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OUR SUFFERERS.

ONCE more I will call attention to our afflicted poor. I am deeply stirred by the piteous calls that are coming in so frequently for a place on one of our endowed beds, either at Battle Creek or College View. Those who apply are too poor to get the benefit of treatment at our institutions, and as life is ebbing slowly away, this is their only hope. The larger per cent by far seem to be from mothers who, if they die, will leave a family of orphan children. Brethren, I know not what to do. The Conference has endowed ~~one~~ at each Sanitarium. Each bed means one patient. We could keep more there if we had the means, and yet only endow one bed.

I do not think that it would be just to call for another donation at present from all, but will say that if there are those who will send in personal donations to our tract society secretary, we will gladly use every cent received, to aid these suffering ones. Unless we have the means, we must close our ears to these calls. Are there not some who would consider it a privilege to furnish means with which we can send a few more of those who have been waiting for months for their turn? One who waited a long time is not waiting any longer. She is dead. I would gladly respond to more of these calls, but cannot. I leave this matter with you. The donations you send will be sacredly used to aid the most deeply afflicted.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

UNAPPROPRIATED: NOT WASTED.

"FULL many a gem of purest ray serene,
The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear;
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

There are, doubtless, many who feel that their own lives illustrate the words of the poet. These persons have natural and acquired abilities with which the Lord has endowed them, and for the use of which, as talents, the Lord will hold them accountable.

Reader, let me inquire, Did you ever experience such feelings? If so, it may be well to consider what efforts you have made, or are now willing to make, to put these talents, whatever they may be, upon the world's market where they may fall into some exchanger's hands, from whom you may hope to receive usury or increase. How is it concerning the talent of pure, ennobling thought? You may say, "My soul feasts daily on the precious thoughts of God." Well, then, why let them remain as the hidden gem, or as the flower which blooms unseen by mortal eyes? True, the lustre of the gem is imperishable, and the fragrance of the beautiful flower has not been lost to its Maker. Their intrinsic worth and loveliness are beyond the estimation of human ken; but, as a part of the Creator's handiwork, each has an individuality of its own, and as articles of exchange among the created intelligences of earth, their apparent value would be enhanced, if brought into use. Thus it is with the talents with which one and all of us may have been endowed. Thoughts unexpressed, words unspoken, and lives lived selfishly,—all as lights under a bushel,—add nothing to the common fund of helps from which the world's great need must be supplied. Therefore, let the pure soul-ravishing thoughts of heaven and God which gladden your soul, materialize in words; and, spoken or written, send them forth for the joy and comfort of others.

In this time of peril, when through discouragement some are manifesting indecision, speak some word of hope and good cheer which, to the faltering one, will be as a message from heaven to "Go forward."

In this age of lifeless creeds, dead works, and moral darkness, be as a beacon from which, in your life, the light of the cross of Christ will radiate, shining brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. Thus your talents will be appropriated, and in the reckoning day you can return them with increase.

"Think truly, and thy thoughts shall the world's famine feed;
Speak truly, and each word of thine shall be a fruitful seed;
Live truly, and thy life shall be a great and noble creed."

A. ALLEN JOHN.

BEYOND THE ROCKIES.

BE assured that our long silence is not because we have no interest in the work in the Hawkeye State. Our prayers and sympathies are with all the people of God, especially those with, and for, whom we labored so many years. We are always pleased to receive the BULLETIN, and we read with interest the reports of our former fellow laborers.

We rejoice in the blessings bestowed upon us in this field; and while the work does not move as rapidly as in some other parts of the great vineyard, we are glad to report progress in all the different lines of work embraced in the third angel's message. New ones are added to our number every quarter, and many more are becoming interested in the present truth. The missionary societies are taking a deeper interest in the circulation of our literature, especially the *Signs of the Times*. The Salt Lake society pays for a club of one hundred, and other churches take smaller clubs, besides using copies sent by friends in Iowa and Michigan. We can make good use of all S. D. A. pub-

lications sent us, especially the *Signs*. We have been favored in our services at Salt Lake City with the presence and help of Bro. and Sister King, of Storm Lake, Iowa. It is encouraging indeed to see the veterans in the cause of God still faithful and earnest in the service of the Master.

If there are families established in the truth living in some of our large churches in Iowa, or any other State, who desire to be self-supporting missionary workers, and are contemplating moving to some of the needy fields, we would be pleased to correspond with them. There are thousands of acres of ground in Utah now untilled, that can be secured on reasonable terms, and if properly treated will produce fine fruits, grains, and vegetables. We assure those of our people living in large churches, and bearing but limited responsibilities in the cause, if they will come to this field, and by earnest labor and sacrifice assist in building up companies newly come to the faith, that God will certainly bless them, and that their Christian experience will be more satisfactory to themselves and the cause of God.

The senatorial contest now in progress is agitating the religious elements in this State. It is evident to those who are but slightly acquainted with the situation that there is a distinct division with bitter feelings in the dominant church. One in good standing in that church remarked to the writer a few days ago, that if certain steps that now seem inevitable are taken by the authorities in the church, there will be the greatest apostasy ever known in the church. The principles of religious liberty are discussed quite freely in the daily papers of this city. We hope that much good will come out of the present agitation, and that many will see the true principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ and accept them. In your devotions, please remember the work and workers in this field.

J. M. WILLOUGHBY.

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OUR WORKERS AT SCHOOL.

WE have a comfortable location, and are enjoying some of the privileges afforded here at College View. Our time is taken up largely with studies and other duties; nevertheless, our minds wander back to friends and fellow laborers in Iowa. Time is fleeting, and it will not be long until we will be back in the field again. We have often wished that more of our young people in Iowa were availing themselves of the privileges offered by our school. No young person will regret having spent one or more years in Union College.

We have been favored by the presence of Eld. J. H. Darland, who spoke twice on Sabbath, January 16. We were forcibly impressed with the plain, searching truths presented. The greatest desire of our hearts is to be more like Jesus. We desire the prayers of God's people, that we may receive a baptism of the Holy Spirit, and be witnesses for the Master in localities where the truth for this time has not been proclaimed. Time is short. May the reader and the writer be found among the earnest, praying ones who will gain the victory over sin and death.

L. F. STARR.

I HAVE seen a little plant beneath an oak tree, sheltered from the storm and wind and rain, and it felt pleased and happy to be so screened; but I have seen the woodman come with his axe and fell the oak, and the little plant has trembled with fear because its protection was removed. "Alas! for me," it said, "the hot sun will scorch me, the driving rain will drown me, and the fierce wind will tear me up by the roots." But, instead of these dreadful results, the shelter being removed, the plant has breathed freer air, drunk more of the dews of heaven, received more of the light of the sun, and it has sprung up and borne flowers which else had never bloomed, and seeds that never else had sown themselves in the soil. Be glad when God thus visits thee, when he takes away these overshadowing but dwarfing comforts, to make thee have a clear way between thee and heaven, so that heavenly gifts might come more plentifully to thee.

—C. H. Spurgeon.

FIELD REPORTS.

LISBON.

THE little company here have for years been faithfully endeavoring to hold up the light of truth, but for some time no special effort has been put forth to reach the people. A request was made for ministerial labor, and in response to this call, Bro. B. L. Dieffenbacher came, and began meetings Dec. 3. The attendance was small at first, but both attendance and interest steadily increased, until at the close of the six weeks' series the house was nearly filled. The truths presented fearlessly, earnestly, and in an attractive manner, were accompanied by the power of God. The best of attention was given, and many were deeply interested. Some of the ministers from other churches were present at times. The pastor of the largest church in this place attended one of the Sabbath services, taking part in the prayer and social service. He said that he would be

recreant to his faith if he did not "testify to the presence of the Lord among this people." He said that he was glad that the brother had come among us, and prayed that the Lord would bless his efforts. The next day at his own church he announced the meetings, and invited his congregation to attend. As a result of the meetings the church is greatly encouraged and strengthened, and several new ones are keeping the Sabbath. Many others are convinced, and some say they will obey. A number of children from outside are attending the Sabbath school. Pray that the Lord may complete the work to his own honor and glory.

Mrs. M. E. BOGGS.

IRVINGTON, KOSKUTH COUNTY.

I AM still holding meetings at this place, with a fair interest, and will continue a while longer if the use of the house is not prohibited. The Presbyterians are doing all they can to hinder the work. There were no S. D. Adventists at this place when I came. The Lord has blessed the work here. We have a Bible study Sabbath afternoon at 2:30, which is quite well attended. A few have decided to keep the Lord's day. We will soon organize a Sabbath school. Although there has been great opposition by some, the truth has found favor with the majority of the people. I am of good courage in the Lord, knowing that he is well able to carry forward his own work, and call out all the honest in heart from the ways of sin and death to righteousness and life.

HENRY JOHNSON.

Jan. 22.

LEVEY, POLK COUNTY.

MEETINGS at this place began Dec. 13, 1896. This is a little country place, about six miles south-east of Des Moines, on the C. B. & Q. Ry. Services are held in the schoolhouse. There is no church building here. We are now considering the Sabbath question, and there seems to be a desire to hear on this subject. Six have commenced to keep the Sabbath. The mother of one of these, who was here on a short visit and heard one discourse on the Sabbath question, told her daughter when she left that the seventh day is the Sabbath, and that she was going to keep it. If we let the light of truth shine, no one can tell how far its rays may penetrate, or how many may be led homeward to the "Father of Light." We have regular Sabbath school at 2:15, with a good attendance. We are of good courage, and expect that God, who has begun this work, will carry it through to its completion.

F. A. WASHBURN.

C. T. ADAMS.

OBITUARY.

SMOUSE—Died at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, of consumption, Dec. 12, 1896, Mrs. Cora Smouse, aged 33 years, 2 months, 25 days.

Her maiden name was Cora Van Syoc. She was converted at the age of twenty-two, uniting with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Mt. Pleasant in 1886, and was united in marriage to David H. Smouse Jan. 5, 1887. She leaves her husband, three children, a father, mother, and brothers and sisters, with many friends, to mourn. Her husband took her to Colorado, hoping that her health might be restored. After remaining there three years without avail, they returned to Mt. Pleasant last spring. She was ever ready to help the needy and sacrifice for the cause. We feel that the church has sustained a loss in her death, but she rests in bright hope of having a part in the first resurrection. A short time before her death, she repeated Rev. 14:13, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord," saying, "That is the text for my funeral sermon." The writer conducted the funeral services, using the text above named as a foundation for remarks.

"Sweet be thy rest;
No more we may greet thee
Till with the blest
In heaven we meet thee."

C. A. WASHBURN.

DARNER.—Died Jan. 11, 1897, Thomas A. Darner, aged 25 years and 28 days.

T. A. Darner was born in Iowa Co., Iowa, Dec. 3, 1871. He made a profession of religion in his fifteenth year, and united with the Seventh-day Adventist people. He was married March 20, 1895, to Olive B. Sheffield. He leaves his wife, parents, two brothers, and four sisters, to mourn. His death resulted from the accidental discharge of a gun in his own hand, which shattered one of his lower limbs. Amputation was performed, but death claimed him a victim about eleven hours after the accident. His personal friends and acquaintances recognize that his daily life and conduct was in harmony with his profession, and in the midst of their sorrow his relatives rejoice that he had a living faith and hope based on the word of God. The remains were buried in the People's Cemetery, and services were held in the Methodist church, conducted by S. S. Davison, assisted by Eld. Bryan, of the Woodward M. E. church. The discourse was an answer from the Scriptures to the question in Job 14:14, "If a man die, shall he live again?"

E. S. SHEFFIELD.

"GREAT troubles, like the waves of Galilee, grow quickly calm when Jesus says, 'Peace be still.'"

THE BOOK WORK.

OUR SCHOOL.

THE school opened with twenty-eight in attendance. Others joined later, and we expect still others soon. We are now all settled and prepared for study. Eld. Santee is giving some precious lessons on the Word of God and the Spirit of Prophecy, and we feel that these are just what we need. God has blessed us thus far, and we believe that his blessings will increase as we take to our hearts his truth.

We are thankful to our brethren who have sent us in provisions so freely. We have just received a shipment from Bro. Shively and Neal of over twelve hundred lbs. I know that God will bless the brethren at Woodburn and Osceola, who have shown their faith by their works. I trust that all will uphold us by their prayers.

The following are the names of the students enrolled thus far: Peter Lindahl, H. B. Tilden, F. F. Johnson, H. G. Miller, W. L. Manfull, Louis Manfull, D. Johnson, Chris Wildfang, D. M. Traill, J. N. Cross, Burton Church, J. F. LaLone, J. M. Knight, Jay Strite, Fred Bunnell, A. C. Nelson, John Mitchelltree, R. K. Emmons, G. J. Olson, Art Rhoads, Minnie Beaman, Lottie Knight, May Chitty, Lizzie Carter, Mamie Beaman, Susan Haskell, Mary Haskell, Lulu French, Belle Rame, Ida Church.

S. A. HILL.

WORKERS together with God, you are empowered by the Lord to take others with you into the kingdom. You are to be God's living agents, channels of light to the world, and round about you are angels of heaven with their commission from Christ to sustain, strengthen, and uphold you in working for the salvation of souls.—*Home Missionary Work.*

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 15, 1897.

PROPHECIES OF JESUS.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.
J. N. Pitsenberger, Adel,	20	9	\$16.25

MISCELLANEOUS.

H. C. Carmichael, Cedar Rapids,	2	1	\$.50
Una Cartwright, Pilot Mound,	2	3	1.20
E. A. Mitchelltree, Cincinnati,	19	1	.50
H. G. Miller,	5	6	1.60

DELIVERIES.

	Books.	Value.	Lost.
Cathinka Henriksen,	23	\$41.75	6
Christine Henriksen,	16	31.00	1
Iva J. Turner,	14	6.65	0
J. N. Pitsenberger,	2	3.50	0
E. A. Mitchelltree,	5	1.10	0

SUMMARY.

No. of agents	8
" " orders	20
Value of "	\$20.05
" " helps	\$5.55
Total value,	\$25.60
Value of deliveries	\$84.00

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

THE Sabbath School Convention held in connection with the meeting at Mt. Pleasant, Jan. 12—17, occupied two days,—Friday and Sunday. Two sessions were held each day. Many good thoughts were presented by Eld. Clarence Santee on the "Object of the Sabbath School Work," and by Eld. C. A. Washburn on the "Duties of the Superintendent." Papers were read by different members of the Mt. Pleasant school on the following topics: "Appointment of Teachers," "The Study of the Lesson," "Teachers' Meetings," "Duties of Teachers," "How Parents May Help the Sabbath School." The local workers taking an active part in the convention were Bro. S. U. Bosworth, J. V. Vaughn, C. W. Smouse, and Sisters Leila Smouse and Anna Rhoads. The papers read were very instructive, and drew forth some excellent thoughts in the discussion. This gave to all a deeper meaning to this important branch of the work. We hope the time will come when such conventions may be held where the workers in different schools may come together for counsel. "In the multitude of counselors there is safety." The resolution of appreciation introduced at the close was heartily supported.

Representatives from the schools at Salina, Pulaski, Salem, and Denmark were present. We wish that others also might have enjoyed the privilege. We were glad to meet Sister Plummer once more, and hear her good words of instruction, warning, and advice.

MRS. ELLA CAVINESS.

LITTLE WORKERS.

FRANCIS ROBINSON, MORAVIA: "I am a boy eleven years old. I earned some money by playing the organ for the Methodists, and I send 50 cents to the school for the colored children. I am now playing the organ in the Christian church, and will have some more money another quarter. I want to be a good boy, and live with Jesus in the new earth."

ARZELLA ROBINSON, MORAVIA: "I am a little girl six years old. I send 10 cents for the school in the South. I save all my pennies for my missionary box. I want to be a good girl, and live with Jesus when he comes."

EARL STATESSEL, CROTON: "As my twelfth birthday was January 6, I enclose my birthday present and one cent to grow on. I hope there will be many colored children saved when Jesus comes."

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—ELD. E. E. GARDNER writes that he has a good attendance at Bedford, where he has recently entered upon a series of meetings.

—BRO. B. L. DIEFFENBACHER has been spending a short time with his family and the church at Boone, since closing the meetings at Lisbon.

—THE brightest crowns that will be worn in heaven will have been tried, and smelted, and glorified through the furnace of affliction.—*Chapin.*

—MISS NELLIE CHURCH is spending a few days at the canvassers' school in company with her brother and sister, before returning to her work at Chicago.

—THE Des Moines church listened last Sabbath to a very helpful discourse by Eld. Clarence Santee, on "The Love of God." The church here are appreciative of the help they receive from workers connected with the school.

—BRO. Z. SHERRIG, General Canvassing Agent for Districts No. 4 and 5, arrived in this city yesterday morning. He was gladly welcomed at the canvassers' school, especially by the older workers, who remember the assistance he has rendered in past years.

—WE have received inquiries concerning the terms on single subscriptions for *Signs*. The publishers furnish this paper for three months to single subscriptions at thirty cents. It is only where the papers are taken in clubs and delivered personally that orders can be taken for twenty-five cents.

—A SISTER who is soliciting for the *Signs* relates the following encouraging incident: "A gentleman to whom I gave a copy of the *Signs* called on me a few days later to leave his order, and that of a friend, for the paper for one year with premium Bible. All we can do is to sow the seed and leave the results with the Lord of the harvest."

—MARRIED, at Kiron, Iowa, Jan. 19, 1897, Eld. Fred Anderson, of the Nebraska Conference, and Miss Ellis Waldemer, of Dennison, Iowa, Eld. W. B. White, President of the Nebraska Conference, officiating. About fifty guests were invited to witness the ceremony, and the occasion was a very pleasant one. Eld. Anderson has been laboring in the interests of the Swedish people in Omaha, and he and Mrs. Anderson will now unite their efforts in the work at that place. Many friends extend hearty good wishes.

—"PLEASE let me know if I am expected to wait until the members pay their tithe before sending you my report, or shall I send it in at the proper time?" So writes a church clerk. Perhaps other clerks are also interested in this question, so we answer through the BULLETIN. While it is very desirable to have the tithes for the quarter included in the report, we cannot advise that it is best to wait any great length of time before sending in the report. It is better to send the report in at the proper time, and if tithe comes in later, it can be included in the report for the next quarter. It would be well for the clerk and treasurer to notify the members of the time when the reports must be sent, that those who wish their tithe to appear on the report for the last quarter may pay it in time. Then all that is received later, can be placed upon the next report.

—THE little society at Bonaparte have been quite actively engaged in Christian help work during the past quarter. They first quilted two quilts, in order to raise funds for the work. They have sent one hundred pounds of clothing, bedding, carpet rags, etc., to the Working Men's Home, at Chicago, also a box of the same weight to the College Settlement. Besides this, they have pieced and quilted five quilts, to donate where needed. The librarian says: "We do enjoy our work, and are so thankful to be permitted to help relieve those who are suffering and in want." We believe that much genuine home missionary work might be done in this way by all our local societies.

—*Bible Students' Library* No. 145, "Will a Man Rob God," by Eld. R. A. Underwood. The author of this pamphlet clearly establishes the fact that the principle of tithing is coexistent with that of the gospel, and is just as binding as the commandment "Thou shalt not steal." Farther, that the Sabbath commandment contains the same principle, and expresses it in nearly the same words. Seventy-eight pages. Price 5 cts. Address Iowa Tract Society.

—To those who have been waiting for *Bible Students' Library* No. 146 and *Religious Liberty Library* No. 42, we will say that the delay has seemed to be unavoidable. We are assured by the publishers that these tracts will now soon be ready. All orders will be filled as soon as possible.

—A WORKING church is a living church. We are built up as living stones, and every stone is to emit light; for every one is compared to a precious stone that catches the glory of God and reflects it to others.—*Home Missionary Work.*

1000 MISSIONARY GARDENS FOR 1897.

Dear Brethren, Sisters, Youth, and Children: I have been deeply interested in the reports of those having missionary gardens. Having had years of experience in gardening, and knowing how hard it is for many to procure good garden seed, and desiring to aid in this work, I propose to put up at least 1000 packages of choice seeds. These will contain one packet of each of the following varieties: beet, cabbage, parsnip, radish, tomato, squash, etc., etc. This seed must be used in planting missionary gardens only, the produce sold, and the money given for missionary purposes. Each garden, if properly cared for, should realize from \$1.00 to \$10.00.

In writing to me, enclose a two-cent stamp, to help pay for postage and packing, and the seeds will reach you in due time. Also please give me the names and addresses of some persons that you know made sorghum molasses during the past two years. This will aid me much in another line of missionary work.

This invitation is extended to any one outside of our State, and, if desired, other papers may copy this notice. Praying for the blessing of God to rest on every missionary effort, I am,

Yours for the cause,

C. W. SMOUSE.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

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