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### WEARY.

WEARY of self, weary of sin,  
Weary of conflicts fierce within,  
Weary of toil, weary of pain,  
Weary of failure oft and again,  
Weary of living, weary of life,  
Weary of turmoil, noise, and strife,  
Weary of earth with all its woe,  
Weary and homesick here below,  
Weary of all but Him who died,  
Weary of all but the Crucified.

—Eliza H. Morton.

### HOW MANY ARE FAITHFUL?

DECISIONS of character are not made by weighing a man's actions in the time of calm when all runs well, but in the time of pressure and trial. Napoleon during an engagement wanted a message written. A soldier was called, who took the pencil. While writing, a ball struck the sand by the side of the paper upon which he was writing, throwing sand over his paper. He shook the dust away, and proceeded with as steady a nerve as before. Napoleon observed this, and the soldier was soon advanced to an important position.

The Lord allows perplexities to come, only to develop a steady trust in his guiding hand, with no nervous extremes of fear and then presumption, which is often mistaken for faith. If ever men and women of calm, tried obedience and faith were needed, it is now, while many are sleeping the fatal sleep from which they will not awaken until the plagues tear away the covering under which they are resting. There is a great work yet to be done, but it will be done quickly.

Iowa is sending out a large army of laborers this summer, to fill some of the

many calls that are coming in. Iowa has never had a stronger force of young men of consecration and ability than those whom we now send out to the battle. And now the question comes, Where will the means come from to care for all these? Will there be a call for more means than last year? There certainly will. No one will wish to see any of our workers sent home. God has said that if a faithful *tithe* from all were returned to the Lord, there would be an abundance to supply the needs of our laborers. If this is so, many are, even now, unfaithful. When God closes our account, will we be found unfaithful? God forbid. The time to bring the tithes into the storehouse comes again with the close of this quarter; and upon the faithfulness of those to whom God has committed his means, be it little or much, depends the supply upon which these laborers will depend during the coming quarter. God may excuse some and turn to others for enlargement, but what would "excused" mean to us?—Death,—loss of all for which we have labored and prayed. God give us a part with him now, and hereafter in his kingdom. Are you faithful now?

CLARENCE SANTEE.

### THE ORDINANCES.

THE time has again come when nearly all the churches will renew their covenant with the Lord, in the ordinances instituted the last night Jesus was with his disciples before his death. It will be well to think seriously, What is the condition of my heart as I come to sacredly renew my covenant with God? "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." These are the words of God. Ps. 66:18. Some then will say, I am not worthy, and so will not partake. Will this make you worthy? Will delay make you better? How do you know you are not worthy to partake? The Lord says that if we confess our sins, he forgives,

and cleanses "from all unrighteousness." If you have accepted Christ, then, however sinful you *have* been, *his* worthiness is *your's*, and you need not fear but that you will receive the blessing. If you still know of sins unconfessed, do not delay, but confess them, clear the way for the blessing that you realize you need. You know not what a day may bring forth in your case.

Do you think others are not right, and that you cannot join in the ordinances with them? Let me say that this is not between man and man, but between you and Christ. Our Saviour *washed the feet of Judas*; yet he knew that this disciple whose feet he would willingly wash, and whom he dearly loved, was at that time planning, in his heart, to procure his arrest and condemnation. Following this ordinance of humility, Judas partook of the sacred emblems of the bread and the wine.

How do we know that Judas had a part in these ordinances? See John 13:2—11; Luke 22:19—21. I will also quote from the pen of Sister White: "The object of this service (washing feet) is to call to mind the humility of our Lord, and the lesson he has given in washing the feet of his disciples. . . . This ordinance, *preceding* the Lord's supper, is to clear away these misunderstandings, to bring man out of his selfishness. . . . It is not in God's plan that this should be deferred because some are considered unworthy to engage in it. The Lord washed the feet of Judas. He did not refuse him a place at the table, although he knew that he would leave that table to act his part in the betrayal of his Lord. It is not possible for human beings to tell who is worthy and who is not. . . . It is not for them to say, 'I will not attend the ordinance if such a one is present to act a part.'"—*Review and Herald, June 22, 1897.* At the top of the second column I read, "With the rest of the disciples Judas partook of the

bread and wine symbolizing the body and blood of Christ." In these statements we learn that the ordinance of humility came first, the Lord's supper following; and that Judas took part with his Lord in both, which is a most solemn rebuke to him who because he sees wrong in his brother stands aloof. "The servant is not greater than his Lord."

May the Lord bless this quarterly occasion to the good of every dear brother and sister. Accept the injunction, "Let a man examine himself;" and while examining ourselves, remember that it is only to confess, and Christ will take away all sin. Then indeed we can eat and drink worthily of the Son of God.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

#### TRY THIS WAY.

As I sat musing a few moments ago, the thought occurred to me that our Iowa brethren and sisters would rejoice to know of the way the Lord is blessing us who are connected with the Sanitarium. Access to nearly two hundred families has been gained here in the city this past winter, by carrying food to the poor, and showing an interest in their temporal welfare. Now about twenty-five or thirty cottage meetings are held among these families. Their doors are all open; for they believe we are really interested in them. About one hundred of the helpers do something in this line every week. Food and clothing are still provided when necessary. Dear brethren, is not this the "loud cry," when the word of the Lord is talked from house to house? Some have had wonderful experiences, and many are filled with rejoicing, while the work is only begun. Try this way of reaching the dear ones for whom Christ died. You will accomplish much, and your own souls will be watered from heaven. Rev. 22:20.

LEONE MONNING,

Battle Creek, Mich., June 22.

#### FROM MATABELAND, AFRICA.

We have had the privilege of reading a letter from Dr. A. S. Carmichael, written to his mother, May 15, from which we extract briefly for the benefit of the BULLETIN readers:—

"Last week Bro. Tripp, Anderson, Burton, and myself made a trip to the Druillard farm (a farm that was donated to the mission by Bro. Druillard) about fifteen miles north-west from here. We found on it a number of deserted native villages, but not a living soul was to be seen. The surrounding country was quite level. At some distance from there we found a family living in their field of grain to watch it, and on our way back we passed sever-

al other families living in the same way. But very little grain was growing. Their principal crop consisted of armijodas, a species of melon. They dry them in the sun, and then cook them. They also dry the seeds and grind them for meal. There was a remarkable scarcity of grain, and the natives will evidently be in a starving condition the coming year. There were not many children among them, and they have likely perished from hunger. Whole villages have perished in this way, not one of the inhabitants escaping. Our crops are short this year, as we had no plow during the cropping season. All we planted had to be put in with hoe, and then the season was a dry one. Near my house is a wet piece of land, and from this we are securing quite an abundant supply of vegetables; such as, squash, tomatoes, lettuce, and ground cherries or cape gooseberries. In a few days we will have roasting ears. On such land we can have a succession of crops all the year round."

The plan of selling the papers from house to house is proving to be a good one, and their use in reading racks, and in connection with missionary correspondence, should not be neglected. One of the representatives of the International Tract Society while on a recent journey, saw several passengers take back copies of the *Signs* from a little rack in a railway station, and read them attentively. But it is so seldom we find these racks. There ought to be hundreds, yes, I was almost going to say thousands, of them where there is only one.—*Eld. O. A. Olsen.*

### FIELD REPORTS.

#### LIKE A SEED.

"A SEED is but a tiny thing;  
But in its heart it holds  
A life which grows into the plant,  
And leaf and flower unfolds.  
"A word,—it seems a tiny thing;  
But God can bless it so,  
That it may fall in many a heart,  
And like a seed may grow."

#### TYNER.

JUNE 11—22, I was with the church at Tyner. This church has been greatly reduced in numbers by removals. We were glad to find the few remaining members of this company firm in the truth, and all in harmony. Seven meetings were held, we trust with good results. The attendance was good considering the busy time of year. May the Lord bless this little company, and may they continue to hold up the standard of truth. I go from here to Nevada and Radcliffe.

W. B. EVERHART.

#### DUNLAP.

We began meetings at this place Thursday, June 10, with a fair attendance. The Mormons a few days later pitched their tent near us on the same ground, and began meetings. They have made quite an effort to draw away the people after them. Notwithstanding the attractions and counter attractions our attendance is quite good. We find this place not free from prejudice, but we are "keeping practical truths before the people." Nothing but the manner of Christ's teaching and his way will attract men to-day. How thankful we ought to be that Jesus is our example. Pray for the work and workers here.

L. F. STARR.

W. L. BLACK.

#### WHAT ONE IS DOING.

ONE of our isolated Sabbath-keepers, Bro. P. W. Atkinson, of Laurens, Pocahontas Co., writes: "This spring I have been spending Friday afternoons doing tract and missionary work around town. I have nearly completed the work in one half of the town, and have commenced in the other half. In the part I have gone over there is considerable interest to hear more of the truth. I think here would be an excellent place for a series of meetings. The Lord has blessed me very much in this work. It will take me about eight weeks to finish the distribution of tracts. May the Lord's blessing continue to abide in the work." How the message would speed through the towns and villages and over the prairies of Iowa, if all the Sabbath-keeper in the State would work diligently one half a day each week to enlighten those about them.

### OBITUARY.

JONES.—Died June 6, 1897, at the home of her son Nelson Dorrance, Naomi J. Jones, in her 89th year.

She embraced the truth under the teaching of Moses Hull and Bro. Cornell at the tent meetings held at Dayton about 1858. She was one of the charter members of the Pilot Grove church, and remained a faithful member until the church was broken up by removals. About that time she became so afflicted as to be confined to her bed, and for ten years was almost helpless. Through all her affliction she was resigned, never murmuring. Her mind was very clear, and she took much comfort in studying the Bible, and the *Review*, etc. She read the *Review* issued just a few days before her death. She fell asleep very quietly, and we laid her to rest until the Lifegiver comes. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends at the funeral, which was conducted by V. Hites, a Baptist minister.

T. P. AND T. A. McREYNOLDS.

THE BOOK WORK.

IMPROVE YOUR OPPORTUNITIES.

"BUT sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always" to improve every opportunity. 1 Pet. 3:15; *Home Missionary, June, 1894*. While it is true that the canvasser should not "allow himself to be diverted from his work, but should intelligently keep to the point with all diligence," yet opportunities will arise, which if judiciously improved, will reap a rich reward in the day when God shall reckon with his stewards. "If the canvasser walks with God, if he prays for heavenly wisdom that he may do good, and only good in his labor, he will be quick to discern his opportunity, and the need of souls with whom he comes in contact."—*Home Missionary, June, 1894*. A sacred responsibility rests upon the one who takes up the cross of Christ. Says Jesus: "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I sent them into the world." John 17:18. Jesus came to do "the will of Him that sent him" (John 6:38), to be a light in the world. John 12:46. As God sent Jesus to be a light in the world, so Jesus has sent us to be lights in the world. "The love of Jesus in the soul will lead the canvasser to feel it a privilege to diffuse light. He will plan, study, and pray over the matter."—*Test. 32, p. 159*.

We should not have our interest centered upon the book we are handling only, but should feel an interest in the books that have before been placed in the hands of the people, and against which there may be prejudice because some one has told them that they are Adventist books, and teach nothing but Adventism.

Not long ago, after giving a lady a careful outline of my book, "Great Controversy," I proceeded to obtain her order. The excuse was that she had bought five books not long before, and would have to cut down on the book question for awhile I said, "You haven't any good books you are sorry you have invested in, have you?" "No," was the reply. She then continued, "Well I have one I do not think a great deal of; it is an Advent book." "May I see the book please?" I inquired, telling her that perhaps we could make a trade, that I did that sometimes, if I found a book that suited me. She showed me the five books, which were all large and contained well selected literature, and then handed me the "Advent book," I looked at the title and read, "Bible Readings for the Home Circle." "The title indicates a good character," I said. Turning the leaves of the book I spoke of some of the chapters

which I thought might draw her attention. She then called her husband. Handing the "Bible Readings" to her, I called his attention to the book I was representing, while she began to examine the "Bible Readings." After about ten minutes had elapsed, she said to her husband, calling him by name, "I believe we had better read this book. There are some excellent things in it that I did not know were there." Turning to me she said, "We have never read the book." Her husband continued by saying, "Our neighbors told us it was an Advent book, and did not teach anything but Adventism, so we have not read any in it." Although I did not procure their order, I left them interested in the book they already had, which contains gems of truth for this time. I could mention other circumstances of the same nature. The prayer of your co-worker and servant for Christ's sake, is that the God of truth may guide us all in improving our opportunities.

H. B. TILDEN.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 18, 1897.

GREAT CONTROVERSY.			
	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.
W. L. Manfull, Indianola.....	38	11	\$27.75
H. B. Tilden, Afton.....	18	0	
F. E. Johnson, Osceola.....	33	1	2.25
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.			
Burton Church, Fontanelle.....	4		\$8.00
John Mitcheltree, ".....	37	8	15.00
J. N. Cross, Bethlehem.....	45	5	10.25
A. J. Strite, Indianola.....	39	7	42.25
R. K. Emmons, Bentonsport.....	43	5	8.75
Daniel Johnson, ".....	45	11	19.25
Lewis Hillard, Spencer.....	43	17	29.00
H. G. Miller, Bladensburg.....	51	6	11.00
A. V. Rhoads, ".....	32	3	5.25
Andrew Johnson, Afton.....	25	2	3.50
Fred Buonell, ".....	23	7	14.25
Carl Rasmussen, Alexander.....	38	3	5.25
Chris. Wildfang, Osceola.....	26	2	3.50
Cathinka Henriksen, Atlantic.....	19	5	8.75
Christina Henriksen, ".....	19	1	1.75
C. H. Miller, Hawleyville.....	18	1	1.75
*Christian Horning, Waukon.....	72	8	19.00
TWO REPUBLICS.			
D. M. Traill, Boone.....	36	1	\$1.85
BIBLE READINGS.			
*W. D. Kinney, Farragut.....	85	26	\$63.50
CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR.			
Mary Haskell, Grinnell.....	16	3	\$2.00
Minnie T. Johnson, Davenport.....	16	9	6.00
Susan Haskell, Ft. Madison.....	18	10	5.95
Lulu French, ".....	17	14	8.85
Mamie Beaman, Knoxville.....	9	9	5.30
M. C. Nelson, Kelley.....	10	10	5.00
LADIES' GUIDE.			
Mrs. Mary Rhoads, Sutherland.....	29	3	\$9.00
DELIVERIES.			
	Books.	Value.	Lost.
Belle Rame.....	75	46.25	
Chas. Murray.....	8	14.00	2
Lewis Hillard.....	1	1.75	

SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	30
" " orders.....	192
Value of ".....	\$313.95
" " helps sold.....	\$77.50
Total value.....	\$391.45
Value of deliveries.....	\$62.00

\*Two weeks.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

A QUESTION.

*Question.*—Is it not just as proper to use the donations of one Sabbath for the Dorcas Society, when in harmony with the wish of the school, as to use the Sabbath school donations for the Haskell Home or Endowed Bed Fund?

*Answer.*—We think not. It has been thought best to use the Sabbath school donations for but two purposes,—the one to supply the running expenses of the school when not provided for in other ways; the other to be given for mission work, in harmony with the recommendation of the International Sabbath School Association. For several years all our churches and companies have contributed twice a year to the maintenance of the Haskell Home. It was recommended that the Sabbath school donations, on these days, be used for the same purpose, as all were so deeply interested in this branch of missionary work, and a large donation was desired, to care for the children at the Home. So when we give these two donations for this purpose, we are in harmony with the recommendation of our International Association. Of course, the school has the privilege of deciding how the contributions shall be used, but we think it best always to be in harmony with the parent Association, and also the other State Associations. We believe it would be better to take a separate collection for any other purpose than those given above, thus avoiding any confusion. The members of the school should always understand for what purpose they give their means.

HARRY D. AUSTIN, WHITING: "To-day is my birthday; and as I am eleven years old, I send eleven cents as an offering for the colored children in the South. I also send birthday offerings for papa and mamma. I hope these offerings will do much good. I take the *Instructor*, and learn a great deal from it."

LYDIA SACORA, OXFORD JUNCTION: "I often wonder why all cannot keep the same and the right Sabbath. I hope that God will help in the work of telling the people about the true Sabbath. I enclose 13 cents for the colored children, as I am twelve years old. The one cent is to grow on."

QUARTERLY report blanks have been sent to all the secretaries. If any fail to receive them, please write at once to the State Secretary, Mrs. Flora Dorcas, 716 E; Maple St. We hope to hear from every school promptly this quarter.

# Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, June 29, 1897.

—ELD. C. F. STEVENS was with the church at Afton last Sabbath and Sunday.

—MRS. E. CONNELLY, of Corydon, visited her daughter, Mrs. F. W. Patterson, at the Home last week.

—ELD. C. A. WASHBURN made a recent trip to Battle Creek, Mich., bringing back with him Sister Washburn, Grace, and Mable.

—MRS. HANNAH HOLCOMB, of Adel, accompanied her mother to Des Moines last Tuesday, the latter continuing her journey to the northern part of the State.

—MISS CALLIE CHARLTON, of Pilot Mound, is visiting her sister in Monona county. She expects to visit at Clear Lake, also Keota, later on.

—BRO. J. C. CLEMENS is now at Croton. We know the little company there will be glad of this visit, and we hope it may result in renewed activity in their missionary work.

—SISTER MOLLIE LONG calls for papers to be used in jail work in Dubuque. Those who can heed this call, address her at 254 Julien Ave., Dubuque, Iowa. Send prepaid.

—ELD. L. F. STARR writes that they are *very much* in need of copies of *Our Little Friend* for use in their children's meetings. Please send postpaid to him at Dunlap, Iowa.

—BRO. C. W. NEAL recently made the trip from Osceola to College View, Neb., and back, by private conveyance, bringing his family with him to spend the summer at Osceola.

—BRO. J. W. DORCAS left here last Friday morning for his field of labor in Eastern Iowa, going *via* Cedar Rapids. He expected to visit the little company at Vinton this week.

—S. A. HILL made a trip to the northeastern part of the State last week to look after matters pertaining to the canvassing work. He expected also to visit over Sabbath and Sunday with old friends in Boscobel, Wisconsin.

—MR. AND MRS. KUBITSHEK, of Chariton, spent a few days in Des Moines, Mr. Kubitshek coming as a delegate to the political Convention. This was Sister Kubitshek's first visit to the Des Moines church, of which she is a member. We were glad to become personally acquainted with her and her husband.

—DOUBTLESS the majority of our readers have had their attention called to the "Special Self-denial Week," July 1-6. We cannot add anything to the article appearing in the *Review*, and we believe it is not necessary to emphasize the needs of the cause, or to urge upon our people their duty as stewards of the Lord. May we all renew our vows of consecration at this time.

—BRO. WM. REED, of Atwood, Iowa, has three motherless boys, ages 6, 8, and 10 years, respectively, for whom he wishes to find homes in good Seventh-day Adventist families. For further information correspond with him.

—IT was expected that Bro. Park Adams would assist Eld. E. E. Gardner in tent work this season, but Bro. Adams has decided to remain in College View, and Bro. B. E. Nicola has taken his place at Villisca.

—COPIES of our Scandinavian and German papers are desired at Centerville. These will be taken to the mines, and left in the offices, for those who are "waiting at the top," to read. Address Mrs. S. J. Wentworth.

—BLANKS have been sent to church clerks and treasurers, also to the librarians. Any not receiving these should drop a card to Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

## BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

WANTED.—A farm hand. Sabbath-keeper. Address Christ Jacobsen, Armstrong, Iowa.

WANTED.—To correspond with a good girl to do general house work in Union College kitchen and laundry. Address Union College, College View, Neb.

WANTED.—A good stout boy 15 or 16 years of age, willing to work, understands milking, used to farm work, and willing to observe the Sabbath. Good references will be required. I will give a good home to such a boy. Will pay wages, and he can go to school next winter. Address J. S. Fry, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

## APPOINTMENTS.

THE quarterly meeting services of the Des Moines church will be held Sabbath, July 3, 1897. C. H. PARSONS, *Elder*.

THE Lord willing, I will meet with the church at Radcliffe July 2-4, 1897. Meetings to begin Friday evening.

W. B. EVERHART.

THE Lord willing, the Corning church will hold quarterly meeting services July 10, 1897. All are requested to report in person or by letter. J. P. MARTIN.

THE church at Council Bluffs will hold quarterly ordinance meeting July 3, and a business meeting July 11. We hope to get reports from all non-residents, also the payment of all tithes due.

B. P. SHILLING.

THE quarterly meeting services of the West Union church will be held in Fayette at Bro. Seeley's home July 3. All members are requested to attend, and if absent, to be represented by letter.

MRS. MINA HOLMES, *Clerk*.

THE Osceola church will hold quarterly meeting July 3, 1897. All members are earnestly requested to be present in person or by letter. We hope all will notice the resolutions passed at the late Conference concerning absent members. We trust that all will feel the importance of diligence in the work of the Lord.

ELIZABETH REA, *Clerk*.

QUARTERLY meeting will be held at Blencoe July 3 and 4, 1897. All members please report in person or by letter. We desire much of God's blessing in our meetings. If we have this, it will be because we have been faithful in the discharge of every known duty. So let us bring all the tithes into the storehouse.

N. L. McCLINTOCK.

THE Ladoga church will hold quarterly meeting July 3, 1897, in D. W. Thompson's grove, one and one-half miles northwest of Gravity. The first meeting will be held at 10:00 A. M. The Sharps, Clarinda, and Hawleyville churches are invited to meet with us. Bro. F. L. Moody and either Eld. C. Santee or Eld. E. E. Gardner will be with us. Baptism and ordinance meetings will be held.

MRS. J. J. STRODE, *Clerk*.

I WILL meet with the church at Fontanelle, July 3 and 4. If the brethren and sisters from Massena can meet with us on the Sabbath, we will enjoy the ordinances of the Lord's house together.

The Lord willing, I meet with the friends at Grant City, July 10 and 11. The church building will be dedicated at this time, as the brethren may appoint. Eld. W. B. Everhart will also be present.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

NOTHING preventing, I will visit the following places:—

Benton,	July 6, 7,	1897.
Kellerton,	" 8,	"
Davis City,	" 9-11,	"
Bethlehem,	" 12, 13,	"
Moravia,	" 14, 15,	"
Albia,	" 16-18,	"
Centerville,	" 19,	"
Unionville,	" 20, 21,	"
West Grove,	" 22-24,	"
	F. L. MOODY.	