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"NOT TO BE MINISTERED UNTO, BUT TO MINISTER."

COULD we know the woes and sorrows
Of each precious human heart,
Would we not, with Christian spirit,
In each burden share a part?
If we all, with self rejected,
Stood with ever open hand,
How we might, with loving fingers,
Scatter truth o'er all the land.
Lifting up the poor and needy
From the depths of sin and woe;
Throwing sunshine o'er sad spirits,
Scattering smiles where'er we go;
Lighting up each darkened pathway
With a song of Jesus' love;
Making life a beautiful picture,
For the heavenly courts above.
We should live each for the other,
Sharing every joy and pain;
Working for the blessed Master
In his fields of ripening grain.
Should the way be hedged with briars,
And the clouds hang dark the while,
Thy reward will be the greater,
Sweetened by God's loving smile.

—Selected.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

I KNOW that all will notice with pleasure the marked increase in the tithes over the corresponding quarter of '96, as reported in last week's BULLETIN, a gain of more than \$1,600. This is encouraging, and opens the way for a greater amount of labor. Yet, as I go from church to church, the treasurer tells me that there are many who pay none. This plainly indicates that while some are paying tithes who never have done so before, and others are doing more in this line than they have been doing, still others are standing still, waiting. Thus a dividing line is silently being drawn. Brethren,

sisters, do you know what this line means? Can you, *can you* afford to stand on that side of the line? This dividing line is not for a month or a year, but for *eternity*. We may all redeem the time *now*, but soon the record of *now* will be the decision of all time with no appeal. Every step we take now is more solemn than the one before. A few steps more, and we will enter the city or be left a monument of disobedience upon the plain. Will not every one who reads these lines join with me in a covenant of faithfulness to God, now in the beginning of this new year? This work is going to rise. *It is rising*. We must rise with it. He who has not been faithful with that which the Lord has committed to him here, will not have committed to him the greater riches. I fear for those who wait. The reproach of God stands against many, "Ye have robbed me." If that means you or me, do we wish it to stand the same at the end of this year? God forbid. Who can say that you will then have the time or the wish to change what you are not willing to change now?

CLARENCE SANTEE.

OUR ABLE PASTOR.

THE *Review* is that paper above all others which stands abreast of the work. It reports, as none other does, the work of our laborers and the advancement of the cause in all parts of the world,—

"From Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand."

If you want to know anything of the work in North or South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa, or the islands of the sea, subscribe for and read the *Review*. If in the early morning, or the twilight, or in the cheerful hours of the merry lamplight, you desire to enjoy a profitable visit with

our fellow workers in all parts of the field, peruse the columns of the *Review*. If you desire to become acquainted with the up-to-date doings of earth's angry nations, read the news columns. If you desire information in regard to many texts which are hard to be understood, which some wrest to their own destruction, peruse the question department. If you wish to be electrified with such subjects as the Soon Coming of Christ, the Reception of the Holy Spirit, Faith, Hope, Sanctification, Consecration, Personal Piety, Holiness, and True Christian Life, in public and private, you will find these subjects fully treated upon in the *Review*. It has spoken with no uncertain tone, and does yet. It defends the truth nobly on every point.

If you have friends not of our faith, who are earnest Christians living up to the best light they have, do not hesitate to send them the *Review*, which is heavily and richly laden with a feast of Christian experience. They will, through it, appreciate the fact that the third angel's message—the last message of mercy to a doomed world—has a modest, earnest advocate in the paper sent them. They will also learn through the weekly visits of this our able pastor the fact that the Lord is now calling out a people from the world and Babylon, fitting them to stand in defense of the truth in the last great decisive struggle. Many will hail the truth with delight, and learn the workings of the cause in all its various bearings from the *Review* as from no other paper printed by our people. If you are not a subscriber now, send us \$1.50, and receive the *Review* each week for one year.

PUBLISHERS.

"He who profits by just criticism puts himself above criticism."

FIELD REPORTS.

HAYES, ADAMS COUNTY.

I AM still holding meetings at this place. We have had some opposition from two ministers of the First-day Adventist denomination, but this only served to strengthen those who were earnestly seeking for the truth. We have held some Sabbath meetings, and hope soon to organize a Sabbath school. A few have begun to keep the Sabbath, and we have hopes for others.

E. G. OLSEN.

NEAR BIRMINGHAM, VAN BUREN COUNTY.

I CONTINUED the meetings at the schoolhouse west of Birmingham for one week after my last report, and then closed to avoid trouble with one of the directors who is very prejudiced. There are eighteen new Sabbath-keepers here. Many others acknowledge the truth, but have not stepped out to obey. During the week of prayer we met from house to house, and the Lord blessed us as we studied and prayed together. I also visited the companies at Libertyville, Fairfield, and Bladensburg, and held one meeting at each place. I see the evidence that God is working among his people; many are seeking for a deeper consecration. After the week of prayer, I commenced a meeting four miles southwest of where I held the first meeting. The attendance and interest have been excellent from the beginning. Several who attended the other meeting come here also. Bro. Emmons canvassed this community for "Prophecies of Jesus," and these books have had a good influence. One lady who bought 'Prophecies' kept last Sabbath. The rain this week has prevented some from attending. Three weeks ago a Christian minister spoke against the law of God and in favor of Sunday. As a result of his efforts three who had been in the valley of decision took their stand for the truth. Again God's promises are fulfilled. 2 Cor. 13:8; Ps. 76:10.

My heart is made sad by the report of the murder of one of our faithful sisters, Mrs. Lena McCoun, of my own little church at Ladoga. The deed was committed by the hand of her cruel husband. I am so glad for the precious message of truth that shows that Jesus is soon coming. I want to be ready to meet him.

Jan. 13.

F. L. MOODY.

SCRANTON.

I AM holding meetings in two schoolhouses. The attention is good, and both houses thus far have been crowded, some having to sit on top of the desks and some on the floor. I have spoken three times on the Sabbath question in one schoolhouse, and last evening I spoke on the subject of 'True Conversion.' This week I take up the Sabbath question in the other schoolhouse. I am daily asking for wisdom and power, to preach the gospel and teach Christ, the Way, to the people.

Jan. 10.

H. R. JOHNSON.

SIOUX CITY.

Dear Readers of the BULLETIN: I know you are all anxious to hear from Sioux City. The Lord has blessed us beyond measure. Three more have taken a firm stand for the truth, and several are coming. When the Holy Spirit converts people, they are converted, and how soon they take hold. How weak we are, and how long we have trusted to arguments; but now God has visited us, and truly done more in a few weeks than we could accomplish in a long time. Pray for us. Your last prayers are answered, thank God. We hope soon to see much more done; for God has spoken good for us.

C. A. HANSEN.

MEETINGS HELD DURING THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

FONTANELLE.—We felt so much our need of a closer connection with God and a better knowledge of the "Testimonies" that we met twice each day for study and prayer, from Sabbath until Wednesday, the beginning of the week of prayer. The rest of the time we met in the afternoon for the reading, and also in the evening. So many of our members were away that our attendance seemed small, but a few were very regular in their attendance, and were very earnest in seeking the Lord. Our special subject of study from the "Testimonies" was health reform. We feel greatly benefited, and hope to profit by all we learned. The readings were excellent. They seemed better than ever before; and the Spirit of God was very near each time that we met together. Our meetings were interrupted and our hearts made sad by the sudden death of one of our sisters, Mrs. Angeline Stilwell. This was a reminder to us of how uncertain life is. On account of the death and funeral services, we could not have our last

reading until Jan. 1. Our donations, though small, were given with willing hearts, and all regretted that they could not give more to the Lord. We feel the need of a deeper consecration, that we may be workers together with God in the salvation of precious souls.

MRS. A. T. JACOBS.

EDDYVILLE.—Our meetings during the week of prayer were good, and proved a real blessing to us. One meeting was held each day. We each had a copy of the readings and made a study of them. The sweet Spirit of the Lord came in, and we begin the New Year with fresh courage.

MAGGIE WATKINS.

ONAWA.—This season was a time of heart searching with the most of our members. When we came the question in the readings as to who would make a covenant with God to live a better and holier life, several rose to their feet and said that by the help of God they would. That was the best meeting I have ever attended, and this is the fourth year I have been privileged to meet with this church at their yearly gatherings. God has been good to us the past year, and we thank him and praise his holy name.

LYDIA E. MOORE.

AETON.—The Afton church met during the week of prayer part of the time in Afton and part of the time at Bro. Syp's home. These meetings were much appreciated by those who were permitted to attend. All felt the necessity of living closer to God than ever before. Bro. Wm. Guthrie and C. T. Adams met with us one day, and encouraged the brethren very much. Bro. Guthrie read the readings, and Bro. Adams talked to us about how the Spirit of God is going before and seeking out the people who will obey the last message of warning. We saw the importance of submitting ourselves to the Lord in such a way that he can prepare our hearts for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, so we can labor for others.

MINNIE SYP.

MONROE.—Meetings were held each day during the appointed season, and as we sought the Lord he came divinely near, so that we were enabled to touch the hem of his garment, as it were. With each succeeding day, he came a little nearer, until on Sabbath and Sunday, when his Spirit was freely bestowed upon us. Our hearts were touched and made tender under its softening influence; parents were given

a burden for their children, and were rejoiced by seeing some of them make known their desire to live for Christ. It was a touching scene to see nearly the whole congregation in tears, weeping for joy; and as we realize that it was God in our midst, we long for more of his power to live perfect lives. Altogether, the week of prayer was one of refreshing to us, and caused us to realize that indeed "it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you."

W. E. PERRIN.

OBITUARY.

McCOUN.—Died at Bedford, Iowa, Jan. 7, 1898, Mrs. Lena McCoun, at the age of 37 years.

Sister McCoun embraced the truths of the third angel's message as a result of the tent meeting conducted by Elds. Hart and Beard some five years ago. She has been quite firm in the truth ever since, and faithful in attending Sabbath school and meetings, much of the time at considerable sacrifice. She went to College View last summer, where she took treatment for some time at the Sanitarium, and returned much improved in health. She was present with three of her children at quarterly meeting Jan. 1, and took an active part, and bore a very decided testimony as to the comfort of the Christian's hope. She had just studied over her Sabbath school lesson with her children on Friday evening, had worship, and retired, when she was called up by her husband, from whom she had been divorced about six weeks previous, to meet death by a shot from his hand. He then fled, pursued by an increasing number of excited citizens, who searched in vain for him all night. About sunrise a report from his weapon revealed his whereabouts. He was just outside the city, and had ended the awful tragedy by shooting himself. He died the same day. This has been a great shock to a large community of acquaintances in this part of the State, and is another warning of the danger in strong drink, to which the husband, a lawyer and justice of the peace, was addicted. Sister McCoun's funeral was conducted by the writer at her home in Bedford, and was attended by a large number of citizens and friends. She leaves four motherless children,—a daughter 14 years of age, a son 12, a little girl of 7, and a boy of 5. The eldest two are children by a former marriage.

E. E. GARDNER.

THE BOOK WORK.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 7, 1898.

GREAT CONTROVERSY.			
	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.
W. L. Manfull, Chariton.....	15	3	\$7.75
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.			
H. G. Miller, Bladensburg.....		3	\$9.25
Burton Church, Fontanelle.....	25	0	
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Mary Rhoads, Sibley.....		8	\$5.75
M. C. Nielson, Exira.....		5	2.50
DELIVERIES.			
	Books.	Value.	Lost.
Mary Rhoads.....	17	\$10.05	0
Minnie T. Johnson.....	3	2.00	0
Faunde Fenton.....	31	15.25	1
H. B. Tilden.....	7	18.00	1
R. K. Emmons.....	14	26.75	1
*Fred Bunnell.....	32	56.50	24
H. G. Miller.....	3	9.25	0
M. C. Nielson.....	5	4.80	0

SUMMARY.			
No. of agents.....			10
" " orders.....			19
Value of ".....			\$25.25
" " helps sold.....			\$17.00
Total value.....			\$42.25
Value of deliveries.....			\$143.60
*Per H. B. Tilden and Andrew Johnson.			

DONATIONS FOR THE SCHOOL.

BRO. S. A. HILL reports cash donations for the canvassers' school as follows:—

J. R. Bowles, \$1.00; James Bowles, \$5.00; C. M. Bowles, \$1.00; G. W. Crater, \$1.00; Grace Glasscock, \$.50; Lewis Pease, \$1.00; J. W. Graham, \$.50; Elizabeth Benjamin, \$.25; N. J. Benjamin, \$.25; Hans Henrikson, \$5.00; M. L. Lytton, \$.50; H. Johnson, \$.35; K. P. Johnson, \$.75; Peter Nelson, \$.50; Soren Christiansen, \$5.00; P. C. Knudson, \$1.00; J. W. Jensen, \$1.00; Peter Axelsen, \$1.00; Mollie Long, \$1.00; Sister Guthrie, \$.50; Asa T. Fuller, \$1.00; James M. Vile, \$2.00; Hawkeye church, \$5.75; A. P. Foster, \$.50; A. D. Barnard, \$1.00; J. Bloom, \$2.00; C. H. Stutson, \$.50; John Johnson, \$5.00; Sister Tibbetts, \$.50; J. W. Crouse, \$1.00; O. R. Brown, \$1.00; John Anderson, \$.50; Fred Johnson, \$.50; Wm. Christopher, \$1.00; L. A. Hanson, \$.25; A friend, \$1.00; H. J. Schneppe, \$.50; Jas. Peterson, \$.50; Chris. Peterson, \$.25; Ole Olsen, \$.50; T. A. Owen, \$1.00; Geo. Yocum, \$1.00; Mrs. J. J. Parker, \$1.00; Alma Nelson, \$2.50; Olga Nelson, \$2.50; Mrs. Ada Nelson, \$5.00; Lillie Brink, \$5.00; J. W. Rineley, \$1.00; Sam Ratz, \$1.00; Geo. D. Bodman, \$1.55; Mrs. M. J. Newby, \$1.00; Henry High, \$3.00; Mrs. R. J. Corbin, \$.50; S. C. Lynde, \$1.00; A. D. Lyon, \$1.00; Eld. J. T. Mitchell, \$5.00; D. Andre, \$5.00; E. K. Strite, \$1.00; Total, \$91.40.

Others have promised to add to the above. As the donations come to the the Iowa Tract Society, due credit will be given and acknowledgement made in the BULLETIN. We know that we voice the feelings of all interested in the school, and especially of the canvassers, in returning to the donors heart-felt thanks.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

REPORTS FROM CONVENTIONS.

E. R. BOWES, HARTLEY: "The second Sabbath school convention at this place was held according to appointment Dec. 5, 1897. The suggestive program was carried out with the addition of songs and recitations. Eld. Lewis Proctor and wife, of the South Dakota Conference, were present. A few not of our faith were with us, and seemed to enjoy the meeting. Two sessions were held, and the time spent was, we trust, profitable to us and to the cause at this place. The Spirit of God was present, and all seemed to feel the importance of the meeting."

MRS. C. C. NOGGLE, ATLANTIC: "Our second Sabbath school convention was held Dec. 18, with song, and prayer, and scripture reading, also recitations and exercises by the children. The papers read were interesting and instructive. We were all helped by the kindly spirit that prevailed during the exercises, which proved to us that the dear Lord was present. Remarks were made favoring the continuance of Sabbath school conventions, and we fully resolved to take part in the next convention, God willing."

MRS. ELLA MOORE, BOONE: "Our Sabbath school held a convention Nov. 28. As the days are short and some of our members live in the country, it was thought best to have one afternoon session. An interesting talk was given on 'Our Relation to the State Association.' [Papers were read on other subjects. The little children did their part well in the responsive reading and recitations. We can truly say that all went away feeling they had received a blessing."

BIRTHDAY OFFERINGS.

MRS. M. C. LEE, 42 cents; Hannah Johnson, \$1.25; Fern and Flossie Moody, 15 cents; Friends, \$1.25; Cora Diener, (missionary chickens), 50 cents; Clarence Lee, 8 cents; Williams' children, 75 cents; Atalissa, 78 cents; Nevada, \$1.50; Ethel, Letha, and Mable Taylor, 18 cents; Nellie Taylor (deceased), 32 cents. Nellie never would spend her pennies for candy or anything of the kind, but saved them for missionary work; and this money was what she had saved up, when she was laid to rest.

HAVE you sent in your Sabbath school report? If not, the State Secretary is anxiously waiting for it.

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DES MOINES, IOWA, Jan. 18, 1898.

—ELD. L. F. STARR has recently removed from Dunlap, locating his family at Audubon.

—BRO. F. A. WASHBURN is again at Levey, to remain for a time in the interest of the work started there about a year ago.

—MISS ANNA JOHNSON, of Kelley, is in the city, having come to assist in caring for Sister Anna Eide, who is still very seriously ill.

—BRN. H. B. TILDEN and Andrew Johnson, well known canvassers, are in Des Moines, and will assist in the preparation for the school.

—BRO. J. M. CARTWRIGHT, having sold his farm near Pilot Mound, visited College View, Neb., last week, with the view of locating there.

—BRO. HENRY BORHOLM is laboring among the Scandinavian people in a neighborhood south-west of Audubon. His postoffice address is Jacksonville.

—BRO. R. K. EMMONS called at the Home last Thursday, on his way to Stuart. He has finished a faithful season in the canvassing work, and will visit his parents for a few days before coming to the school.

—THOSE of our Conference workers who wish their addresses changed in the directory, which will appear in the next number of the *General Conference Bulletin*, should so inform the Conference Secretary, Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa, at once.

—IN a letter of Jan. 11 Eld. J. S. Hart writes: "The meetings continue at Storm Lake with the same interest. Revival meetings are in progress in all the churches. Last Thursday I was called upon to preach the funeral of W. P. Jones, whose two daughters are members of the S. D. A. church. The service was held in the Christian tabernacle, and there was a large attendance."

—ELD. JOHN HOFFMAN wrote us last week from Clinton as follows: "We now have our mission about ready. Meetings were held every evening last week. We are now ready to receive donations in the way of beans, peas, secondhand clothing, etc. If some one could send a hundred pounds of oatmeal, it would be thankfully received." Eld. Hoffman's address is Clinton, Iowa, Box 320.

—WHILE the Iowa brethren and sisters should feel the greatest interest and responsibility in the Rescue Home work in our own State, we know that all will be glad to have reports of the progress of this work in other States. A mission has recently been opened in Omaha, Nebraska, and as this is so near our western borders it may be that there are those of our people who can contribute for its support. Donations of the usual kind will be thankfully received if addressed to A. J. Howard, 1513 Burt St., Omaha, Neb. Doubtless you have also noticed the earnest appeal appearing in last week's *Review* in behalf of the Chicago Medical Mission, at 1926 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. Surely all may have a part in this, the "last call of the last call."

—ANNOUNCEMENTS are out for the biennial council of General Conference District No. 4, to be held at College View, Neb., Feb. 14—23, 1898. The Conferences in this district are Wisconsin, Minnesota, Dakota, Nebraska, and Iowa, and the mission field of Manitoba. Each of these will, doubtless, send representatives to this council. In the past these meetings have been of much value in directing and unifying the work in the different Conferences, and we trust that the one soon to be held may be a blessing to the work throughout the District.

—THE reports from the librarians have come in quite promptly this quarter, and we are thankful for the effort that has been made by many to send in their reports in good season. Word has been received by the International Tract Society that our State report must be sent to them a little earlier than formerly, so we must ask those who have not yet reported, to do so very soon. We very much desire to receive from every librarian a full report at once. Will you who have not yet reported, please give this matter your immediate attention?

—BRO. PETER LINDAHL has been visiting his children and aged mother at Strahan, and will remain in that part of the State for a short time engaged in the tract work in Shelby and Audubon counties.

—MRS. C. G. JOHNSTON, of Sigourney, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Carl Quimby, in this city.

—BRO. AND SISTER A. WILBUR, of Sandyville, met with the church at Des Moines last Sabbath.

A GOOD TRACT FOR USE.

"THE Great Threefold Message" is just out as No. 47 of *Apples of Gold Library* series. It ought to be read by every Seventh-day Adventist, put in every reading rack, and in the hands of every person who will read. Sometimes I fear that we are passing by the great foundation stones of the message in our haste after something new. This tract is presented in such a way that *people will read*. Let the tract societies send in large orders for this tract and follow other publications that have been put out, with this tract that you will find *second to none*. It has three illustrations, and contains sixteen pages. Price one cent. Thousands of these ought to be used in Iowa before the evenings become short. Send them by letter, and in every way. I think the first general effort for 1898 may well be made with this tract.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

CHANGES IN THE "SIGNS."

THE editors of the *Signs of the Times* have sent us notice of some important changes that will be made in the paper for 1898. They expect to use a quality of paper upon which half tone illustrations can be successfully printed. With better paper, and a higher grade of engravings, where could we look to find a more nearly perfect missionary paper than the *Signs*? This is all intended to aid in getting the saving truth before those who are in need of it. Brethren and sisters, we are God's messengers to carry these truths to the people. Some have done nobly in this work, but it must be followed up. You who have obtained subscribers should get them to renew, at the same time finding others. You who feel that you ought to do more than you are doing, try working for this good paper. It is one of the most successful ways of doing missionary work.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

APPOINTMENTS.

DEDICATION.

THE first portable tabernacle erected in Iowa is nearly ready to be occupied, and will be dedicated, if the Lord wills, Sunday, Jan. 30. The meetings will begin Friday night. All who can meet with us at this time will be made welcome. We will come together to spend these days seeking the Lord. In cold weather it is always well to bring extra comforts.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

THE Lord willing, I will meet with the following churches:—

Sharpsburg,	Jan. 21—24,	1898.
Ladoga,	" 28—31,	"
Benton,	Feb. 4—7,	"

Meetings to begin in the evening of each date. W. B. EVERHART.