....	15	5	5.00	2.25
Louis Manfull.....	42	23	23.00	.75
Carrie Wallace.....	18	6	6.50	4.25
Karl Bauer.....	82	36	36.00	4.50
O. N. Conklin.....	6	2	2.00	2.15
Cora M. Davis.....	24	3	3.00	1.50

### DESIRE OF AGES AND COMING KING.

\*O. C. Markel.....114 36 \$81.00 \$15.10

### COMING KING AND GREAT CONTROVERSY.

J. P. Gaede.....63 17 \$22.25 \$4.50

### DESIRE OF AGES AND PROPHECIES OF JESUS.

Lewis Hilliard.....38 9 \$17.50 \$5.50

### DELIVERIES.

	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
Lewis Hilliard.....	3	\$5.00		
J. P. Gaede.....	8	8.75		
Carl Bauer.....	1	1.00		
Carrie Wallace.....	1	1.00		
O. N. Conklin.....	1	1.00		
Mrs. H. B. Tilden.....	4	4.00		
H. B. Tilden.....	4	4.00		
Mrs. Arthur Rhoads.....	3	2.25		
L. Alton June.....	2	2.00		
Phebe Vosburg.....	2	2.00		

### SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	14
" " orders.....	216
Value of ".....	\$196.50
" " helps sold.....	\$ 49.80
Total value.....	\$246.30
Value of deliveries.....	\$ 31.00
* Three weeks.	