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MY EIGHTH BIRTHDAY.

To-day I am eight years old, and my kind guardians have washed my face and put on my new dress. How do you like my looks? I know I should not be proud of my clothes; but my old dress was worn out, and I want to look neat and nice as I go about my work. I suppose you all know that my work is to make missionary visits. I am too small to do very hard work, but I can visit the people in their homes and carry messages to them.

The picture I carry with me shows how glad the families are to see me where I am well known. I have many such friends, and they give me a hearty welcome. They like to hear how the different workers are getting along, what they are all doing, and how the work of God is growing in all parts of our State. They say that the good news I bring, and the other things of interest I am able to tell them, is a real help, and encourages their hearts.

Some of my friends would be willing to pay me a whole cent for each weekly visit, but I have never felt like asking more than half a penny a visit. I need this much to pay my car fare and other expenses. I call on a great many people, but I could just as well visit many more, if I knew the names of those who would like to see me and where they live. This week I shall call on three hundred and fifty families where I have not been invited. I am

afraid that some of these will not even notice me, and some may think I am too small to be of any help. I hope that all of these will take time to get acquainted with me, and if they do, they will surely ask me to come back.

Before I say good bye, I wish to ask all my friends to give me all the messages to carry that they can; for I like to be kept very busy. I want to be a real blessing and help everywhere I go.

IOWA W. BULLETIN.

THE NEW VOLUME.

As the Iowa WORKERS' BULLETIN has come to another new volume, we are reminded once more that the years are hastening on. How long do you think it will be until the last one shall come? That one will be the year of trouble, death, famine, fire, blood to drink, and feverish sores. This condition would be upon us now were it not that angels are holding the elements of death in check until the servants of God are prepared to stand through that awful time,—until they are sealed. Do you see indications that the last year is almost here? We cannot say just how long it will be, but I firmly believe that it is much nearer than most of us think. God has said so. Noah did not know how long it would be until the flood. God said it would be one hundred and twenty years, but did not tell Noah the time. Many at first believed, but one after another turned away, until the four families stood alone. The last year had come, and all the rest "knew not," and were drowned.

OUR STATE PAPER.

It is the mission of our State paper to keep all of our dear brethren and sisters apprised of every change that we know you want to hear. "Watch" is the injunction to us. Short articles

in answer to questions of interest, and on the present outlook, will appear from week to week. The field reports will keep all apprised of the location and success of the different laborers. We hope to have a short article on missionary work in each number. Our canvassers, with their varied experiences and reports, and their requests for the prayers of those who can yet a little while have a home, are constant contributors. The Sabbath school department will always contain matter valuable to both parents and children. The item columns, giving news from all over the State and from our exchanges, have been, and will continue to be, interesting to all. In addition, there are obituaries, reports of different kinds, appointments, etc.

THE OUTLOOK.

While we are soliciting subscriptions for other deserving papers, is there one that is more worthy of our support than our own State paper? Can we afford to do without it? We have been to considerable expense in getting new type, etc., in order to make our paper neat and attractive, and now shall not each S. D. Adventist family in our State have the WORKERS' BULLETIN? Many subscriptions expire with the close of the volume. Will you not be prompt in renewing, and will you not do real missionary work by getting others to take our paper?

The price is only twenty-five cents per year, and though the list has been encouraging, we believe there are others whose names should be entered thereon. All who would be intelligent regarding our work, should have this paper. Those who are alone, especially, cannot afford to do without it. In behalf of the faithful editors and our good paper, we ask your prayers and your support. CLARENCE SANTEE.

EVERY ONE.

THE definition of the word "every" is given as the "separate individuals which constitute a whole, regarded one by one." "Every one" admits of no exceptions. In Mark 13:34 we learn that God has given "to every man his work." The following are expressions found in the "Testimonies:" "There is work for every one of us in the vineyard of the Lord." "God has given to every man a work to do in connection with his kingdom." "Every soul should take an active part in advancing the cause of God." Every follower of Christ is to do something in the work. "Let every member take up his individual work." "This is a time when every member of the church should be waiting, watching, and working." "Were every one of you living missionaries, the gospel would be speedily proclaimed in all countries, to all peoples, nations, and tongues."

Similar statements are repeated again and again. Let us compare our excuses of "no time," "no ability," "no opportunity," "no responsibility," etc., etc., with these statements concerning what the Lord is expecting of every one.

MRS. L. E. P.

THE SPECIAL "SENTINEL" OFFER.

THE *American Sentinel* and its mission is pretty generally known. It occupies a place in our work that no other publication fills. "Testimony" No. 33, p. 246, says:—

"The *Sentinel* is like a trumpet giving a certain sound; and all our people should read it carefully and then send it to some relative or friend."

The *Sentinel* management is doing its very best to make the paper just what it should be,—a faithful watchman to tell the people of approaching dangers; and those who carefully read its pages from week to week can hardly fail to become permeated with the spirit of the message it bears.

In order that not only our own people but others as well may more generally become readers of it, the *Sentinel* makes the following unprecedented trial offer: Beginning with the next week's issue, the paper will be sent until January 1, 1898, over five months, to any one not now a subscriber, for the small sum of twenty-five cents. This offer is open only until September 1, and, to be made the most of, should be taken advantage of at once. We trust that our brethren and sisters will everywhere embrace this opportunity to give the *Sentinel* the widest possible circulation.

W. E. CORNELL.

FIELD REPORTS.

AMONG THE SCANDINAVIAN CHURCHES.

ACCORDING to the recommendation of the General Conference Committee, I came June 9 to labor in Iowa. Up to date I have visited and labored with the following Scandinavian churches: Forest City, Fostoria, Milford, and Graettinger. The good Lord has blessed in our meetings and in our united efforts to seek him. At Graettinger the quarterly meeting was held, and we found it truly good to commemorate the ordinances of the Lord's house. An excellent business meeting was held, and it was found that all the accounts had been nicely kept. There was a spirit of order about the whole meeting. Although this church numbers but sixteen, with two ready to leave the holy union, and some of its members are poor in this world's goods, over \$108.00 in tithe was brought in and about \$30.00 in other offerings, for last quarter. All seemed happy in giving, and all no doubt would have been glad to have given more. Invoking God's blessing upon the work of the hour and upon the offerings,—an expression of gratitude for Heaven's bounties, and of the fact that God is the sole possessor of all,—we closed the meeting, happy in God.

H. R. JOHNSON.

July 5.

DUBUQUE.

Dear Ones All: "Who is like unto the Lord our God;" "He is good and greatly to be praised." We thank him for leading us to this city, "where iniquity doth abound;" and we are sure that it has been entered none too soon. To us this is the best field in Iowa. The Lord has gone out before us, giving us entrance into more than a score of homes, where readings are held. We know of other openings awaiting us. Eight gentlemen with their families or friends are interested in the word. Bro. Hawkins while canvassing for the *Signs* met a gentleman who recognized the paper. He said, "My parents who are now dead were Adventists in belief." Although unconverted, his heart was touched, and an invitation was given to hold readings. His wife had opposed him to some extent in his religious belief; but since they have heard some of the readings, her heart has been touched by the Spirit of God, and the family kept last Sabbath. A lady who has been attending the meetings at the tent has also

begun the observance of the Sabbath. She knows that the Lord has sent the light to her in answer to prayer. The Lord hath done the work; to him "belongeth praise." Readings are held with a lady who knew William Miller. His nephew visited her a few years ago. Yesterday in going from door to door, selling tracts, etc., Sister Hawkins and I found a lady whose mother is an Adventist. She was friendly, and bought tracts from us. We also found a poor, sick woman, to whom a basket of provisions was taken, and both givers and receiver made happy. Another gentleman and his wife, we have reason to believe, will soon keep the Sabbath.

We enjoy much of the blessing of God in our Wednesday evening prayer meeting. We expect to have the new ones with us next week. Our Sabbath school is increasing in interest and numbers. A twenty-minute social meeting was held last Sabbath. As each spoke of some of the things the Lord has taught in the study of the book of John, the Spirit and power of the Lord came into the school. Amens were heard, tears were shed, and confessions made. Those who have just lately joined us were on their feet testifying to the goodness of God, and praising him for the light. The children took part with us, repeating their memory verses and singing.

We thank those who have sent us papers. The language of my heart is found in the following: "O, Lord, thou art my God. I will exalt thee. I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things."

July 9.

MOLLIE R. LONG.

FROM LOCAL WORKERS.

MRS. BERTHA E. JORGENSEN, BURLINGTON: "Thank you very much for the helps for missionary meetings. I was planning how we could get missionary meetings started, and just then your readings came, and it was just what we needed. We had a good meeting, I assure you. One sister said, 'I have not felt the Spirit of God so near to my soul since I was baptized.'"

MRS. EMMA N. TEETER, FAIRFIELD: "Your kind letter with suggestions for our missionary meeting is at hand. We hold missionary meetings every two weeks. We are doing some work for souls. We are taking a club of 36 *Signs*, and each member is responsible for a certain number, and will solicit orders for the same and deliver them. We are working among our neighbors.

Sister Eda Moss keeps the rack in the depot supplied, and we place reading matter in the jail whenever it has any occupants."

LEVA WILSON, IOWA CITY: "We held our missionary meeting and greatly enjoyed the readings you sent. We are doing all we can to spread the message, by distributing tracts and getting subscriptions for the *Signs*. We feel that the Lord has wonderfully blessed us in our effort."

CLEAR LAKE.

WE began meetings here on the evening of June 17. This is quite a summer resort, and there is something going on all the time to attract pleasure seekers. Our attendance has not been large, but it is quite regular, which is a favorable feature. It is too early to determine results, but our prayers go up to God daily that some honest souls may be gathered into his fold. It is the Lord's work, and we believe that he will direct, lead, and care for it. Our company are of good courage, and desire to press onward till the crown is given and the victory won.

B. L. DIEFFENBACHER.
HENRY JOHNSON.

POPLAR, AUDUBON COUNTY.

THIS is only a small town, with one store and a blacksmith shop, and the neighborhood is not thickly settled, so we cannot expect very large congregations. But we are glad to report that quite a number attend the meetings, and seem to be interested. In our work from house to house, they ask many questions on present truth.

E. G. OLSEN.
N. C. BERGERSEN.

THE BOOK WORK.

FROM THE CANVASSERS.

MISS PEARL D. BASCOM, a school teacher, is spending the summer vacation in canvassing for "Christ Our Saviour." She says in sending her first report, as given in summary: "I have only made a small beginning in Hampton, but am of good courage. Before going out each day I ask the Lord to help me to present the book in such a manner that it may be appreciated, and to let the Holy Spirit impress the words spoken and the precious thoughts contained in the books upon the hearts of the people, that they may realize that it is more than an ordinary book."

Burton Church always writes encouragingly. He says: "The noisy

celebration is over, and we have begun a new week. I am trusting the Lord for his presence. I often learn new lessons in regard to representing Christ. A few days ago I met a lady who said that a man by the name of George E. Fifield boarded at her home a short time, about nineteen years ago, when he was canvassing for health books. She did not know of his religion then, but has had a good feeling for S. D. Adventists ever since learning that he is a minister in that denomination."

John Mitcheltree writes: "Although the hot weather is hard to endure, I trust the Lord to strengthen me for my work. One young man I met had 'Steps to Christ' and said he had read it through three times, and thought it was the best book he had ever read. It rejoices my heart to see our good books appreciated."

Sadie Goode writes that she and Sister Rame are pleasantly located at Fairfield, and says they are of good courage and "would not give up the work for anything."

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 2, 1897.

GREAT CONTROVERSY.			
	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.
W. L. Manfull, Indianola.....	56	18	\$44.50
H. B. Tilden, Winterset.....	32	1	2.25
F. F. Johnson, Osceola.....	22	0	
*H. C. Carmichael, Mt. Pleasant.....	79	15	\$36.05
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.			
Burton Church, Fontanelle.....	42	4	\$7.00
John Mitcheltree, ".....	18	1	1.75
J. N. Cross, Bethlehem.....	40	8	14.50
A. J. Strite, Indianola.....	36	2	3.50
R. K. Emmons, Bentonsport.....	31	7	12.25
Daniel Johnson, ".....	29	4	7.00
Lewis Hilliard, Spencer.....	46	10	17.50
H. G. Miller, Bladensburg.....	44	10	19.50
Andrew Johnson, Afton.....	25	0	
Fred Bunnell, ".....	28	7	13.50
Carl Rasmussen, Parkersburg.....	32	11	18.25
Chris. Wildfang, Osceola.....	14	0	
Cathinka Henriksen, Atlantic.....	5	0	
Christina Henriksen, ".....	5	1	1.75
C. H. Miller, Clarinda.....	45	4	7.00
H. T. Curtis, ".....	38	2	3.50
Jurgen Groen, Cedar Falls.....	17	6	10.50
CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR.			
Minnie T. Johnson, Davenport.....	17	10	\$7.00
Belle Rame, Fairfield.....		10	6.25
Sadie Goode, ".....	25	6	4.50
Pearl D. Bascom, Hampton.....	25	19	13.85
W. E. Pearson, Fontanelle.....	6	10	8.75
Susan Haskell, Ft. Madison.....	12	5	3.35
Lulu French, ".....		5	3.10
MISCELLANEOUS.			
M. C. Nelson, Kelley.....	85	14	\$7.70
DELIVERIES.			
	Books.	Value.	Lost.
Sadie Good.....	12	\$8.55	
H. C. Carmichael.....	23	57.25	3
Chas. Murray.....	2	3.50	0
Chris. Wildfang.....	1	2.25	0
Minnie T. Johnson.....	5	3.50	
SUMMARY.			
No. of agents.....			30
" " orders.....			190
Value of ".....		\$274.80	
" " helps sold.....		\$62.85	
Total value.....		\$337.65	
Value of deliveries.....		\$75.05	
*Two weeks.			

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

FOR WHAT IS THE S. S. TEACHER RESPONSIBLE?

1. For his own presence.

He should be in his place every Sabbath unless unavoidably kept away; and when necessarily absent he should, if possible, comply with the requirements of the school in such cases, notifying the proper officer, providing a substitute, etc. Having assumed the duties of a class, a teacher has no more right to leave the class for a single Sabbath unprovided for than the superintendent has to leave his desk, or the pastor his pulpit.

2. The teacher is responsible for order in the class.

Governing comes before teaching. A teacher who can't govern the class can't teach it. This is often the teacher's most difficult task; and yet to fail in keeping the class orderly is to fail at a vital point. The general of an army holds the colonel responsible for the proper discipline of his regiment. The colonel in turn looks to the captain for the proper order in his company. Not to do so would be to belittle the dignity of all subordinate officers. In like manner the superintendent looks to the teachers, as he has a right to do, for the maintenance in the classes of proper decorum, and the strict observance of all the requirements of the school.

The object of all Sabbath school teaching is intelligent instruction in the Word of God, and leading the scholars into the Christian life thereby. Light talk may serve to fill the hour; stories (while they have a proper place) may be the means of holding the attention temporarily; discussions of proper moral themes may be interesting and instructive; but by none of these ways does the Sabbath school teacher meet the responsibility that rests upon him, of teaching plain, solid Bible truth, which alone God has promised to honor.

4. The teacher is responsible for the salvation of the scholars in his class.

While all may not be saved, his responsibility does not cease till he has done all he can, by faithful instruction, prayerful entreaty, and consistent example to lead them into the kingdom, and train them, after they have entered in, for the blessed Christian service.—*Exchange*.

THE devil will not be afraid of your Bible if there is dust on it.

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—LOOK out for an article next week on "Our School."

—MISS HELEN O. CRIPPEN, of Des Moines, is visiting relatives in the vicinity of Indianola.

—ELD. JOHN HOFFMAN, who has been laboring at Clinton, took a trip to St. Paul, Minn., last week.

—ELD. E. G. OLSEN and family are enjoying a visit from Father Olsen, of Battle Creek, Michigan.

—THE self-denial offerings should be sent to the Iowa Tract Society, 603 E. 12th St., Des. Moines, Iowa.

—IN the interests of the Sabbath school work, Mrs. Jessie L. Adams attended the dedication services at Grant City last Sabbath and Sunday.

—MISS ADA TERWILLIGER, who has been engaged in stenographic work in this city for some time, has just returned from a short visit at home in Pleasantville.

—THROUGH the generosity of Prof. Frank E. Plummer, we appear before you with our new and unique heading. In returning thanks for this kindness, we know that we may speak for each one of our readers.

—BRO. NEILS NELSON, manager of a Chicago Danish paper, and Miss Bendine G. Sorenson, were married at Chicago, June 27.—*Illinois Recorder*. The name of the bride will be familiar to BULLETIN readers, as she was at one time a successful Iowa canvasser. We extend best wishes.

—BRO. J. A. CHANEY, a returned missionary from Africa, is stopping at the Home for a few days. Bro. Chaney first went to Africa to labor under the direction of the Christian Alliance; and while there, in the summer of 1895, he was led to investigate the views of S. D. Adventists through reading sent him by his parents, who live in Nebraska. He accepted the Bible Sabbath, and soon returned to this country in order to become better fitted, by a medical missionary course at the Sanitarium, for the work in Africa. He expects to return, in company with several others, this fall to the West Coast. His talks before the church at this place have been very interesting, and serve as well to deepen our desire that the light of God's word may illuminate the Dark Continent.

—BRO. CARL JENSEN and wife went last week to Burlington. He expects soon to begin his work in South-western Iowa, going to Exira first.

—MRS. A. A. LONG, of this city, visited relatives at Indianola last week.

—SEVERAL field reports are waiting for our next issue.

A GENERAL REPORT.

To give our readers a better idea of the location of the workers and the progress of the work in our State at present we give, in addition to the field reports in this number, the following summary:—

Eld. H. M. J. Richards and Bro. W. E. Frederick are holding tent meetings at Winterset, and report some interested ones as regular attendants. Eld. L. F. Starr and Bro. W. L. Black are engaged in tent labor at Dunlap, with a good interest. Brn. R. H. Habenicht and C. J. Buhalts are associated in the work at Wadena, Fayette county. Their tent is well filled each evening. The interest among the German people, as well as English hearers, is good, and separate meetings are held with them. Eld. E. E. Gardner and Bro. B. E. Nicola report encouragingly from Villisca, Montgomery county. Sister May Chitty is there to engage in tract and Bible work in connection with the services at the tent. Brn. B. E. Fullmer and F. A. Washburn began tent meetings at Onawa June 18. They find the people friendly as a result of the camp-meeting held there last fall and other previous efforts. Eld. J. S. Hart and Bro. C. A. Hanson have just located their tent in one of the suburbs of Sioux City. Brn. Wm. Guthrie and C. T. Adams have secured the use of the Congregational church at Hastings, Mills county, in which to hold their meetings. Bro. T. H. Jeys last week joined Bro. W. M. Adams in the work in Mahaska county, near Lacey. They are holding meetings in a schoolhouse, and the people seem anxious to hear. In the early spring quite a company of believers was raised up in the vicinity of Levey and Avon, through the efforts of Brn. C. A. Washburn and C. T. Adams. Eld. J. W. Adams is at present laboring to strengthen and build up the work there, also meeting with the Des Moines church from time to time. Eld. C. A. Washburn and Bro. J. W. Damon have selected Wayland, Henry county, as their first location for tent meetings this summer. Eld. John Hoffman and Brn. N. M. Jorgensen and John Wallenkampf are laboring together at Clinton, holding meetings in the Scandinavian language.

Eld. W. B. Everhart has visited the churches at Tyner, Nevada, and Radcliffe since camp-meeting, laboring to enlarge the work. Bro. Chas. Pelmulder is holding meetings in behalf of the Holland people in Otley, Marion county, having secured the use of the Baptist church. Brn. D. P. Gaede and George Ebel are holding tent meetings at Dubuque. An interesting report of their work among the Germans will appear next week. Eld. C. F. Stevens, in connection with his official duties, has recently met with the companies at Afton, Corning, Clarinda, Ladoga, and Centerville, and will continue to labor in this way as the Lord may direct. Mrs. Linnie Chapman and Lizzie Carter are busily engaged in the tract and Bible work at Keokuk. Miss Minnie Beaman is still finding openings at Davenport for readings, and Mrs. M. E. Merida is continuing the work at Sioux City. The missionary directors, Brn. J. W. Dorcas, N. L. McClintock, and C. W. Neal, find a wide field of usefulness in their labor among the local societies. Of those especially engaged in the interests of our periodicals, Bro. E. H. Adams has been doing earnest work in Des Moines since camp-meeting; Bro. F. L. Moody has visited a number of companies in South-eastern Iowa, as a result of which our subscription lists have been growing; and Bro. Carl Jensen this week enters upon his work in South-western Iowa, for the Scandinavian papers. Bro. J. C. Clemens has been holding meetings at Croton, to the encouragement of the little company there.

APPOINTMENTS.

GRINNELL,	July 17,	1897.
	C. F. STEVENS	
ALBIA,	July 16—18,	1897.
Centerville,	" 19,	"
Unionville,	" 20, 21,	"
West Grove,	" 22—24,	"
	F. L. MOODY.	

THE Lord willing, I will meet with the Shelby church Wednesday evening, July 14. I will be at Council Bluffs July 15, to remain over the Sabbath.

E. H. ADAMS.

THE Lord willing, I will begin meetings with the Council Bluffs church Friday evening, July 16. We will arrange for meetings on the Sabbath that evening. We would be glad to see some from the Weston church at this meeting. I will also hold meetings at the following places: Weston, Shelby, Harlan, Bowman's Grove, Elkhorn, Marne, and Exira. We will arrange the appointments by private communications. Brethren and sisters, we want you to be thinking seriously about the coming school year at Union College. The Lord promises us great things and a grand success, if we will comply with his terms. We will also consider the school question while visiting you.

H. R. JOHNSON.