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JESSIE V. BOSWORTH, }

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### ANOTHER MILEPOST.

THIS world has passed another milepost on its way to "blackness," "darkness," and "the stones of emptiness," to the home of Satan and his angels; when all the wicked who live to see the end, will be scattered dead upon the surface of a planet broken to pieces, with heavens above that emit not one ray of light upon the black waste. Property and real estate there will not be worth much, yet many are laying away deeds and gains, to try its value, while they know it not.

The "little flock" of the Lord, "the remnant," have also passed another milepost on the way to a land of light unceasing, glory unspeakable, eternal life, where there will be no Satan to tear loved ones from their arms, no evil angels to watch every step with hate and accusation, no burdened hearts, nor aching heads. Property there will ever be of eternally increasing value. All treasure laid up there will bring to the owner rest, peace, joy, instead of unrest, anxiety, and care, as is the case here. There the elect will "long enjoy the work of their hands." This small number are placing their treasures and property there. The recording of their deeds to the heavenly inheritance is now going on, and the homes are nearly all allotted, only a few more vacant lots, and all will "be filled." My dear brother or sister, has your name been registered with this company to stay? Are you sure that your title has no flaw? How

does the New Year commence? How does the account stand of straight honesty with God, with our fellowmen, with our families, and with our own consciences? To which condition of the earth are your dear children looking as the untied year opens? Where shall the inheritance be placed? All who come in now will have to be numbered in the very last allotment, but I thank the Lord that we can all come in there. Shall we not all by the help of the the Lord be of this number? This coming year will no doubt decide this with many. Will it with you? If so, shall it not be decided that "by his grace, I will?"

CLARENCE SANTEE.

### THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

THINKING that there may be some in Iowa who would attend the General Conference if the cost were not too great, I will state the arrangements that are being made for this trip. A fare of \$19.00 for the round trip from Chicago to South Lancaster and return to Chicago, has been offered the Conference agent, for all who wish to go. I quote from his letter as follows: "I thought there might be several in your Conference, outside of the regular delegates, who would like to attend the General Conference if low rates could be secured. We are endeavoring to arrange a trip to take in all the principal cities of the East, such as Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, and Washington."

This will be a rare opportunity for all who can arrange to visit the East, and attend the Conference. The time is Feb. 14—March 7. If there are those who can take advantage of this opportunity, we would be glad to hear from them soon, and will arrange the time of starting, place, etc.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

### A TRIBUTE TO THE "SIGNS."

WE have no agent among us that is doing a greater work than the *Signs*. A concerted action should be taken by all our people to give the anniversary number of Jan. 5, 1899, a wide circulation. Each one should look over his vicinity and see how many copies he can use. We do not know how much good may be accomplished. God is blessing the *Signs*, and its bright and beautiful pages, filled with the precious rays of truth, are carrying light and joy into many darkened homes. Can we not unite in bearing a message of love and mercy to those around us? What more fitting tribute can we pay to the cause we love so well than by scattering the million copies? Let us give the broad field a copious shower of present truth at this time, and the Lord will surely bless us in so doing. It is the Lord's work, so let us not be idle, but be up and doing. The King's business requires haste. Please read Gal. 6:9, 10. May we all take a part in the great work before us.

JASPER WAYNE.

### GLENWOOD AND VICINITY.

THE cause seems to be advancing in this part of the State. In many ways is seen how God is defeating the plans of Satan. Returning here from the State meeting, we went into the country to begin a series of meetings at a place where the people had earnestly desired them a few weeks before. But at this time there seemed to be little desire to hear. The resident minister, who was present, earnestly requested us to hold meetings at another place, even offering to let us fill his appointment there the next Sunday. Much disappointed with the prospects, we reluctantly consented. We have now held ten meetings, and are continuing each evening with an

increasing attendance and a deepening interest. However, an epidemic of measles threatens to check the work.

At this point in the work, we are glad to learn that the call is repeated at the first place. The opposition manifested at first, only deepened the interest to hear. A church that was before closed to us, is now opened, and a number seem to be anxiously waiting for the work again to begin. This interest is the result of the work of a brother who accepted the truth in Glenwood last summer. His home has been in that vicinity, and he has sold to his old neighbors over a dollar's worth of tracts and several copies of "Steps to Christ."

The new church building in Glenwood is nearing completion, and will soon be ready for use. Several of this company have been selling tracts and giving away papers. Several dollars' worth of tracts have been sold, and they have ordered one hundred copies of the Quarter-Centennial *Signs*. The Lord is greatly blessing them in this work. One aged sister sold about one dollar's worth in her school district, and found a lady keeping the Sabbath.

Brethren, we do not know how many precious souls we might find if every one would see that the truth is placed in his neighborhood. Let us "work, for the night is coming."

J. W. ADAMS.

P. P. ADAMS.

#### COUNCIL BLUFFS.

THE Lord has so wondrously wrought among us that I must tell of it, so that others may catch the Holy Spirit also. Our meeting last Sabbath held from 2 P. M. until nearly 6 P. M., and the time was well occupied by those present, our church being well filled. Eld. Luther Warren spoke upon the subject of "Baptism," and clearly set forth the fact that it is absolutely necessary to be dead to self, in order to be alive in Christ. After the discourse, seventeen were buried in the watery grave, and rose to walk in newness of life. Six of these were our dear young people, strong in mind and vigorous in body, who may be a power for good in the hands of our heavenly Father. Others were those who have lived unsatisfactory lives, after having been once baptized. May the dear Lord help us all to sense the meaning of the ordinance of baptism, that it is a death, a burial, a resurrection. Naturally, those who put on Christ, will go to work for others, so you may expect to

hear of wonderful things being done in Council Bluffs.

Personally, I realize more than ever the need of being closely connected with the True Vine, and am enjoying much of the Lord's rich blessing during the closing days of 1898. I want a place among God's people during the sojourn, that the rest may be the better enjoyed when obtained. I pray that the workers all over our Conference, may be the means in the hands of God of hastening the glad day, for which we have been longing these many years.

B. P. SHILLING.

#### SIGOURNEY.

I WAS with this church during the season of prayer. A good spirit prevailed. The annual offerings were taken up on Sunday, and amounted to \$15.00.

After the special season of seeking the Lord, it was thought best to hold a few public meetings, which I did. The Lord came very near, touching hearts and leading souls to him. Two were baptized, two united with the church, one commenced to keep all of the King's law, and others renewed their covenant relationship with God.

A club of the special *Signs* were taken, and a large number of "Steps to Christ" were ordered. A Sabbath-school convention was held, which will be reported in another column. The ordinances were celebrated, many taking part. As a church, we are thankful to God for what he is doing for us.

WILLIS M. ADAMS.

#### KEOKUK.

Dear Brethren: The truth still lives and works in Keokuk. We were made to realize that the enemy worked actively during our brief absence at the State meeting. One sister was led to take an unwise step, but she has not given up the Sabbath, and I think she now sees the need of retracing her steps. Her husband, who was very much opposed to her accepting our faith, finally said he would join the Christian church if she would. The Christian minister said she might continue to keep the Sabbath, and so she was led astray. We have had one opportunity to talk with her, and know that she is convinced of the wrong, and we hope yet to recover her from the snare. She has only increased the liability to opposition, and made it more difficult to communicate with her. We are earnestly praying for her, and

shall labor as divine wisdom may direct. We found that every one who is keeping the Sabbath, and those with whom we are holding readings, had been visited by some minister, and most strenuous efforts made to cut off our work. Most of the pastors are doing more house-to-house work than ever before. Some who were just at the testing point have been influenced, but others propose to see and decide for themselves.

We are anxiously looking for the special number of the *Signs*. I hope to sell a hundred copies of them, and believe they will be a benefit to our work. I spend a little time each week canvassing for the regular issue of the *Signs*, and thus find occasionally an interested one. We have just begun to sell "Steps to Christ," and that work opens encouragingly. I think we can sell fifty of them, and that they will be a blessing to the readers and to the work here.

We are of good courage, and I know that the Word will accomplish the thing whereunto it was sent. I am more and more impressed with the belief that the cities must be aggressively worked. Prestige is given to the work where missions are established. I am sure the Lord is pleased to see our brethren and sisters supporting what has been done already in that way in this Conference, and that he will bless them so that more cities may be so entered. I shall be glad when Keokuk can have a mission. How we all ought to thank God for the Sanitarium soon to be built in our State. Truly, the Lord's work is onward.

Death has visited us again, and one of our little flock has been laid to rest. Sister Susan Shortridge passed away quietly on the morning of Dec. 12. She began to keep the Sabbath a little more than a year ago, and was the first one in Keokuk to obey the truth. She greatly rejoiced in all of it, and would gladly have gone forward in baptism, had she been able and an opportunity offered. We were with her the day before she died, and sang and prayed with her, which encouraged her greatly. Her people are Episcopalians, and they desired her to receive the sacrament of the Rector, but she told them she could not, as he did not keep the commandments of God. After her death, they insisted that she should be buried by that church. It matters not. She sleeps in Jesus.

J. C. CLEMENS.

THE COLPORTEUR'S WAGON.

SOME time ago a note appeared in the BULLETIN about a colporteur's wagon which was sent to Ruthven, to be used by the undersigned. Some of the BULLETIN family may wonder what became of that wagon. If so, I can tell you that on account of the deep snow, it has not yet been used. However, as I had received a supply of reading matter, I started the work anyway, although on a small scale. In three weeks I have worked about 60 hours; have visited 67 homes where I had a chance to show some of the books; sold and gave away 42 papers; sold \$5.16 worth of books and tracts; stationery, 96 cents; papers, .06 cents; total, \$6.18. Tracts and books loaned and given away would amount in value to 60 cents.

May the Spirit of God follow these pages, and impress these precious truths upon the minds of the people. God is good to me, and I praise his name.

JOHN ANDERSON.

FROM OUR ISOLATED MEMBERS.

MRS. EMMA HUTCHINS: "My heart goes out in sympathy and prayer for the different branches of the cause. The days set apart for prayer were blessed days to me. I was alone, yet not alone, for the Lord by his Holy Spirit was here, and we communed together. What a blessing it is that Jesus can be with us wherever we are. I bless his holy name for what he has done for me."

C. D. SPEED, SUMMERSSET: "Enclosed please find \$4.00 for foreign missions and \$1.00 to assist the brethren who are in prison in Maryland. We received the readings for the days of prayer, and were very much benefited by them. Dr. Kellogg's articles made a deep impression on us, and we have resolved to live out the light. We are of good courage in the Lord."

THE BOOK WORK.

OUR SCHOOL.

THE canvassers' school will open in Des Moines February 7. We should have liked to begin a little sooner, but owing to circumstances, we cannot. The school will probably continue until the first week in April. The cost to those attending will be \$1.00 per week. This includes light, heat, food and tuition. Each one is expected to furnish towels, bedding, etc., and

should bring what is needed in that line. Arrangements will be made for the students to do their own washing.

The Bible will be the first study, and the best instruction given. Bro. Sherrig will be present a large portion of the time. A General Conference laborer has been promised us. We will spend some time in book study, and in studying general field work. Lessons in language will occupy a share of the time. We are also expecting to have a series of lessons in healthful living and practical nursing.

We desire to make this school as were the schools of the prophets, and hope that all who come will so unite with our efforts that God's choicest blessings may be poured upon us.

I desire to hear from each one who expects to attend the school, so that we may make arrangements to provide room for all. Any one desiring further information should also write me. Address 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

W. L. MANFULL.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 23, 1898.

PROPHECIES OF JESUS.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val
*Barton Church, Bethlehem.....	23	1	\$1.75
Lewis Hilliard, Spencer.....	8	1	1.75

THE COMING KING.

*P. W. Atkinson, Laurens.....	3	1	\$1.00
Mrs. A. J. Bowman, Pilot Mound	14	5	5.00
*Pearl D. Bascom, Cedar Rapids.		1	1.00
*Sarah Duerksen, "		2	2.00

DESIRE OF AGES.

Geo. H. Porter, Council Bluffs.....	20	6	\$21.00
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MAKING HOME HAPPY.

Chas. A. Schultz, Hartley.....	25	10	\$5.00
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DELIVERIES.

	Books.	Value.	Lost
Ida Church.....	13	\$13.00	3
Sarah Duerksen.....	52	52.00	3
Anna Duerksen.....	38	38.50	4
Mrs. E. A. Mitchell.....	2	1.50	1
Laura A. Gilbert.....	3	3.00	2
Christine Henriksen.....	48	49.00	10
Cathinka Henriksen.....	95	95.00	5
H. B. Tilden.....	14	14.00	3
Susan Haskell.....	12	12.00	1
Mary Haskell.....	12	12.00	4
S. B. Kephart.....	13	15.00	
Helen Eller.....	12	5.75	0
Etta Wing.....	45	16.75	0
Mrs. R. J. Coutant.....	50	19.00	0
Dora Rasmussen.....	45	46.00	5
Fred Scharf.....	7	12.25	0
D. P. Powell.....	2	4.00	0
Pearl D. Bascom.....	43	46.00	3
Mrs. A. J. Bowman.....	5	5.00	0
P. W. Atkinson.....	46	46.00	0
Burton Church.....	6	10.00	0
Lewis Hilliard.....	1	1.75	0

SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	24
" " orders.....	27
Value of ".....	\$38.50
" " helps sold.....	\$130.84
Total value.....	\$169.34
Value of deliveries.....	\$517.50

\*Delivering.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

A LETTER FROM BRO. S. M. JACOBS.

WE quote from a letter written to Sister Dorcas, after Bro. Jacobs received the draft she sent him last quarter. We trust this letter will renew our interest in the work at Huntsville, and that the birthday offerings may be sent in even more freely than in the past. Bro. Jacobs says:—

"Your letter containing the draft was received a few days ago, and was much appreciated. The money will be used in completing the barn. We have a good barn, 50x74 ft., all painted, but it lacks about 6,000 shingles of being covered.

"Our school is getting along nicely. Two of the students went out canvassing this summer during vacation, and sold and delivered 180 "Bible Readings." Sixteen of the students rose at the close of the week-of-prayer meetings, and gave themselves to the Lord as missionaries to go anywhere. They are working hard. The Lord has blessed us here in so many ways, and a very large percentage of all our blessings has come *via* Iowa. I assure you that the money and clothing that the children and parents have given us, will pay them good interest in the near future.

"We are gaining many friends here by our careful way of doing business, yet we do not expect it to last very long, as the race war is so bitter. We are pushing the work as fast as we can and be thorough. Our cares are multiplying every day, but our health is good and our faith strong, and we are learning each day to praise God when trials come, and not wait till they are past. This is a school of patience to me.

"I am watching closely the different enterprises starting in Iowa. The Lord is certainly blessing the work there, as he is everywhere. Remember me to the brethren and sisters. In Christian love I close."

A CONVENTION.

DAVIS CITY.—A Sabbath-school convention was held by our school the fourth Sabbath in October. Almost all the members took part in the convention, and did their parts well in singing, recitation, and discussions of the different topics. All were pleased with the program, and expressed a determination to hold another convention in the near future.

ELLA ROGERS

# Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, JAN. 3, 1899.

—MISS JESSIE V. BOSWORTH is visiting friends at Oxford.

—ELD. C. F. STEVENS held meetings with the friends at Birmingham last Sabbath.

—BRO. B. L. DIEFFENBACHER writes from Newton: "We have a fair hearing and some interest."

—BRO. MARTIN HENRICKSEN, who has been assisting in the work at Russell for some time, is now at Newton.

—BRO. AND SISTER J. M. KNIGHT, of Marshalltown, were in Des Moines a portion of last week, and attended our Sabbath services.

—BRO. JASPER WAYNE, of Spencer, has gone to Chicago, at the request of the publishers of the *Signs*, to work in the interests of that paper.

—MISS ORIE CORBIT visited relatives at Bethlehem, Iowa, on her way from Battle Creek, Mich., to visit her parents in New Mexico.

—MRS. R. H. HABENICHT left Clinton last week for Sumner, where she will make quite an extended visit before coming to Des Moines to live.

—BRO. BURTON CHURCH, one of our faithful canvassers, is visiting home friends at Bethlehem. His sister Miss Nellie Church, who has been working at the Chicago Mission, is also home for a vacation.

—WANTED immediately. The Sanitarium building committee wishes to correspond with a practical bricklayer who is a Seventh-day Adventist. Address Iowa Tract Society, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

—BRO. R. D. R. TOPLIFF having been connected with the Guiding Star Mission at Sioux City since its beginning, returned last Monday to Clinton. His wife coming from Battle Creek, Michigan, joined him a few days later.

—PRELIMINARY work on the Sanitarium project still continues. One building has been taken from the lot, and workmen are now raising the cottage, and it will soon be removed, thus leaving the ground clear. The plan finally determined upon is to move the Conference Home building to the north line of the property, and the new building will extend southward from it. A nice front will thus be obtained, and the rooms for patients will have the advantage of good sunlight.

—THE Christmas dinner at the Good Cheer Mission, proved to be a very pleasant occasion. Provision had been made for two hundred of the poor children of Clinton; but an item in one of the daily papers the evening before, reporting that the dinner had been served the day before Christmas, probably kept many away. However, seventy eight partook at the tables, and ten or more baskets were sent out to as many needy families. Before the children were invited into the dining room, a short meeting was held with them. Christmas songs were sung, a short Bible talk was given, and all bowed in prayer. Forty could be seated at the tables at once; and while these were eating, they and those waiting were entertained by instrumental music on the violin and organ. All seemed to enjoy the generous bill of fare. Those who waited on them felt that it was a pleasure to minister to the wants and add to the joy of some of Christ's little ones. A number of the citizens of Clinton donated liberally both cash and food.

—"THIS is the loud cry," say a multitude of voices, as the special edition of the *Signs* is being scattered. "The people want the papers and wonder at its circulation, and they go about as fast as I can hand them out," said a young worker. "I want a part in this work," said a faithful brother, as he laid down a gold piece for a lot of papers. "Give me one hundred," said another. One brother wanted his order raised from 50 to 500 copies. "My prayer is that God's blessing may go with every one," writes a prominent worker. "The Lord has moved in this issue," writes another, and "This work should have been done long ago," comes from another, who is a success at the work. One poor sister gave \$5.00, all the money she had, for she believes the loud cry is here. When the majority of God's people yield all to him and go to work, the Holy Spirit will be poured out upon them. May it not be this winter?

—MRS. E. M. STEVENS, of Knoxville, with sons Harley and Rollo, called on friends in Des Moines last week. We are personally indebted for a most pleasant visit from this sister whose gracious hospitality we have so often enjoyed.

—MRS. INA HIBBS, Salix, Iowa, wishes copies of the *Signs* and *Sentinel* for use in missionary work. Tracts for a reading rack will also be acceptable.

—DR. R. H. HABENICHT spent a day in Clinton last week. He was at Waukon over Sabbath.

—MRS. A. J. WESTBROOK, of Muscatine, and Miss Minnie Strite, of Anamosa, have both returned to their homes, thankful for the benefit received during their short stay at the Good Cheer Mission at Clinton.

—TEN or fifteen men willing to donate their work, are wanted at once, to assist in excavating for the new Sanitarium. Transportation for a distance not greater than fifty miles, and board while here, will be furnished. Come to stay at least two weeks.

—NUMEROUS complaints are at hand stating that the BULLETIN has not been received. We are at a loss to understand the reason for this, as the papers are mailed regularly. Possibly, the increased volume of holiday mail has caused some of our papers to be lost. We will send back numbers as far as we can.

—FOR several weeks the workers here at the Office have been more than ordinarily busy, in fact have been working almost to the limit of endurance; but we did not realize the real increase in the volume of business done, until our bookkeeper, Bro. C. W. Larson, called our attention to the following figures: During the month of December, 1897, our periodical sales were \$472.20; book sales, \$521.56; total, \$993.76. For December, 1898, the periodical sales were \$579.89; book sales, \$1,392.00; total, \$1,971.89. The amount of cash receipts for the month just closed is \$1,615.82 more than for the corresponding month one year ago.

## APPOINTMENTS.

SANDYVILLE, Jan. 14, 1899.  
CLARENCE SANTEE.

THE Atlantic Sabbath-school will hold a convention Jan. 8, 1899. A cordial invitation is extended to neighboring schools.

A. C. NELSON, *Supt.*

DAVENPORT, Jan 7, 8, 1899.

A Sabbath-school convention will be held in connection with the meeting. Neighboring churches and schools are invited.

MRS. J. W. DUNLAP, *Clerk.*

## QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

MODALE, Jan. 13, 14, 1899.  
THOS. H. JEYS, *Elder.*

DES MOINES, Jan. 7, 1899.  
All members are requested to report either in person or by letter.

C. H. PARSONS, *Elder.*