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OTTUMWA CAMP-MEETING.

Our third local camp-meeting this fall was held in South Ottumwa, to which place the tent company moved from the north side of the river the week before. Heavy rains and cool weather threatened the success of the meeting; yet, notwithstanding all this, a fair representation of our people were present, especially the last of the meeting. Elds. Jones and Bollman did a large part of the speaking, and the Lord gave power to his word. The events now so eagerly watched by all the world throw about the yet unfulfilled word of prophecy a halo that is of the deepest interest to all those who love His appearing. Dr. David Paulson spent one busy day in passing from the Nebraska meeting. The Doctor has lost none of his characteristic zeal in the work of reform to which his life is dedicated. Many bore cheerful testimony that the meeting was the richest experience of their lives. And may this meeting be an impetus to the work in this part of our State.

Brethren and sisters, the time is nearer than when we first believed. Shall we awaken? Shall we arise and shine? The work in Ottumwa is gradually increasing, and bids fair to be permanent and bear fruit for the soon-coming kingdom. E. E. GARDNER.

THE OUTLOOK.

THE work is fast closing. Signboards pointing to avenues by which the mark of the beast may be enforced, and the decree go forth that all who will not worship the beast nor receive his mark shall be put to death, are rapidly multiplying. How it thrills one to stop a moment and consider what these things really mean,—“a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation.” However, God’s people are to be delivered. Then, are *we*, our kinsfolk, and our neighbors, God’s people? If the two latter classes are not, have they been faithfully warned of the approaching crisis? And if they have not been warned, are *we* God’s people? Ought not our watchword to be, “Every man to his work, each to do his best”? But, unless we soon honor this watchword, it will never be honored; for Satan is fast hedging up the work, and soon those who have “prized victory and salvation enough to perseveringly plead and agonize for it,” will have been gathered out.

We all desire a part in this work of gathering out God’s people, and an opportunity to help is now before us. The World’s Outlook Number of the *Signs* is gotten up especially to warn the world of its coming doom, and is expected to reveal just what its name indicates, the outlook that is before us. Dear reader, you can help in reflecting the light of God’s Word to the world, by assisting in the circulation of this number. Will you do it? The paper will be ready for delivery November 1, and you should plan at once to do all you can to get it before the people. Prices are as follows: Single copy, 10 cents; 5 to 20 copies, 5 cents; 25 or more copies, 4 cents.

W. E. P.

FROM COLORADO.

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Iowa: It is not on account of a lack of interest in old Iowa that I have been silent so long in the BULLETIN, but because my time has been so filled with work for the Lord in Colorado. My health was never better than this year. For this I truly thank the Lord. I have been over a large portion of this State and also in New Mexico, which is under this Conference. The Lord has blessed the work by giving the increase to the seed sown, gathering in precious souls for his soon coming kingdom. Mrs. Richards, Harold, and Kenneth are also well. We all are glad to have a part in God’s closing work, and are determined by the “grace of our Lord Jesus Christ” to be found at our post when the King comes. What a glad day that will be for the faithful! I want to see you all there without the loss of one. “‘Twill not be long.” How rapidly events are now shaping for the last move on earth’s chess board! Probation must soon close. We have but a short time in which to finish the work the Lord has given us to do, and it is even in our power to hasten the time of his coming. See 2 Pet. 3:11, 12 (margin); and Matt. 24:14. When this gospel of the kingdom is preached in all the world for a witness *then*,—not one hundred, or fifty, or even ten years later,—but “then shall the end come.” God give us the enthusiasm with which to send it to earth’s remotest bounds, and forbid that by our neglect we should have to die in the wilderness, almost in sight of Canaan, when with a strong pull all together we might within a very few years be over the last hill and in the kingdom of God, with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and our beloved Master. “It is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our sal-

vation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand."

The Colorado camp-meeting this year was held at Harman, a suburb of Denver. There was a good attendance, although not quite as large as last year, on account of the fact that the Conference will be held separate from the camp-meeting this year as an experiment. It will convene at Boulder during the holidays. The camp-meeting was one of the best ever held in the State. While there was some outside help, the home ministers took the burden of the work; and the people from all over the State heard their own ministers, and knew that God was with them. This, I believe, is as it should be. As Eld. J. M. Rees goes to Missouri at once to preside there, Eld. G. F. Watson was chosen President for the remainder of the Conference year. There were a goodly number of former Iowa people at the meeting. We are quite at home in Colorado now. God's people are the same everywhere. We have also become greatly attached to the mountains. I hope it may be my privilege to be with you at your next annual camp-meeting. The one held this year was the first Iowa camp-meeting I have missed in fourteen years. I could hardly stay away, and am planning to be there next time if the Lord wills. With Christian love to all, I am,

Your brother in the work,

H. M. J. RICHARDS.

Loveland, Col., Sept. 24.

SHALL WE STUDY THE MESSAGE?

"O, how few know the day of their visitation! How few, even among those who claim to believe present truth, understand the signs of the times, or what they are to experience before the end. . . . Among the people of God there is blindness of mind and hardness of heart, although God has manifested inexpressible mercy toward us. . . . The Lord God of heaven would have the *entire church* devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of truth. To-day there are a few who are heartily serving God. The most of those who compose our congregations are spiritually dead in trespasses and sins. They come and go like the door upon its hinges. For years they have listened to the most solemn, soul-stirring truths, but have not practiced them. . . . The people have listened to too

much sermonizing."—*Home Missionary Work.*

"The great danger with our people has been that of depending upon men, and making flesh their arm. Those who have *not been in the habit of searching the Bible for themselves*, or weighing evidence, have confidence in leading men, and accept the decisions they make; thus many will reject the very messages God sends to his people, if these leading brethren do not accept them."—*Gospel Workers.*

"A revival in Bible study is needed throughout the world. Attention is to be called, not to the assertions of men, but to the Word of God. . . . The study of God's Word is to take the place of the study of books that have led the mind away from the truth."—*An Appeal for Missions.*

"We must study the truth for ourselves. No man should be relied upon to think for us, no matter who he is."—*Gospel Workers.*

"Times that will try men's souls are just before us; and those who are weak in the faith will not stand the test of those days of peril. . . . The great truths of revelation are to be *carefully studied*; for we shall all want an intelligent knowledge of the Word of God. . . . The Christian is required to be *diligent in searching the Scriptures*, to read over and over again the truths of God's Word. Willful ignorance on this subject endangers the Christian life and character. . . . Our people need to understand the oracles of God; they need to have a systematic knowledge of the principles of revealed truth, which will fit them for what is coming upon the earth, and prevent them from being carried about by every wind of doctrine. . . . In the Scriptures thousands of gems of truth lie hidden from the surface seeker. . . . Every day you should learn something *new* from the Scriptures. Search them as for hid treasures, for they contain the words of eternal life."—*Testimony No. 32.*

Dear reader, can you read these lines and not feel that the Spirit of God indited the plan for the Reading Circle? In view of the warnings and admonitions contained herein, can you afford to persuade yourself that it has been introduced among us only as a fad, and that it is not at all necessary that you spend your time with it? Consider these things carefully, prayerfully. The great day of God is just before us, in which we shall have to give account for all our neglected privileges and opportunities. What shall we answer when called to render our account? DELLA WALLACE.

FIELD REPORTS.

GRANDVIEW.

KNOWING our brethren and sisters are interested in our work and workers, I send in a brief report. Bro. C. Rentfro, who is canvassing and visiting and assisting with the music at the tent, and I are now alone in the work here. Bro. Iden is at Ottumwa working with the special number of the *Good Health*, and Bro. E. H. Adams and Miss Anna McDonald are at their homes on account of sickness.

Our attendance is not as large as it was, although from thirty to fifty attend each evening yet, but the interest is good. I have just spoken three times on the Sabbath question, once on consecration, and once on temperance. As yet, none have expressed any feeling as to the truth, but a number are studying; thus, we hope for some fruit from this place. Remember the work here in your prayers. U. P. LONG.

GRAND JUNCTION AND MINBURN.

WE closed our second series of meetings at the first named place Sept. 23, having continued about a week. Affairs were such that it seemed advisable to pitch the tent there a second time. One of the leading ministers had spoken against us, misrepresenting our work very much. There seemed to be a desire on the part of some to hear the other side of the question again. To us the prospects for a good attendance seemed quite promising, but in this we were disappointed. We trust, however, that some good was accomplished by the second effort. Two persons expressed their intention of living up to the light that has shone upon them from God's Word, and we trust that one or two others will eventually decide to yield obedience. These, with the two families already there, will meet for Sabbath-school. Rarely do we see a more united and determined effort on the part of ministers to oppose the truth. Every minister in town turned against us. Mention was often made of us and our work in their prayers, that God might deliver them from the terrible calamity that had befallen them, and that this awful delusion might be sunken in the bottom of the sea. But for all this, the truth has some friends there; and though we did not see the desired results, we endeavored to do faithfully our part, trusting in God for the increase.

One week ago to-day we came to Minburn, and commenced meetings on Friday evening, with a good hearing. The people seem very kindly disposed, and we believe there are some sincere souls here who long for the truth. Our prayer is that we may be able in some way to reach them. We feel the need of God's help and guidance much. Though the work moves hard at times and darkness surrounds us, we rejoice in the hope of the gospel, and are glad to know that soon darkness will be displaced by eternal light. When the tempests of this life are over, may we, with God's faithful of all ages, enter that rest prepared from the foundation of the world.

J. S. HART,
WM. J. JOHNSON.
A. W. JOHNSON.

Oct. 3.

THE Bible has an answer to every question of the inquirer, to every fear of the doubter, to every quibble of the skeptic. You and I have only begun to study the Word of God. It is a great mine. We have been picking up nuggets on the surface. Let us make it our companion, the man of our counsel, the strength of our life. Let us live in its atmosphere, saturate our memory with its riches, stake out our life on its promises. Two things are to lead a recreant, wayward, wandering church back to God, and prepare it for the greatest revival of human history,—the study of the Bible and the baptism of the Holy Ghost—the Spirit and the Spirit's sword.—*Sel.*

THE BOOK WORK.

ARISE, SHINE!

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you, in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 2 Cor. 5:20.

These words set forth the Sacred character of the work of God. Those who are connected with any branch of God's cause should have a realization of the importance of the work they are doing, that unto them is committed the sacred work of representing God to the world, of imparting the knowledge of his divine character, so that the rebels against his government may learn to know him and to be reconciled to him.

Especially do we as canvassers need to realize that this work is the work of God, and that we are laborers together with him. The work of many canvassers bears testimony to the fact

that they do not appreciate the importance of the work they are doing. They make it secondary to their own interests. They work two or three hours a day and two or three days a week, and some weeks not at all. They skip from one place to another in search of better territory, and are easily discouraged if they meet with difficulties or the work seems to go a little slow, and finally they drop out altogether. Then they announce that the canvassing work is a failure, or that they are not qualified for that work. The latter is probably true, but the principal qualifications lacking are thorough consecration and push. Such half-hearted work does more harm to the cause of God than all the books they have sold will do good; for it has a tendency to discourage others who would enter the work. . . . The Lord says: "The canvassing work is an important field for labor, and the intelligent, God-fearing canvasser occupies a position equal to that of the gospel minister." . . . "We have no time to lose. The end is near. The passage from place to place to spread the truth will soon be hedged with dangers on the right hand and on the left. Everything will be placed to obstruct our way, so we shall not be able to do that which is possible to be done now. . . . Soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine. God help us to keep in the channel of light, to work with our eyes fastened on Jesus our leader, and patiently, perseveringly press on to gain the victory."

Is it not time, dear fellow canvassers, that we institute a radical reform in our work in this respect?—Is it not time that we devote our lives unreservedly to this work, and go at it in sober earnest?—*F. E. Painter, in Key-stone Gleaner.*

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 28, 1900.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Nelle Schoberg.....	14	2	\$ 2.00	
Susan Huskell.....	20	7	7.00	\$1.45
Arthur Rhoads.....	10	5	5.00	
COMING KING AND LADIES' GUIDE.				
Mrs. Arthur Rhoads....	19	8	\$13.50	\$1.50
BIBLE READINGS AND COMING KING.				
O. C. Haughsted.....	29	5	\$12.00	\$2.25
DELIVERIES.				
	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
Harriett Fuller.....	1	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50	
Paul Curtis.....	69	94.50	13.00	5
Mrs. Arthur Rhoads.....	5	5.00		

SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	7
" " orders.....	27
Value of ".....	\$ 39.50
" " helps sold.....	\$ 31.70
Total value.....	\$ 71.20
Value of deliveries.....	\$103.00

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

REPORT OF OTTUMWA CAMP-MEETING SABBATH-SCHOOL.

At 8:30 A. M., Sept. 29, the officers and teachers were in their places, ready to welcome their pupils. Miss A. Helen Wilcox acted as superintendent of the senior division, and No. 242 of the Hymnal was sung to open. Led by Eld. B. E. Fullmer, all hearts were then lifted to God for his blessing upon the school.

Eld. Frank Washburn occupied a part of the time for the general review by offering some valuable thoughts on the importance of studying the principles upon which scripture is based. The grand underlying principle in this case is righteousness by faith in Christ, rather than by compliance with the requirements of the law, or justification by works. When we receive Christ, we receive by faith justification in all its fullness, and this is the only possible way to fulfill the requirements of the law. Eld. C. P. Bollman spoke on the subject of Missions, giving an interesting sketch of the history of Sabbath-school donations, the surplus first having been used by California to open the work in Australia. To this effort was largely due the establishment of the work in that field. About twelve minutes were spent in class recitations.

In the primary division, Mrs. E. E. Gardner acted as superintendent, and conducted the review. There were six classes, and all the little ones seemed interested.

No. present in senior division.....	97
" " primary ".....	38
Officers present.....	3
Teachers ".....	19
Donations.....	\$6.00

MRS. EVA SHIVELY, Sec.

DR. TRUMBULL tells us that "Two classes of persons, however, ought to attend Sabbath-school whenever they can do so; they include all who can learn anything from the Bible, and all who can teach its truths to those who need to learn them. The only persons who would fairly seem to have no place in the Sabbath-school are those who can neither teach nor learn."

"THE difference between the good and bad does not depend on their circumstances, but on their nature. Tares and wheat grow in the same field."

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—ELD. J. W. ADAMS met with the church at Sharpsburg last Sabbath.

—BRO. GEORGE EBEL has returned from the West, and is now at Waverly, Iowa.

—BRO. AND SISTER A. W. JACOBS have recently removed from Fontanelle to Sharpsburg.

—SISTER R. S. CARTER, of Afton, spent a few days with relatives in Des Moines last week.

—DR. MARY FREDERICK went to Springfield, Illinois, last week, to visit her mother, who is seriously ill.

—BRO. J. W. DORCAS spent a few days in Des Moines, en route from Ottumwa to the Exira camp-meeting.

—BRO. CARL BAUER, having finished a successful book delivery in Delaware county, returned to College View, last week.

—ALL donations for the Haskell Home and James White Memorial Home should be forwarded at once to the Missionary Department Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

—ELD. E. E. GARDNER was called to Pilot Mound Friday to conduct the funeral of Sister Una Cartwright's little daughter Laura. An obituary notice with particulars will be given soon.

—ELD. B. E. FULLMER and wife visited at Marshalltown following the Ottumwa camp-meeting, going from there to Iowa City, where Bro. Fullmer resumes his medical studies at the University.

—ELD. F. A. WASHBURN has returned to Iowa City, to continue his course in the medical department of the University. Eld. C. A. Washburn is also there at present, and their address is 825 Davenport St.

—ELD. C. F. STEVENS returned to Des Moines Sunday evening, having spent the Sabbath with the Glenwood church on his way from College View. He left Sister Stevens much better again, and apparently improving.

—IN addition to the *Missionary Magazine*, which is indispensable in the study of the lessons on the field, the *Missionary Map of the World* is a valuable aid. The price of this map is 75 cents. *Missionary Magazine* one year and map, \$1.15.

—THERE was a full attendance at the Des Moines quarterly meeting last Sabbath, although the weather was quite threatening. We were especially glad to have several of the non-resident members again unite with us in the ordinances of the Lord's house. Bro. and Sister Gust Johnson, of Colfax; Sister E. Knox, of Guthrie Center; Bro. Hoyt Beaman and daughter, of Churchville, were among those present from out of the city.

—IN our plans to contribute to the different needs of the cause let us remember the annual collection for the International Tract Society. This call comes only once a year, the October fourth-Sabbath collection having been set aside for this purpose. This is the only regular means of support for the Society, and we are earnestly requested to make our offerings this year especially liberal.

—DR. AMELIA ZIPH has been recommended by the Medical Missionary Board to make Iowa her field of labor, and will be in attendance at the Exira camp-meeting.

—BRO. AND SISTER PEEKE, who are at Colfax for a time, participated with the Des Moines church in quarterly meeting services last Sabbath.

—MRS. F. W. PATTERSON, of this city, accompanied her mother, Mrs. Connelly, of Corydon, to Ft. Dodge the last of last week.

—BRO. WALTER SHAVER, formerly of Alexander, is now engaged in the Sanitarium Bakery at College View, Neb.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

MRS. FANNIE FENTON, of Udell, entered for treatment last week.

MRS. A. H. DESBRO, of Oyer, Missouri, came Friday evening for medical aid.

MISS LAURA GILBERT has left her work here, to spend a short time in needed rest.

W. L. LELAND, a member of the State Pharmacy Board of Examiners, of Hewarden, was numbered among the patients last week.

BRO. LOUIS JACOBSEN, of the nurses' class, returned last Friday accompanied by his aunt Mrs. Jacobsen, of Shelby, who comes as a patient.

BRO. AND SISTER B. GILLIS, nurses from the Battle Creek Sanitarium, who have been recommended by the Medical Missionary Board to connect with the Iowa Sanitarium, arrived here the first of the week.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Tithes received from July 1 to September 30, 1900.

Adel	\$147.53	Ladoga	32.30
Afton	48.14	Libertyville	19.62
Algona	65.68	Lisbon	28.38
Atalissa	26.90	Macksburg	11.50
Atlantic	63.27	Maquoketa	11.42
Audubon	28.54	Marshalltown	68.72
Albaton	26.74	Massena	27.65
Alexander90	Milford	59.15
Birmingham	24.50	Modale	25.99
Benton	3.00	Monroe	13.00
Biadensburg	14.37	Mt. Pleasant	143.20
Blencoe	32.41	Muscatine	78.65
Brighton	36.00	Nanson	54.63
Bonaparte	4.00	Nevada	229.71
Boone	59.55	Olin	11.40
Beaman	57.50	Osage	21.24
Brooklyn	8.58	Osceola	25.22
Burlington	60.60	Oxford	29.10
Castana	18.45	Onawa	21.72
Croton	2.30	Parkersburg	68.60
Confidence	1.95	Perry	12.38
Coon Rapids	35.10	Pilot Mound	38.08
Council Bluffs	131.30	Pulaski	34.65
Clarinda	16.25	Providence	28.00
Columbus Junc.	18.60	Red Oak	32.00
Davis City	19.80	Riverton	55.00
Davenport	59.47	Ruthven	247.44
Delmar	9.71	Russell	45.12
Des Moines	320.95	Rockford	7.00
Dubuque	41.17	Sandyville	153.82
Dunlap	16.75	Shelby	40.00
Darbyville	90.63	Sheldon	41.15
Eddyville	27.70	Sharpsburg	33.03
Elk Horn	73.21	Sigourney	46.20
Estherville	57.70	Sioux City	130.41
Eureka	42.13	Smithland	51.65
Exira	111.50	Storm Lake	31.92
Fairfield	29.00	Sutherland	28.00
Fontanelle	100.35	Spencer	6.00
Forest City	15.00	Traer	24.36
Floyd	6.60	Urbana	45.46
Glenwood	42.71	Village Creek	17.59
Grant City	48.00	Vinton	3.70
Graettinger	79.20	Waukon	9.75
Grinnell	22.00	West Grove	8.82
Harlan	37.00	Weston	37.25
Hartley	194.49	West Union	56.67
Hawkeye	96.16	Wilton	24.13
Harvard	2.65	Winterset	53.78
Iowa City	22.88	Winthrop	19.60
Iowa Falls	12.30	Woodburn	63.23
Jacksonville	134.10	Individual	85.60
Kelley	29.64	Total	\$5,276.79
Knoxville	111.62		

C. F. STEVENS, Treasurer.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

WANTED.—Now, a S. D. Adventist hand to husk corn. Address Box 37, Woolson, Iowa.

APPOINTMENTS.

BURLINGTON,	Oct. 11—14, 1900.
Muscatine,	" 18—21, "
Wilton Junction,	" 22, 23, "
Davenport,	" 25—28, "
	H. NICOLA.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

WINTERSSET, Oct. 20, 21, 1900.
A full attendance is desired, also reports from those too far away to be present. Eld. L. F. Starr is expected to be with us.

A. J. STIFFLER, Elder.