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## TRUE HAPPINESS.

WOULDST thou be happy? Take an easy way:  
Think of those round thee, live for them all day;  
Think of their pain, their loss, their grief, their  
care,  
All that they have to do, or feel, or bear;  
Think of their pleasure, of their good, their  
gain;  
Think of those round thee,—it will not be vain.  
—Selected.

## THE DISTRICT MEETING.

THERE are many things connected with this meeting which I know would be of interest to our Iowa brethren and sisters. Up to this time (Friday) Eld. Haskell has been confined to his room by ill health. This has been a great disappointment, but we believe that God will bring good out of even this. The instruction by Sister Haskell has been largely upon the different lines of truth, showing that all center in the sanctuary. Our hope truly is anchored to "that within the veil." Eld. Irwin has confined his labors mostly to reading recent Testimonies. The Lord witnesses with his Spirit to these lessons. I have often thought, How good it would be if all our brethren and sisters could be here. We intend to bring a few clusters of the grapes back with us.

We have an Iowa workers' meeting every morning from eight to nine. This time is spent in seeking a closer relation to God, in planning our spring work, and in general counsel. Last evening an Iowa reunion was held for

all our students in Union College, with the Iowa laborers present, and some of our brethren who were stopping there. I know that the parents of these one hundred and ten students would have thanked God to have heard the tender, cheering testimonies borne, expressing their thankfulness to God for his love. There are a few yet who do not realize the love of God; but the faithful ones have covenanted with the Lord to help them by greater faithfulness in word and act. The Lord give them strength. There were about two hundred gathered at this reunion. The division of labor for the spring will be decided this morning. May the Lord give wisdom.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

## FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Friends in Iowa: Nearly a year has passed since I came to Washington and began my labors here. During all this time I have been greatly blessed, and have also rejoiced to learn through the BULLETIN of the progress of the cause in Iowa.

We have some very earnest workers here. I have worked mostly among the colored people, gathering in the children and telling them of Jesus' love; also among those who though older are young in the faith, and anxious to gain every ray of light possible, that they may impart it to others. I greatly enjoy instructing them; they are so grateful for help, and it is truly inspiring to witness their zeal and the results of their labors. One sister who could not read, carried the charts to the homes of those she had served, giving from memory the texts; and as they read the Word, she gave the applications. She is now learning to read and spell at a night school. God blesses these efforts; many are converted and saved through them. In

September there was added to my other responsibilities that of teacher of the newly organized church school. The anticipated difficulties were all realized; and forgetting my nothingness and the all-powerful assistance awaiting our demand and reception, anxiety and overwork caused a sudden and complete prostration. Then I saw my error, sought forgiveness, and rested with perfect confidence upon God. His blessing attended every effort of physician and nurses, so that their seasons of prayer were turned to praise and joy. In three weeks I was free from disease, and one by one I am taking up my duties with confidence in God's power to care for his own, and a quiet peace and rest I never fully realized before. I now have charge of the church school, also one night school, where the parents study reading, spelling, arithmetic, and healthful living. We meet every Friday evening for the Berean study, and feel greatly benefited by it.

The BULLETIN is a great comfort to me, so far away. I rejoice to hear of God's blessing among you. The field is one, but how sad it is that more is not accomplished. Still God is waiting, and there is yet a chance left for those who will awake from their sleep and watch and pray during this last hour. May none of the dear ones in Iowa be of the number that fail to be ready. Pray for me, that I may grow in grace and let Christ live in me to his glory. MRS. S. J. WENTWORTH.

"KINDNESS is the music of good-will to men, and on this harp the smallest fingers may play Heaven's sweetest tunes."

"DURING the whole time Christ was on earth only one person gave enough to attract his attention."



## FIELD REPORTS.

### MOUNT PLEASANT CONVENTION.

This meeting was held Jan. 25-28, for the consideration of such topics as most concerned the officers of the local churches and Sabbath-schools in their work. The churches and companies at Pulaski, Libertyville, Ottumwa, Burlington, and Ft. Madison were each represented. The evenings were occupied by preaching services, and the days were devoted to convention work, which was different from the usual manner of conducting general meetings, and gave an opportunity for the local workers to take part more than if all the time were given to talks by the Conference workers present. This we believe is a good plan, as it develops talent by giving more a part. Friday was devoted to a consideration of the Sabbath school work; Sabbath, to the organization and duties of the officers of the church; and Sunday, to the missionary work. The thought of the two ways, the right and wrong, and the importance of learning the right way, was brought out by Eld. Washburn in the opening sermon Thursday night; the importance of order in all lines of the church work was emphasized by the first paper Friday morning on "Order in the Sabbath-school;" the importance of organization was beautifully brought out by Eld. Morrison Sabbath forenoon; and the fact that all *true* missionary work must begin at home, was emphasized in the paper on "Home Missionary Work" read Sunday morning. If all of the members, and especially the officers of our churches, will seek to learn and walk in the right way, in that order which is the first law of heaven, thus making possible a perfect and powerful organization, which shall begin to work like Christ at home, and reach out until all of the world is reached with the message for to-day, the Lord's work will certainly go forward with great power.

The topics considered other than those mentioned were: The object of studying the Sabbath-school lessons, and how to study them; proper distribution of teachers, and how to produce them; the relation the Sabbath-school sustains to the church; duties of church officers, elders, deacons, clerks and treasurers; what is the limit of the official capacity of each? how much power has God conferred upon church officers? how far should

the church hold them in respect because of their office? what is the meaning of laying on of hands? the missionary secretary; the missionary Reading-Circle; and the foreign missionary work.

The Conference workers present were Elds. J. H. Morrison, C. Santee, Henry Nicola, C. A. Washburn, Bro. W. M. Adams, Carl Jensen, and Sister Jessie L. Adams. The local workers who led out in the work were: C. W. Smouse, Merric Vaughn, A. E. Van Syoc, J. V. Vaughn, Mary Van Syoc, A. L. Hoyt, Alma Nelson, Cora E. French, E. Delta Vaughn, and S. U. Bosworth.

The Spirit of God was certainly present as a teacher. We feel it was indeed a profitable meeting, and many so expressed themselves.

S. U. BOSWORTH.

### RUTHVEN CHURCH SCHOOL.

KNOWING that you are interested in educational work, I will tell how God has blessed us at this place. December 5, 1899, I commenced teaching a family school with three pupils. The members of the Ruthven church are so scattered that the children can not all meet in one place, and there was no prospect of securing a room in which to hold school. But as I went to church and saw the children and youth in the Sabbath-school, my heart went out for them, knowing that schools should be provided for them. Some of the parents seemed anxious to get their children out of the public schools, but the way seemed hedged up.

Knowing that God never tells his people to do that which is impossible, we went forward praying, working, and trusting God to open up the way, which he did. A room was offered us, and the first of January we opened a school in Ruthven with twelve pupils. The school in Ruthven is held during the forenoon, the pupils preparing their lessons at home. A school of seven is held in the country during the afternoon. Thus nineteen children and youth in all are attending the schools.

The direction of God has been plainly seen. We have met difficulties, and as one was removed the next step had to be taken by faith; but God has not disappointed us. It is his work, and it must succeed. We as teachers and pupils should let him guide and we follow. One mother said that she could see that the Spirit of God was

working upon the hearts of her boys since they had entered the school. Another stated that her boy said that he would never again go to any but a church school. One young lady from the high school said that we do not have the convenience of the public schools, but it is so much nicer. One mother, in speaking of her child, said she could see a marked change in the home life. My heart is full of praise to God for having led me out of public school work into the school of God, where we may all be taught of him.

EMMA BEAMAN.

### WINTHROP.

WE have been greatly blessed the past two weeks in having Bro. Wm. Guthrie with us. We feel to praise God for the words of truth that he gave us. Our very hearts burned within us as the word was presented to us so forcibly and plainly, and we all feel strengthened to go forward. Several were deeply moved, and we hope and pray that they will have the courage to come out on the Lord's side. One started to serve the Lord, for which we feel to praise God. May the seeds that have been sown here be blessed, that others may accept the truth.

CELENA STONEMAN.

March 4.

## OBITUARY.

FESSLER.—Died at Sac City, Iowa, Feb. 20, 1900. Mrs. Caroline Fessler, wife of David Fessler, aged 65 years and 30 days.

Deceased was the mother of Sister Clara E. Bair, who made her home with her, and was a great comfort to her during her last sickness. She leaves four other children, all married. She embraced the Sabbath truth three years ago, and died in full confidence of sins forgiven. Her final sickness began the first of last December, which at first was stomach and bowel trouble, but later developed into dropsy, by reason of which she was unable to lie in bed and was compelled to sit up constantly during the last six weeks, until death relieved her intense suffering. The *Sac County Democrat*, mentioning her death, says of her: "Mrs. Fessler was a lady whom all of her neighbors held in high esteem. She lived a long and useful life, beloved by all who knew her; and died with an abiding faith that death is but a dreamless sleep, from which the just will be joyously awakened when the Saviour again appears on earth to



claim his own." Services were conducted in the Cedar M. E. church by the writer, in the presence of a large and attentive audience.

C. PELMULDER.

SHEPHERD.—Died Feb. 19, 1900, Francis O. Shepherd, aged 63 years, 5 months, and 16 days.

He removed from Ohio to Van Buren county, Iowa, in the spring of 1839. In early life he became a member of the M. E. church; but united with the S. D. Adventists through the efforts of Eld. L. McCoy in 1878, in which faith he died. He was bedfast about four years with rheumatism, but endured his afflictions and pain with grace and great patience. His cheerful disposition and hope and faith in his Redeemer, of which it gave him pleasure to speak, were always a source of encouragement to all who came in contact with him. We feel confident that a servant of the Lord has gone to receive his reward with those who will have part in the first resurrection. His character and life were pure and upright. He leaves a wife, one son, and three daughters, with many friends, to mourn.

L. J. SCHMIDT.

## THE BOOK WORK.

THE restless millions wait

That light whose dawning maketh all things new;

Christ also waits, but men are slow and late.

Have we done what we could? Have I? Have you?

A cloud of witnesses above encompass us;

We love to think of all they see and know.

But what of this great multitude in peril,

Who sadly wait below?

Oh, let this thrilling vision move us

To earnest prayers and deeds unknown;

That souls redeemed from many lands may join us,

When Christ brings home his own.

—Selected.

## THE CANVASSING WORK.

Too much can not be said in regard to this important branch of the work. The Spirit of God has again and again appealed to us, that men and women should take hold of this work and carry it forward. The statement is made that where there is one canvasser in the field to-day there should be one hundred.

"The work is a good one, the object high and elevating. It is more important than many have regarded it; and as much care and wisdom must be used in selecting workers as in selecting men for the ministry." It is very necessary that workers should be

taught. "God has committed to each of us his sacred trusts, for which he holds us accountable. He desires us so to educate the mind that we may be able to accomplish the greatest good, and reflect the glory to the Giver. He who gives himself to so sacred a work should bend all his energies to its accomplishment. Every other consideration should become secondary to this great object."

The work before us is great. The world is asleep, and we should lose no time in heralding these truths. "We want faithful Calebs who will raise their voices fearlessly in defence of right, who are the first to press into the front of the battle and plant the banner of truth in the heart of the enemy's camp."

Jesus calls for men and women who will volunteer to co-operate with him in this work. God would have us balanced in judgment and character. We should cultivate ourselves on all points. "Canvassers need self-culture and polished manners, not the affected and artificial manners of the world, but the agreeable manners that are the natural result of kindness and a desire to copy the example of Christ."

As we go from house to house, carrying the truth to the very doors of the people, many times they will not appreciate our work, or see its importance. The unseen Helper is by our side, and as we cherish this thought that Christ is to be our companion, a holy awe, a sacred joy will be felt by us amid all the trying experiences we pass through. "No joy can equal the assurance of being an instrument in the hand of God for saving souls."

"Those who unreservedly give themselves to this work, who faithfully reflect the beams of the Sun of Righteousness, fulfilling their mission with fidelity and love, will be recompensed on earth by the sweet consciousness of duty performed; and in the bright hereafter, when the saints shall come into their inheritance, the devoted worker for Christ will be welcomed into the joy of his Lord, hearing from the Master's lips, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'"

MARY L. HASKELL.

REPORT for week ending March 2: Lewis Hilliard (Prophecies of Jesus), 21 hours, 8 orders, value \$13.50; value helps \$4.50; 3 books delivered, value \$5.25. R. W. Church (Miscellaneous), 16 hours, 8 orders, value \$2.00; 6 books delivered, value \$2.50.

## THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

### HOUSE-TO-HOUSE WORK.

"It is the work of the Christian teacher and scholar to make earnest efforts, that the ranks of Christ may be continually increased, to invite every soul to stand under the blood-stained banner of Prince Emanuel." "One grand lesson must be taught to the children, and that is that they must be free from every particle of egotism and bigotry. Teach them that Christ died to save sinners, and that those who are not of our faith are to be labored for with great tenderness and forbearance; for their souls are precious in the sight of God." "Parents and teachers should manifest the tenderest interest and sympathy for those who are not believers in the truth." "Parents who can be approached in no other way, are frequently reached through their children. Sabbath-school teachers can instruct the children in the truth, and they will, in turn, take it into the home circle. But few teachers seem to understand the importance of this branch of the work."

These quotations from the Spirit of Prophecy are but a few of the many that show so plainly that we should be doing a work in our Sabbath-schools for those not of our faith. But how can we help them in our Sabbath-schools unless they or their children attend? It is plain that we must "gather" the people into our schools? How?—By going to their homes, and with an earnest, tender spirit inviting them to come. If our schools are what God wants them to be, souls will be drawn to the light and truth found there. The people will then say, "We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you." Zech. 8:23. It was with the hope of reaching some of those who are ready to receive the truth, that the officers of the State Association sent out to all our schools the letter suggesting a plan for work to begin at once. The plan is simple, and can be used anywhere and by anybody. It is just, Go to these friends and neighbors and bid them come in. We hope every school will receive new members as a result of the effort. Do not delay, but begin at once. Pray the Lord to direct you to those who need your help. "God expects his servants to do their best." Will you do it? MRS. J. L. A.



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—MISS OLIVE JOHNSON, of Knoxville, visited at the Sanitarium last week.

—BRO. J. M. WHITNEY, of Nevada, was a welcome visitor at the Sanitarium the first of the week.

—MRS. L. C. PETTENGILL and daughter, of Polk City, attended services at the Des Moines church last Sabbath.

—ELD. E. E. GARDNER was called to Grant City Sunday, to conduct the funeral services of Bro. C. Pelmulder's baby.

—WARREN GRAHAM, of the Des Moines Sabbath-school, went last week to Battle Creek, Mich., where he has secured a position in connection with the Sanitas Nut Food Co.

—ELD. P. A. HANSEN called at the Sanitarium Monday, going from here to visit the Parkersburg church. He expects to return for a meeting of the Conference Committee the latter part of the week.

—WE are sorry this week to disappoint those who have been following Bro. Jacobs in his trip over the Oakwood Farm. We promise the children that they will be entertained by another day's visit next week.

—MISS CHRISTINE HENRICKSEN, of Milford, visited her brother Martin at the Sanitarium over Sabbath, on her way to Marne, where she will keep house for another brother, while his wife prolongs her stay at the Sanitarium.

—BRO. L. F. TRUBEY, Wm. Guthrie, J. H. Wierds, P. L. Hoen, N. C. Bergersen, Chas. Heald, Sister Nellie Knapp, and Bro. and Sister Hawkins stopped in Des Moines, Sunday night, on their way from the District Meeting to their fields of labor.

—AMONG other recommendations made at the District Meeting was that Eld. B. L. Dieffenbacher make Dakota his field of labor, and that Sister Minnie Beaman go to North Carolina. Sister Lizzie Carter is to take up the work at Creston laid down by Sister Beaman.

—BRO. J. M. CARTWRIGHT and family, of Pilot Mound, are moving to Colorado, with the expectation of locating there. Sister Cartwright visited her sister, Callie Charlton, here at the canvassers' school for a few days, going the first of the week to join her husband at Boulder.

—WE are prepared to fill orders from this Office for the Educational Number of the *Signs*. The subjects considered in this issue ought to commend it especially to every parent and teacher. We note a few of the headings: Wanted.—An Education That Will Educate, by A. T. Jones; Holy Writ the Basis of Education, by Prof. E. A. Sutherland; The Position and Responsibility of a True Educator, by Mrs. E. G. White; Christian Education, by Mrs. S. M. I. Henry. The "Flag Salute" is also considered, the opinion of a number of leading educators having been obtained on this and other questions relative to the religious side of education. Prices: Single copy, 5 cents; 5 copies, 15 cents; 10 copies, 25 cents; 25 or more, 2 cents each.

—SISTER HENRY's latest tract is now ready. It is No. 3 of the *Religious Liberty Library*, and was prepared by Sister Henry only a short time before her death, for circulation especially among the members of the W. C. T. U. No. 3 contains the publisher's preface, prefatory note by Sister Henry, report of the Seattle W. C. T. U. convention, comments on the doings of that convention by the editor of the *Review*, an article on Sunday laws by Dr. A. H. Lewis, a Seventh-Day Baptist, and a fitting conclusion by Sister Henry. Single copy, 4 cents. Order of your Tract Society.

—THE health foods manufactured at the Sanitarium Bakery seem to be giving universal satisfaction, if we may judge from testimonials given. Such words of commendation as the following are frequently received: "Your goods are first-class, and just what they are represented to be. We could not do without them."

—BRO. C. H. TYRRELL, of Storm Lake, would be pleased to correspond with any one knowing of a few acres of land near town, suitable for poultry culture, with comfortable buildings, at reasonable terms.

—MRS. S. A. RIDDLE, of Prairie City, visited friends at Des Moines a couple of days last week, improving the opportunity of taking a few treatments at the Sanitarium.

—ELD. H. F. PHELPS, of the Minnesota Conference, visited his son and family in this city Monday.

—DR. R. H. HABENICHT went last Tuesday to attend the District meeting at College View.

—"TEMPERANCE is self-control."

## SUPPLIES DONATED TO THE SANITARIUM.

WADENA, 8 pillowcases, 5 sheets; Urbana, 1 quilt; Oskaloosa, 6 pillowcases; Mrs. Trenk, Dubuque, 1 bedspread, 2 towels, 2 pillowcases; Bro. Pines, Boone, 1 doz. brooms, 6 whisk brooms; A Friend, 2 comforts, 1 quilt, 2 pillowcases, old linen; Mrs. Hattie Cleary, 1 pillow, 2 pillowcases; Mrs. S. A. Riddle, 1 jardiniere.

## NOTICE.

IN answer to many inquiries, and in order to remove what seems to be widespread misapprehension, the undersigned desires to say that neither himself nor any person connected with the Sanitarium, the Sanitarium Health Food Co., the Sanitary Supply Co., or the Sanitas Nut Food Co., is at the present time, or has been at any time, connected with a firm advertising under the name, "Kellogg Sanitas Co."  
J. H. KELLOGG.

## THE SANITARIUM FUND.

THE following cash donations have been received on the Sanitarium fund since the last report:—

Mrs. Ada Nelson.....	\$75.00
Jas. Peterson.....	50.00
Jas. Johnson and wife.....	50.00
Robert Douglass and wife.....	42.00
Rasmus Axelson.....	25.00
C. A. Dorcas.....	25.00
Alma Nelson.....	25.00
Olga Nelson.....	25.00
C. A. Hansen.....	10.00
A. A. Bopp.....	10.00
Kirk England.....	10.00
A Friend.....	5.00
Soren Hansen.....	5.00
Christine Henriksen.....	5.00
J. T. Rogers.....	5.00
Nettie Larson.....	5.00
W. S. Boeten.....	5.00
Phebe Vosburgh.....	3.00
Mrs. E. H. Ballard.....	2.00
C. J. Buhalts.....	2.00
Matilda Larson.....	2.00
A Friend.....	1.00
A. Baker.....	1.00
Mrs. Ada Shaver.....	1.00
A Friend.....	1.00
A. B. Chandler.....	1.00
A Friend.....	1.00
Hartley S. S.....	.30
Winterset (Furnishing Room).....	30.00

## BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

FOR SALE.—A horse and buggy cheap. A suitable outfit for a canvasser. For further particulars address John Anderson, Ruthven, Iowa.

WANTED.—Employment on a farm with S. D. Adventists. Will work one month for \$17.00. Then if I suit, and satisfaction is given, will hire rest of season, or part if preferred. Address B. A. Taylor, Cambridge, Story County, Iowa.

WANTED.—A home for a baby girl one year old, bright and intelligent, with long brown curly hair and brown eyes. The father has deserted her, and her mother has consumption. Both mother and child are in the poorhouse. References required. Address Joseph Herman, Mineral Ridge, Boone Co., Iowa.