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IOWA TRACT AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY, DES MOINES, IOWA.

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| TERMS: | 25 CENTS | А | YEAR, | IN | ADVANCE. |

VOLUME 10.

Dear BULLETIN Family: As this number of our State paper goes out, we are reminded that another year has gone. With this issue the BULLETIN enters upon its tenth year. How swiftly the years come and go. God says, "We spend our years as a tale that is told." We listen with interest; then the book is laid away. Do you think that this year book, just laid away, will ever be brought out again? When? Under what circumstances? Who will stand by to hear it read? "The books were opened."

These years, swiftly as they fly, have almost reached their limit. It does seem that "evil men and seducers" cannot wax much worse, that the nations cannot become much more angry, that professors cannot become much more lukewarm, that the last sign that heralds the appearing of the Saviour cannot be long delayed. Who is ready for his coming? Isn't there some work that you would like to have added to your list before he closes his work? Every one can have a good record of honesty and faithfulness placed upon the book in the year to come, and can have all the mistakes blotted from the past record never to appear against him.

With God's help the BULLETIN will be a faithful channel through which all may counsel, and advance plans for labor be laid; and by itall may be kept informed of all the work and workers. Will you, while assisting in the circulation of our other papers, do what you can toward placing the BULLETIN in every Seventh-day Adventist home in Iowa? I believe that this will be the best of missionary work. The editors will do all they can to make the paper what the Lord would have it, and I trust that every member will assist in this noble work. Subscribe, report, write, and pray Got to bless the work.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

A SPECIAL OFFER.

I wish to call especial attention to the offer made on the book "Patriarchs and Prophets," in the BULLETIN of July 5. This is one of our large books, and there are many of our people who do not have it. This special offer has been made that every family may have the best helps in connection with the Sabbath school lessons that can be obtained. At the prices quoted every family can get one of the best large books published at less than the price of some of our small books.

Notice the prices: cloth binding, marbled edge, formerly sold at \$2.25, now for \$1.15; gilt edge, \$2.75, at \$1.40; sheep (library), \$3.00, at \$1.50; the full morocco (a beautiful book), \$4.50, at \$2.25; without illustrations, \$1.75, at \$.90. Add thirty cents to these prices for the postage, as we cannot add this to the discount. Send your order to the Iowa Tract Society, now in the beginning lessons on Genesis. This book will be of the greatest value in these studies.

UNION COLLEGE.

On account of the present great need of teachers to carry forward church and mission schools. Union College has instituted a Special Normal Course for the purpose of training young men and

women for these openings. There ought to be a live, consecrated teacher in every Seventh-day Adventist church in the State of Iowa. This means that every earnest Sabbath-keeping teacher now employed in the public schools in the State, together with many more young persons who have ability to teach, should fit themselves at once for these places. In a little while the public schools will be closed to our people, but let us improve the time now, and have schools of our own where the children may be taught the simple truths of the Bible along with their other studies.

I have on hand now a number of copies of Special Testimonies, in pamphlet form, on the subject of "Home and Church Schools" that I shall be glad to send to any teacher or other person interested in this line of work. Is there not some bright, devoted young person from every church who can be recommended to take this course? There should be no delay in this matter; who will be the first to respond? Write me for any special information on this subject. W. T. BLAND.

College View, Neb.

ACCEPTABLE SERVICE.

BRETHREN and sisters, when you assemble for social worship, believe that Jesus meets with you; believe that he is willing to bless you. Turn the eye away from self; look unto Jesus; talk of his matchless love. By beholding him you will become changed into his likeness. When you pray be brief, come to the point. Do not preach the Lord a sermon in your long prayers. Ask for the bread of life as a hungry child asks bread of his earthly father. God will bestow upon us every needed blessing, if we ask him in symplicity and faith.—Sel. from "Testimonies."

FIELD REPORTS.

SUDUX CITY.

WE have pitched our tent on the corner of Iowa and Ninth Sts. Meetings began June 22. A number have attended each evening, and a few seem to be interested to hear and know the truth for this time. We have printed and distributed cards twice, inviting the people to come and hear. We have fifty copies of our Scandinavian papers. which we distribute from house to house. This gives us a good chance to talk with the people and to become acquainted with them. Our tracts are used in the same way. We have thought of holding meetings out in the edge of the city, because it is so far for some of the people to come to the teut.

Doubtless most of you read of the storm that passed over the city recently, blowing down a circus tent in which were three thousand persons. About eighty were wounded, and a few have died from the effects. The damage to the tent was estimated at about \$10,000. But the Lord protected us, so that nothing was damaged. We praise him for his guidance and mercy toward us. H. R. JOHNSON.

> N. C. Bergensen, Henry Rorholm.

DOUDS 'STATION, VAN BUREN COUNTY.

"Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul." "The Lord bath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

After camp-meeting we returned to this place, and were rejoiced to find anotherman, with his wife, keeping the Sabbath. We found a very pleasant and favorable location for the tent. It is well protected from wind, and we have plenty of shade. There is good water near by. Douds Station is a small place of two hundred inhabitants. and is situated nine miles south-east of Eldon, on the Des Moines and Keokuk Division of the C. R. I. and P. Ry. The village of Leando, having about the same population, is just across the river. These places are now connected by a new iron bridge.

The people have taken an interest in helping us get ready for the meetings, which began June 20. The attendance thus far has been good. I have never been in a place where the people were more ready to do all they could to help along. One man supplied an organ, and the ladies of the place play for us, A good class of young people attend the meetings. As the weather has been warm, one of the merchants gave us forty palm-leaf fans. Already they are bringing us many eatables, and a liberal donation was given with which to buy oil, etc.

We believe the hand of God is in all this, and we feel the responsibility of rightly representing the truth. We have been expecting Brn. Neal and Nicola to join us. We are sorry to learn that Bro. Neal's health will not permit him to do so, but hope to have Bro. Nicola here this week. Looking to the Lord for strength and wisdom, we go forward to sow the seed, and trust God to give the increase.

F L. MOODY.

CENTERVILLE.

July 4.

Gon gave us an ideal day, and all plans for the meeting were successfully carried out. Brn. Everhart and Iden, with Sister Gardner and children, were the first to arrive. By ten o'clock the house was well filled. Although some came twenty miles, nearly all were on time.

Sister Gardner's words to the school were encouraging, instructive, and interesting. All the classes were so deeply absorbed in the lesson that the half hour expired all too soon.

Eld. Everhart presented the message for to-day, and the importance of accepting it just now came home to every heart. God's Spirit was present with speaker and hearers, and it was demonstrated that in Christ we may have perfect peace, while all around us wars and rumors of wars are raging,—in the world but not of the world.

After refreshments under the shade trees upon the lawn, we reassembled for the ordinances. About thirty members of the Moravia church and eleven visiting brethren and sisters were present. All took part in the ordinances, and gave their testimonies. There were no formal testimonies, but brief expressions of gratitude to God for numberless blessings of the past, and of the determination to go forward in the warfare of the Prince of Peace, until the victory is won or we sink to rest upon the field with our armor on.

As the rooms were small, the public were not invited, but a few earnest and interested Christians came and testified that they were blessed with us. About eighty persons were present. Brn. Miller and Warner were with us for the first time. The clouds of blessing have surely gathered over Appanoose county, and many have been refreshed by the falling mercy drops. God help us to get ready for the great outpouring.

MRS. S. J. WENTWORTH.

ARLINGTON, FAYETTE COUNTY.

In company with my wife and little daughter, I came to this pleasant village June 20, where we met Bro. Buhalts and his sister. Together we selected a location, pitched our tents, and opened meetings June 23. Although the weather has been stormy at times, we have held meetings each night except July 4, and twice on Sundays. The average attendance is about seventy-five. The churches have held frequent meetings, a conference, festivals, clubs, etc.; and now a noted revivalist is to commence meetings in a few days in the largest church,-that of the Disciples. The village though small has an opera house, which seems to be well patronized.

Many think we are like the Latter Day Saints, who held meetings in a tent here last year. These people claim that the "Book of Mormon" is more reliable than the Holy Scriptures. They claim that the Papacy changed the Bible somewhat, to suit their belief. No doubt the readers of the BULLE-TIN will agree that the Papists' effort in that line was a very poor one.

A number here are deeply interested in God's precious message. We pray for these and many others. May the Lord of the harvest keep his hand to the work. We are of good health and courage, and trusting in the Lord's guiding hand. Brethren and sisters, pray for us. U. P. LONG.

July 8.

ROLFE, POCAHONTAS COUNTY.

WE arrived here Tuesday evening, July 5; and after looking around some, got a good location four blocks northeast of the postoffice. The first meeting was held Friday evening with about forty in attendance. The people seem friendly, and we hope for a good interest. We find our cotton dwellings quite warm these days, in the absence of shade trees. J. S. HART,

> G. A. LARSON, H. T. CURTIS.

"He who can heal the sick and raise the dead, can be trusted to keep all his promises."

THE BOOK WORK.

FROM THE CANVASSERS.

NETTIE GAEDE, MUSCATINE: "A Holland family, after reading 'His Glorious Appearing,' became much interested, and have asked me for more reading matter on that subject. They subscribed for the Holland paper, and want to take 'Bible Readings' as soon as I can bring it. The man said it was a book for which he had been looking. It does one good to see people so anxious for truth."

D. P. POWELL, SIOUX CITY: "I called on a Methodist minister last Friday, and had a pleasant visit with him and his wife at the dinner table. After the meal I showed him the book, with which he was well pleased, and gave me his order. He said he could recommend the book as a valuable help in the study of the Bible, and wished me the best of success in my work."

PEARL D. BASCON, WAUKON: "With this I enclose a few of the names of those who took 'Coming King.' These persons were so greatly interested that I want them to be furnished with reading matter on other subjects. I also send the name of a lady who took 'Christ Our Saviour' last winter, and who was almost convinced in regard to the Sabbath.''

LAURA A. GILBERT, ST. CHARLES: "I am thankful I can send in a small report this week. I have enjoyed much of God's blessing the past week, and feel like pressing on to do more work for Christ. I hope to have a fuller report next week."

CATHINKA HENRICKSEN AND COM-PANY, SIOUX CITY: "We are of good courage in the work, and by the help of God we will press onward, doing the work which God has given us."

LEWIS HILLIARD, SPENCER: "Please send me fifty more copies of 'The Alarmof War.' All the workers should have this tract. There is no trouble in selling it, for it almost sells itself."

A. WALTER JOHNSON, SIGOURNEY: "I had good success in delivering, and my prayer is that the books may be read and some brought to see the light thereby."

IDA CHURCH, EDDYVILLE: "I am of the best of courage. My whole desire is to be where the Lord can use me in his work, and to let him lead me."

C. E. RENTFRO, SIGOURNEY: "I had no trouble in delivering, and to God be all the honor. Nearly every one seemed glad to get the book." C. É. VOSBURG, COUNCIL BLUFFS: "Although we have had an experience of only five days, we have come to realize that all we can do is to carry the books from door to door, faithfully present them, and then let the Lord take the orders."

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 1, 1898.

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| H. G. Miller, Darbyville 48 | 5 | \$ 9.25 |
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| Lewis Hilliard, Spencer 45 | 9 | 15.50 |
| Carl Rasmussen, Rockwell 36 | 9 | 14.50 |
| C. E. Vosburg, Council Bluffs, 51 | 19 | 34.75 |
| F. G. Snecht Le Mars 48 | 18 | 35.75 |
| H. L. Specht, " | 21 | 38.25 |
| D. G. Gaede | 15 | 29.25 |
| D. P. Powell, Sloux City | 10 | 18.75 |
| R. L. Bennett, Berea | 1 | 1.75 |
| Chas. Murray, Mt. Union | 2 | 3.50 |
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| THE COMING KING. | | |
| *H B. Tilden, Sigourney22 | 2 | \$2.00 |
| Pearl D. Bascom, Waukon | 5 | 5.00 |
| Sarah Duerksen, Independence. 19 | 5 | 4.75 |
| Nettie Gaede, Muscatine | 8 | 3.50 |
| Anna Duerksen " 19 | 3 | 3.00 |
| *Andrew Johnson, Sigourney | 1 | 1.75 |
| Dora Rasmussen, Sloux City 21 | 5 | 5.00 |
| Christine Benricksen, " 21 | 5 | 5.00 |
| Cathinka Henricksen " 22 | 7 | 7.00 |
| *E. A. Warner, Darbyville | 4 | 4.00 |
| *S. B. Kephart, Stuart | 4 | 4.00 |
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| Carrie E. Brown, " 6 | 0 | |
| "Ida Church, Ottumwa | 2 | 2.00 |
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| Mary Haskell, " 18 | 9 | 9.00 |
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| MISCELLANEOUS. | | |
| Martin and Oscar Johnson, | | |
| Estherville | 4 | \$1.50 |
| Laura A. Gilbert, St. Charles26 | 5 | 4.50 |
| GREAT CONTROVERSY. | | |
| Martin J. Fritz, Atkins, | 1 | \$2.75 |
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| E. A. Warner fl | 11.00 | 0 |
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| Ida Church | 14.00 | 5 |
| Elsie Fulton | 15.75 | 3 |
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| H. B. Tilden 28 | 28,00 | 1 |
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| Total value | | \$417.15 |

STRENGTH is like gunpowder: to be effective, it needs concentration and aim.—Matthews.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

ASKING QUESTIONS.

A VERY essential element in success in the Sabbath-school teacher's work is the art of asking questions. All great teachers have been experts in this. Socrates, the old bare-footed philosopher of Athens, had a method of awakening a dull or frivilous pupil by simply plying him with questions. Beginning with something easy and self-evident, he would proceed, step by step, until the principle he wished to impress was plain to the mind of his pupil. Often did Jesus by a well directed question, reach the heart and conscience. An example of his method of questioning is found in the record of his talk with Simon, the Pharisee.

Like everything of any value, the art of asking questions can only be secured by earnest and faithful effort. Special preparation is needed. The teacher who merely asks the questions as given in the lesson helps, goes through simply a dull routine. The helps are valuable as *helps*, but they should be used only as suggestive; when used thus they fulfill their mission.

Each teacher should form his own questions. This will require both time and study, but the Sabbeth-school teacher is of little worth who does not give time and study to his work. The questions prepared should be upon the main point in the lesson, not taking up a series of side issues. A skillful teacher may, with a few questions, open up the very deepest part of the lesson. It is not best, as a rule, to ask questions that suggest their own answers, as this is too easy, and does not give the mental drill that is so essential to the development of the pupils. On the other hand the questions should not be so difficult that no one but the teacher can answer them; this is discouraging to a class. Especial atten-tion should be given to reaching the The spiritual truths of the lesson. history, incidents, and geography are all essential, but should not hide the deeper, spiritual truth that will sanctify the heart. If in your work, one way of asking a question does not succeed, try another, and keep on until the mind of the dullest pupil is awakened to the subject. The form of the question has much to do with the answer given. Happy is the teacher who cannot only ask questions, but can elicit questions in return. This shows a lively interest in the subject.

But there is one question that should be asked of each pupil alone, and that is to find out his personal interest in the Saviour. Patient seed sowing by the teacher may be the means of each pupil answering this question in such a way as to bring joy to the teacher's heart. MRS. J. L. A.

THE WORKERS' BULLETIN.

Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, July 12, 1898.

-CHRIST'S yoke is a burden which carries him who carries it,-Bernard.

- MR. AND MRS. H. T. CURTIS made us a short visit between trains, as they were passing through this city to Rolfe.

-BRO. W. L. MANFULL made a short call at the Office last Friday. He was on his way to visit the canvassers in North-eastern Iowa.

- BRO. G. A. LARSON spent Monday night at the Home last week, on his way to join the tent company at Rolfe. Mrs. Larson followed a few days later.

- BRN. CHAS. PELMULDER and Hubert Wiertz went last week to Pella, Marion county, to begin their work among the Holland people, spending a few hours in Des Moines *en route*.

-THERE are quite a number of the Sabbath school reports that have not yet been received by the State Secretary. Is yours one of them? If so, can you send it this week?

- BRO, J. W. DAMON has entered upon his work at Octumwa. He will make a special effort, with the *Signs*, having ordered a club of one hundred copies with which to begin the canvass of that city.

- BRO, J. O. BEARD has been laboring at Commanche for several weeks, following up the interest awakened before camp-meeting. He with the other members of the tent company, is now at Sloan.

-BRO, ADOLPH PREIFFER is enjoying a short vacation at his home in Northern Michigan. During his absence Miss Gertrude Fox, of the Review-and Herald Office, who is in the city for a time, will take his place as BULLETIN compositor.

- BRO. R. L. BENNETT, who is canvassing in Butler county, stopped over night at the Home last week on his way to his home at Eureka. He wishes to secure a horse and cart to use in his work, and will rejoin his company as soon as possible.

-WE were glad to welcome Miss Minnie Beaman on her return to Iowa last week, and to know that her health has been much improved by her stay at the Sanitarium in College View. She went from here to make a short visit at Knoxville before returning to her work at Davenport.

-THROUGH the kindness of Elder I.J. Hankins, we have the opportunity of reading a copy of The Friend of the Free State, of May 31, 1898, a paper published at Bloemfontein, S. Africa. The articles of the most interest to us were those pertaining to a recent Sunday law which has been introduced in their legislative assembly, the "Volksraad." The discussion of the Sunday law showed the same interest on both sides as we see manifested in our country. In connection with the report of the proceedings of the "Volksraad" an article by "Protestant" is published, giving twenty-five logical reasons why a "Sunday law should not be enacted in the Free State, or in any other State."

-AT the home of our Conference President, in Marshalltown, on Tuesday, July 5, at 11 A. M. the ceremony was performed by which the eldest daughter, Miss Olive Santee, was united in marriage to Bro. Frank L. Smith, also of Marshalltown, Eld. Santee officiating. A few relatives and near friends were present, and the occasion was a very quiet and pleasant one. Bro. Smith is a member of the Mason City tent company, and his wife will accompany him this summer. That theirs may be a life of much happiness as well as usefulness is the wish of a large circle of friends.

-THE brother or sister at Cedar Falls writing under date of July 5 in regard to publications for the reading racks at that place, failed to sign any name to the letter, so that we are unable to respond, although we would be glad to do so.

-SISTER MARIA SYLVERTER speaks of the addition of two members to the little society at Afton recently, and says that all feel a renewed determination to press forward.

-THE workers at Keokuk can use clean copies of the *Signs*, also of our foreign papers. Address J. C. Clemens, 1116 Timea St., Keokuk, Iowa.

CAUTION.

A BROTHER has just written of a man who, claiming to be a Seventh-day Adventist, came to the brethren with a sad story of a stolen horse, saying that he was out of money. One of the brethren advanced him some money, and a little later he was found spending it in the saloon. The brethren found him there, and recovered a part of the money. I might give his name and description, but it is easy to change both.

Brethren, how long will it be ere we learn to beware of Satan's agents who come to us for the purpose of getting the money that ought to be used in the work of the Lord. "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." — Bible. When men come with a pitiable story and a long face begging money, beware of them, and deal your aid very carefully.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

REPORT OF TITHES RECEIVED BY CONFER-ENCE TREASURER, FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1898.

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| Bonaparte | Nanson |
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| Boone | Olin 31.49 |
| Bluff Creek | Osceola |
| Bladensburg 58.96 | Osage |
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| Forest City | Village Creek |
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| Harlan | Waverly 3.00 |
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Treasurer Iowa Conf.

APPOINTMENTS.

THE Lord willing I will be with the Osceola church July 16, 17. The ordinances will be celebrated at this time. The friends near there are invited tomeet with us at this time.