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### THE NEW YEAR.

ANOTHER year with its opportunities and privileges is gone—gone forever. Another year of waiting, duty, trial, and danger opens upon us. Shall we rejoice? or shall we weep? There is a word which we suggest for the occasion. It is *Jesus*. Jesus now, Jesus always, Jesus forever, should be the earnest determination of every heart. Yes, let everyone sing, "Hosana, Hosana in the highest!" Why?—Because the past has not been our perdition; because the present has for us an open offer of salvation; because the Saviour in his Word and ordinances still comes near to us in our unworthiness, to absolve us from the bonds of guilt, to kindle in us the life of faith, and to make us children of God and heirs of glory. Had God been strict to mark and reward our failings and sins, none would be here. Justly might God have taken the offer of salvation back, on account of our poor appreciation of it, and the cold manner in which we have at all embraced it.

At the beginning of the new year does our hope enter into that "within the veil; whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus"? Have we joined the procession of those whose faces are toward the city of our God? That procession has been moving steadily on through ages and dispensations, through seas and wildernesses, through blood and fire, with eyes

fixed on the city whose builder and maker is God. The pillar of cloud is moving on toward the goodly land. Shall we not fix our daily expectation on the coming of our Lord? Let none say, "My Lord delayeth his coming." Have we not had enough of earth's tears, aches, sicknesses, and strife, to wish them done with forever? Have we not seen enough of death, poverty, toil, and care, to be content to witness a speedy end of them? Are the joys, and crowns, and princedom of immortality so worthless that we should seek to put off and hide from us the day that is to bring them to us? Is our religion after all so frail a thing that faith must dread to take the very blessedness for which it prays and hopes? He says, "Surely, I come quickly." To which his redeemed respond, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

"Far down the ages now,  
Much of her journey done,  
The pilgrim church pursues her way,  
Until her crown be won.

"No slacker grows the fight,  
No feebler is the foe,  
Nor less the need of armor tried,  
Of shield, and spear, and bow.

"Thus onward still we press,  
Through evil and through good,  
Through pain, and poverty, and want,  
Through peril and through blood.

"Still faithful to our God,  
And to our Captain true;  
We follow where he leads the way,  
The kingdom in our view."

L. F. STARR.

### OUR SANITARIUM.

MANY are desirous of knowing what our Sanitarium is accomplishing in a spiritual way. Though we have done no advertising up to the present, except to give notice of its opening, the prices, etc., yet a goodly number have been treated, and God has richly blessed the work. A number have already been turned to the Lord,

though it has not yet been open three months. Two have been treated who were past recovery when brought, neither of whom were professors, and they have both died happy in the love and truth of God. The first,—Brother Lahym,—told me that he had never heard a sermon that had moved him a particle. Saved by the one means left to save him! Who can not thank God for this? One was baptized in a bath tub. A young man who was given up to die was brought there who had never known the love of God, but he was blessed every day of his stay. He was cured, and told me that he now has everything to praise God for. Others have had experiences as bright. One lady who was brought to the Sanitarium, given up by a council of physicians to die, was cured, and before she went away said, "I am going to keep the Sabbath." Brethren, you can with assurance point the afflicted of every faith and of no faith, to our Iowa Sanitarium. One old physician who assisted in an operation, said that hereafter he would point his patients to our Sanitarium. Our nurses and helpers are Christians, and God is with them.

In pushing the work to get in readiness to receive the sick, we have thought it best to contract a debt rather than to wait. This, until paid, will hinder our charity work. We hope that the Lord will move upon hearts, to donate means to place this institution entirely out of debt. Then it can do a greater work for the afflicted poor. Our Sanitarium is reaching a class that our laborers can not, and by the blessing of the Lord it can do the work of many laborers.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

"ONE of the largest rooms in the world is the room for improvement."



## "WHAT GOD HATH WROUGHT BY US."

Report for Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1899.

No. of societies.....	121
" " members reporting.....	747
" " letters written.....	819
" " letters received.....	450
" " Bible readings held.....	980
" " subscriptions for periodicals.....	206
" " periodicals distributed.....	22,079
" " pp. reading matter distributed.....	166,603
" " missionary visits made.....	2,349
" " hours spent in Christian help work.....	3,221
" " persons supplied with clothing.....	509
" " " " " food.....	470

Thirty-four isolated members and four Sabbath-schools reported directly to the State society. It is all included in the above report; but thinking many might be interested to know what these isolated ones are doing, we give their report: 39 letters have been written and 16 received, 6 Bible readings held, 9 subscriptions obtained for periodicals, 1,101 periodicals and 9,529 pages reading matter distributed, 103 missionary visits made, 29 hours spent in Christian help work, 8 persons supplied with clothing, and 34 persons with food.

We hope for an increase in the reports of Christian help work. This cold weather will cause much suffering among the poor. Are we watching for opportunities to relieve their distress, and thus open the way to sow the seeds of truth in their hearts? Can we not spend at least one hour each week searching out these destitute, suffering ones, remembering the commission to "Go out into the streets and lanes"? The Lord will surely bless each effort put forth.

## FEED THE FLOCK.

1 PETER 5: 2 tells us to feed the flock. God does not say that he would like to have us feed his sheep, or that we may if we so desire, but it is a direct command from him to elders and ministers. Then persons thus set apart should remember that they have received a command from God; and negligence in regard to so plain a duty is, to say the least, very dangerous. Peter had the promise, if faithful, of a crown of glory. He was with Christ and saw his suffering, and is able to give advice in this matter.

But how can the elders and leaders feed the church unless they themselves have been fed? They need to understand the nature of food. It would not do to feed calves and lambs the same kind of food with which the older animals are fed. Jesus wanted Peter to understand this. He tells him, "Feed

my sheep." Then he says, "Feed my lambs." Abraham, Jacob, and Job were men who had large flocks and herds. Do you think they would have become so wealthy had they not understood their business and then attended to it? These men were successful in raising stock because they attended to their animals, and saw that they had plenty of good food. We may learn lessons from them in many ways. "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind." They are not to lord it over the flock, but to be ensamples to it. An elder should be an all-around man. He should see that the church is properly fed. One way to feed them is so to instruct the members that they can feed some one else. A live church is a working church. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." There must be a growth, and we grow best by working.

Another way to feed the flock is for the minister or elder to visit the members, reading from the Bible and praying with them. How much good it has done the writer to receive such a visit. Not long ago I heard an officer in the church say that there were over fifty in their church that they knew nothing about. Some one had neglected his duty. In the earlier days of the cause they visited more. I fear we are backsliding. It seems we ought to be as much in earnest as other churches; but we are not. When the Chief Shepherd shall appear, may we all receive a crown of glory, is the prayer of the writer.

S. M. HOLLY.

## OUR CHURCH SCHOOLS.

THE number of scholars attending church schools in Iowa at the present time is about two hundred. We have heard from nearly all; and, while the teachers feel the need of wisdom from above in this sacred work, they are of good courage. We think the attendance good, and already there are evidences of blessings resulting from this year's work.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

THERE is no limit to the usefulness of one who, by putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God.—*Desire of Ages, page 250.*

## FIELD REPORTS.

## COUNCIL BLUFFS.

It has been some time since the work in this place has been reported. This is not for lack of interest, however, for the work goes steadily forward. Eld. Luther Warren is conducting a series of meetings in the Odd Fellows' Temple, one of the finest and most centrally located halls in the city. Many who attend are interested, and we hope for good results. The brethren and sisters work nobly in circulating the invitations to the meetings, and thus meet the people where they are. We are looking forward to the week of prayer for an especial blessing, as we lay aside our worldly affairs and seek the Lord diligently for his blessing upon old and young. We begin to appreciate the fact that the "coming of the Lord hasteth greatly," and that to be ready for that important event means *work—unselfish work.*

This is a large field, and it remains for Jesus' disciples to preach the gospel to every creature as a witness. I am anxious to have an active part with my brethren and sisters in this good work. Our school is prospering. The children manifest a love for the work in which they are engaged, and generally the parents fall into line in assisting the teacher by their co-operation. That the Lord may bless and keep us all in the love of the truth is my prayer.

B. P. SHILLING.

Dec. 21.

## OBITUARY.

AKINS.—Died near Greencastle, Iowa, Nov. 15, 1899, Charles Freddie, son of Charles and Jennie Akins, aged 3 years and 11 months.

Little Freddie was called away at an early age. His death, which was caused by diphtheria and membranous croup, was very sudden and unexpected. His parents, five brothers, and one sister mourn the loss of a bright and cheerful little son and brother. Though they are sad and lonely without their loved one, and miss him sorely from their midst, they realize that even in this trial the blessed hope can cheer their hearts. On account of sickness in the family, no services were held; a few words of comfort were spoken at the grave by an Evangelical minister.

"As the sweet flower that scents the morn,  
But withers in the rising day,  
Thus lovely was this infant's dawn,  
Thus swiftly fled its life away."

JAMES AND LUCY WEIEN.



**THE BOOK WORK.**

**A BURDEN FOR THE WORK.**

MANY should lay plans to enter the Lord's work at an early date. . . . Some say they know they ought to do something for the Lord, and that when they pray, the canvassing work presents itself before the mind. Is not this evidence that the Lord wishes you to engage in this work? . . . We read, "All have a part to act in the closing work of the message." Should we not pray earnestly until we know what our special work is? And when the Lord does indicate, will we ask to be excused? Sometimes our friends and even our brethren may say we are mistaken. Sometimes we have opposition from members of our own family; but if the Lord is speaking to us, that should settle all controversy.

Again let me ask, Is the Lord calling you to enter the canvassing work? If so, do not delay, but begin preparation at once. Some of those who have succeeded in years past have heard the call ever since quitting the work. Will you hold back until the Master says, "Ephraim is joined to his idols; let him alone"? Your destiny will then be fixed. Think on these things, brethren.—*C. A. Pedcord, in California Missionary.*

**FROM THE CANVASSERS.**

BRO. AND SISTER TILDEN write from Maunkato, Minn., that they expect to return to Iowa the first of February, and are planning to attend the school. They testify as follows: "The Lord has blessed us much during the past season, giving us many bright experiences, which have been a source of encouragement. It is indeed good to work for and with the Saviour. We are thankful that it is our privilege to have a part with those who labor for the advancement of the gospel of our Lord in the earth."

PEARL D. BASCOM in speaking of recent experiences says: "I have found a strong prejudice in the towns worked this fall, but the few who have opened their hearts to receive truth were in readiness for their books. My prayer is for power from on high, to arouse the people to a realization of the solemn times in which we live."

MISSSES SUSAN AND MARY HASKELL write from Garwin: "We are well and of good courage in the Lord. You may look for us at the school, to prepare for another year's work."

BRO. L. HILLIARD writes from Algona: "I praise the Lord that he has helped me to get twenty-five more of these good books into the hands of the people, that they may investigate the truth for this time. It has been quite awhile since I last reported, but I have not been idle. I have sold about 230 of the *Harvest Signs*. I have some more papers and copies of the *Good Health* to sell, and then I expect to take orders for books again."

BRO. J. S. FRY, of Montezuma, says: "The Lord blessed in my delivery. I sold two extra books and a number of helps. So many of the people were glad to get their books. I can not leave home to canvass any more this winter, but am working with 'Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation' among my neighbors, while preparing to attend the school."

BRO. AND SISTER ARTHUR RHOADS are still at Charles City; and although they have not for a time been actively engaged in canvassing, they still feel that this is their special line of work. They write, "We are of good courage, knowing that we have a Leader who never fails."

MISS CORA COUNTRYMAN is at her home in Eldon. Her health had of late been failing, but she writes that she is now feeling better. She says: "I am of good courage in the Lord, and am trusting him to guide me. I am expecting to attend the canvassers' school."

"WITH God go over the ocean; with-  
out him, not over the threshold."

**CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK  
ENDING DEC. 22, 1899.**

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
<b>THE COMING KING.</b>				
Oscar N. Conklin.....	11	2	\$2.00	\$1.50
Mrs. H. B. Tilden.....		2	2.00	2.00

<b>MISCELLANEOUS.</b>				
H. F. Lamb.....	23	15	\$46.75	

<b>DELIVERIES.</b>				
	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
H. F. Lamb.....		\$29.10		0
Lewis Hilliard.....	25	43.50	\$6.50	7
P. W. Atkinson.....	24	23.00		0
Mrs. Arthur Rhoads.....	15	15.00	11.00	2
Cora B. Countryman.....	31	32.00	17.00	9
Pearl D. Bascom.....	14	14.75	8.00	3
H. B. Tilden.....	12	12.00	8.50	5
Mrs. H. B. Tilden.....	6	6.00		0
Oscar N. Conklin.....	1	1.00		1
Mrs. R. J. Coutant.....	16	9.00		0
T. P. McReynolds.....	47	20.75		0

<b>SUMMARY.</b>				
No. of agents.....				11
" " orders.....				19
Value of ".....			\$50.75	
" " helps sold.....			\$55.10	
Total value.....			\$105.85	
Value of deliveries.....			\$207.30	

**THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.**

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

**ENTHUSIASM.**

THERE can be no good work accomplished without enthusiasm. . . . A sense of duty may lead us to work in the Sabbath-school, but there will be little blessing or success in it, unless we are enthusiastic. Enthusiasm is marked by deep earnestness, in short, a passion for souls; therefore cultivate the acquaintance of those who have this spirit. Talk it and pray for it together, until the fire of enthusiasm is created in your hearts.

The success of our school work is measured by what becomes of our junior scholars. Do they become senior members? Do they give their hearts to Jesus and join the church? If so, all is well. . . . The lessons must be studied alone in your room with the whole class before you in imagination. It is with individual souls you have to do, not with the class; and the Lord will enable us to teach with such wisdom and earnestness that each will receive the truth they need to save them.—*D. Speed, in New Zealand State Paper.*

**AUDUBON SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION.**

WE held our third convention in the church at this place, with a good attendance of our own people. The Exira school was well represented, and kindly assisted in the program. The Lord blessed us wonderfully, and all were agreed in saying that this was the best convention we have yet held. Two sessions were held. Eld. E. G. Olsen was with us in the afternoon, and gave us a splendid talk on the "Relation of the Sabbath-school to the Church." We find that the two are as closely related as the right arm and the body. The papers were all good; the singing and recitations by the little folks were well prepared. The order throughout was as befitted the Sabbath day. Many new points were discovered, and now we hope to be able to "forsake the old paths" since we have found the new. We hope for the prayers of our sister Sabbath-schools, that we may make the school here at Audubon worthy of His name.  
WALTER FREDERICKSEN, *Sec.*

**TO SABBATH-SCHOOL SECRETARIES.**

PLEASE do not forget to enclose with your report the money due from your school for *Sabbath School Workers* for 1899. FLORA V. DORCAS, *State Sec.*



## Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, JAN. 2, 1900.

—"LIVE right, and God will see to it that you die right."

—MRS. A. C. SHERIDAN, of Center-ville, visited friends in Des Moines last week.

—ELD. C. F. STEVENS spent Sunday at the Sanitarium, going from here to Knoxville.

—MR. AND MRS. W. M. ADAMS were with the church at Sigourney during the week of prayer.

—MRS. MINNIE OLSEN, of Kelly, returned home yesterday, after a week's treatment at the Sanitarium.

—ELD. D. P. GAEDE, having returned from the German workers' meeting, spent last Sabbath with the Dumfries church.

—WE were glad to meet Mrs. S. A. Fitch, of Thayer, who is in the city for a short stay at the home of her daughter.

—ELD. J. W. ADAMS, who accompanied Bro. Stevens on his tour among the churches, returned last Friday. His daughter Olive is improving.

—DR. A. N. LOPER, of College View, spent a couple of days in Des Moines last week, attending a Medical Association which convened in this city.

—BRO. L. M. BARTON, of Hebron, came to the Sanitarium to have an operation performed, and returned in two weeks, relieved of his trouble.

—MISS JENNIE JOHNSON, of Knoxville, was among the teachers in attendance at the State Association meetings held in this city last week.

—REPORT blanks have been mailed to all our missionary secretaries, also to the Sabbath-schools where there are no local organizations. Any failing to receive these should write to the State Office.

—MISS MARTHA LENZ, who has been visiting her parents at Oelwein, visited her sister Minnie at the Sanitarium a couple of days last week. She went to Sioux City Thursday, to connect with the work there.

—BRO. ORLO GIFFORD and O. A. Thomas, of Charles City, came to the Sanitarium Dec. 20, the latter returning in a few days, and the former having an operation performed the 24th for chronic appendicitis. He is recovering nicely from the operation.

—THE list of Iowa subscribers for the *Review* now numbers about 850. Only two States have a larger number of subscribers,—Michigan and New York. And yet we find that there are many of our people in the State who are without the *Review*. We wish that every one might realize the value of this our church paper. From those who appreciate its real worth come such testimonials as this: "I have enjoyed the weekly visits of the dear old *Review* ever since 1860, without the loss of one copy. None but the lonely ones know how cheering these visits are. It grows better and better as the years come and go. I can not see how any Seventh-day Adventist can miss its weekly visits." Another in renewing her subscription says: "Before I would do without it, I would do without enough meals to pay for it, and then get it." The statement that no Seventh-day Adventist can afford to be without the "dear old *Review*" can not be made too emphatic. Are there not others who are willing to deny themselves of physical food, if necessary, in order to partake of the rich spiritual feast each number would bring to them?

—BRO. MARTIN HENRICKSEN, of the nurses' class, enjoyed a visit last Thursday from his brother Ludwig, whom he had not seen for thirteen years. Bro. L. Henricksen is a laborer from the Scandinavian Conference, and has been soliciting aid in Iowa the past few weeks for the publishing house in Christiana, Norway.

—MARRIED.—Mr. John E. Johnson and Miss Alma C. Johnson, both of Des Moines, were united in marriage at the home of Bro. Gust Johnson, Dec. 25, 1899, Eld. R. H. Habenicht officiating. The BULLETIN extends congratulations, and wishes for this young couple increased usefulness in the Lord's work.

—BRO. P. L. HOEN, formerly an Iowa worker but who has been in Michigan of late, has been invited to connect with the mission in Sioux City in the interests of the Scandinavian work. Sister Hoen is holding a church school at Ames. Their address is Ames, Box 68.

—THE address of Bro. J. W. Damon is now Ritzville, Washington. From a recent letter we learn that his health is rapidly failing of late.

—BRO. L. P. JACOBSEN, of the Sanitarium Bakery, spent the holidays with home friends at Shelby.

—MRS. M. E. GRAHAM and daughter Anna, of Leighton, came to Des Moines last week, to attend the week-of-prayer meetings, and to obtain medical aid. Little Anna had one tonsil removed.

—A CALL is made for reading matter for the depot racks at Davenport. Copies of the *Review* and *Signs* are especially desired. In sending address Mrs. M. J. Newby, 22 Grand Court, Davenport, Iowa.

—SEVERAL in writing to this Office testify to the marked manifestation of the Spirit of God in their meetings during the week of prayer. We hope to receive reports from our different churches and companies for publication. This will be a source of encouragement, and serve to keep our brethren and sisters throughout the State in touch with each other and the message for to-day.

### APPOINTMENTS.

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

Milton Junction,	Jan. 3, 4,	1900.
Muscatine,	" 6, 7,	"
Iowa City,	" 12-14,	"
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.

### QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

ALEXANDER, Jan. 6, 1900. Sabbath-school will be held at 1 P. M., and meeting at 2 P. M. The ordinances will be celebrated, and all members are requested to report.

JOHN DIRKSEN, *Elder*.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Jan. 6, 7, 1900.

This will be the most important meeting we have ever held, because of the importance of our times. Come, brethren and sisters; if you can not come, do not neglect to report by letter. Pray the Lord to awaken us to our condition, and help us not to be deceived. Yours in the Master's work,

B. P. SHILLING, *Elder*.

### BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

BIBLES.—I have quite a stock yet on hand, and as long as they last will sell them at very low prices. Send at once for descriptive price list. Address C. H. Tyrrell, Storm Lake, Iowa.