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THAT FIRST WEEK.—NO 1.

To study the nature of an institution is a most helpful way of learning its meaning and application. So to study the nature of the Sabbath as a part of nature, a part of creation, reveals it to be a constitutional part of this world's make-up, and hence as perpetual and enduring as the human race. A brief study of the first week of time will, we think, show, from the nature of the Sabbath origin the consistency of its perpetuity. The first act of reducing the chaotic deep to habitable condition was to break away the darkness from the abyss, separate light and darkness. "And the evening and the morning were the first day." Here is the birth of the first day of time, giving light,—that force necessary to all life on earth, both plant and animal.

Succeeding this first day came the making of air, the firmament, that mixture of elements which, next to light, is most important to life and growth. To this work was set off the second day of time. Then came the making of vegetation which, with light and air, made possible the existence of the higher forms of life to follow. To this work belongs the third day of time. The fourth day the greater and lesser lights were set in the firmament, and to these is given the rule of the light, and the separation of day and night. "The evening

and the morning were the fourth day."

The way is now prepared for animal life, and the fifth day the waters were made to "bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life." There were also brought forth "fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven." And this work gives the fifth day its place in creative time. One more step and the material creation is closed. This was the making of the land creatures,—"creeping things, and beasts of the earth." Now as the Creator brought all these in review before him, his satisfaction is declared when he "saw that it was good." Yet it is not complete until a governor shall be appointed over this newly acquired province in the boundless domain of the great King. "And God said let us make man... and let him have dominion." "So God created man in his own image,"—the image of a ruler. "Thou madest him to have dominion"—born a prince—"And hast crowned him with glory and honor." And all now was "very good." For this work the sixth day is numbered.

Now that "the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them," we might expect creation here to end; and the week also, the origin and meaning of which depends upon the days occupied in creation. And thus would the week contain six days only. But another day is added. What for?—For that which yet remained to be created. But was something made on that seventh day?—Most certainly; no less a day of creation than the first or sixth, hence as inseparable a part of creative week as any other. But what was made?—"The Sabbath was made." And how did God make it?—By resting. So God can create some things as well by resting as others by working. "And God rested (Sabbatized) on the seventh day from

all his work." Out of what was it made?—Out of time; and what is more enduring than time? That this seventh day is identical with that mentioned in the fourth commandment is shown by the facts common to both.

Here, then, we find the first week of time, and find why the seventh day was added to the six to complete the week. Had no Sabbath been made, and that a part of creative work, there must have been but six days in the week, other things remaining as they were.

B. E. NICOLA.

POLITICAL.

SOME have received the impression from some quotations in Vol. 11, No. 1, of the BULLETIN, that we desire to bring politics into our paper. I certainly do not. A recent testimony is very explicit in regard to S. D. Adventists following those lines. A careful reading of the article will show to all that the reference to "our loved nation" and "the press" was not for the object of causing political discussion, but to show how easily "wise men" can change their opinions when their point of view is changed. The changeableness of the sentiment in the heart of men was the central thought. No man has ever heard me discussing politics. A recent testimony says: "As the sons and daughters of God, we are to have nothing to do with political strife. Those who engage in these contests make Satan glad.... A power from beneath inspires the nations of the earth to engage in strife and contention." This quotation is an extract from a testimony entitled, "Come Out From Among Them, and Be Ye Separate." The position of God's children to-day was the central thought, and we hope that our relation to them will occupy every mind to the exclusion of politics. CLARENCE SANTEE.

IOWA S. D. A. ASSOCIATION PROCEEDINGS.

Two meetings of the Iowa S. D. A. Association were held in connection with the Iowa S. D. A. Conference, May 24 to June 5, 1899, the President, C. F. Stevens, presiding.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Fifth Annual Session held in 1898, were read and approved. The President read a part of the Articles of Incorporation, explaining the object of the Association. A complete list of all the churches deeded to the Association was read. The Secretary made a statement of the work done by the Association the past year.

On motion the Chair was authorized to appoint the Nominating Committee, which was named as follows: J. W. Adams, C. W. Neal, A. J. Stiffler, J. V. Vaughn, C. Frederickson.

On motion Eld. C. Santee was requested to nominate the committee to audit the Treasurers books. He suggested as such committee, Thos. Jeys and Wm. Guthrie. On motion they were elected.

The Treasurer's report was read as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
To balance on hand at last report.....	\$154.56
" " cash on sale of State Center church.....	44.00
" " " per Storm Lake church, refund.....	51.50
" " " per Lewis Willson sale of prop- erty of State Center church.....	20.00
Total.....	\$270.06
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Loaned Atlantic church, note.....	150.00
Paid Sanitarium fund for Keota church.....	425.00
Paid Sanitarium fund.....	55.56
Expenses for the year.....	1.00
Cash on hand to balance.....	43.50
Total.....	\$775.06

The Auditing Committee certified to the correctness of the above report.

The Nominating Committee reported the following names for Trustees for the ensuing year: C. Santee, C. F. Stevens, C. W. Smouse, P. A. Hansen, C. G. Johnston, J. W. Dorcas, T. S. Jackson.

On motion the Association adjourned *sine die*.
C. F. STEVENS, *Pres.*
C. W. SMOUSE, *Sec.*

MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE
IOWA S. D. A. ASSOCIATION.

In harmony with the Articles of Incorporation, the Trustees elected held their Annual meeting to elect officers, etc.

On motion T. S. Jackson was elected temporary chairman. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: For President, C. F. Stevens; Vice President, P. A. Hansen; Secretary, C. W. Smouse; Treasurer, C. F. Stevens.

After some consultation on various matters pertaining to the work, the Association adjourned *sine die*.

C. F. STEVENS, *Pres.*
C. W. SMOUSE, *Sec.*

FIELD REPORTS.

MT. PLEASANT, NEW LONDON, AND
GRAVITY.

I HAVE not reported very much to the BULLETIN for some time in the past. After the State camp-meeting it seemed necessary for me to take a little time in arranging home matters, so that I could engage in tent labor during the season, and this seemed more necessary as my field of labor is about two hundred miles from home, and I do not expect to return home till the close of the tent season. During this time I visited the company at New London, and attended the quarterly meeting at Mt. Pleasant. The company at New London hold their Sabbath school and meeting in the Lutheran church, a nice church building, which our people hire on very reasonable terms. This company at present hold their membership with the Mt. Pleasant church. We think with a series of meetings held at New London this fall or early in the winter, that this company might be organized into a church, and by so doing be able to accomplish more work in the cause than they are now doing.

June 24, 25, I attended the quarterly meeting at Mt. Pleasant. The church at this place is manifesting some interest in church school work. The brethren are taking steps to build a schoolhouse in the north part of the city, and design to have it ready for use this fall. We feel that the church school has "come to stay," and that this is God's will that it should be so.

On Monday morning, June 26, I took the train at Mt. Pleasant, west bound for Gravity, Taylor Co., and reached this place the same day about 5 p. m. I found my fellow laborer, Bro. J. O. Beard, on the ground, and the work of setting up the tents quite well under way, in the city Park, in a nice grove of young trees. Our tent company includes J. O. Beard and wife, Andrew W. Johnson, and the writer. We commenced meetings the evening of June 27. The frequent rains in this part of the State and the excitement which precedes the Fourth of July, have caused the work to move slowly, and since the Fourth the farmers in the country have been very busy with their crops. Besides this, one of the strongest denominations in the place has set up a tent in the city, and commenced a series of meetings with a lady Evangelist preacher. We think it can be easily seen that we have not

had "fair wind," or "smooth sea" all the time since being here. This little city of about 500 or 600 people has six church buildings, and of course it would seem that our tabernacle was hardly needed just at *this* time any way. We believe, however, the message now due to this world should be given here, and we trust that it may find a response from some honest hearts. We trust that we may have an interest in the prayers of the BULLETIN family, that the word of truth may not be hindered, but that the will of the Lord may be done. Address us at Gravity, Taylor Co., Iowa.

July 20.

C. A. WASHBURN.

RUTHVEN.

As the month is ended and also the quarter, it came to my mind that I ought to let you know about the work which the Lord has intrusted to me. In twelve days after camp-meeting I made 111 visits, held one Bible reading, distributed fifty periodicals, 876 pages of tracts worth 68 cents, and sold tracts to the amount of \$1.16. I sold \$11.30 worth of books; among these was one "Bible Reading," the rest being small ones. I sold Bibles for \$2.30, and at the same time I received two orders for "Bible Readings," one American and one German, worth \$4.50.

The Lord is good to me. I praise his name. Sometimes when I speak to the people, I can see how the tender Spirit of God is softening their hearts. I realize as never before my need of the Lord's aid to accomplish the work before me.

JOHN ANDERSON.

WINTHROP.

We were blessed in having Eld. J. W. Adams and Bro. T. S. Jackson with us July 14, 15. They gave us some very good instruction. The Lord came near to us, and we feel very much encouraged to press forward and hold fast to the end; for we know the time is short. We must be up and doing while it is day; for the night cometh when no man can work.

They presented the needs of the Sanitarium, and raised about \$160.00. All felt it a privilege to help in the cause of the Lord. Our company is small now. Some have moved away, so that there are only eleven members near enough to come to meeting at all, and one of them lives twelve miles away. We are of good courage in the Lord.

MRS. C. STONEMAN.

LEWIS, CASS CO.

This place has a population of about 600. There are three active churches, —Methodist, Congregational, and Christian. In former years the Baptists had an organization here, and also quite a large building.

We have held meetings in our tent a little over four weeks. At no time has the attendance been large. Some have been to nearly every meeting and seem interested. We have quite thoroughly presented some of the prophecies, and will soon commence on the Sabbath question. We hope and pray that the Lord may tender hearts, and give faith to accept the truth. Two families live here who belong to our church in Atlantic. One of these lives two miles in the country, and some of their neighbors are becoming interested and attend the meetings.

Bro. Johnson has been canvassing for the "Coming King" with some success. This has given an excellent opportunity to have a talk with the people, and also invite them to meeting. We are of good courage, knowing that we have the prayers of God's people.

E. G. OLSEN,
WM. JOHNSON.

OSAGE.

SABBATH, July 8, the weather being cool and fine, Eld. L. F. Trubey and wife, Bro. Buhalts and his sister Mary, drove from Riceville to Osage. The Floyd company were present, and we all enjoyed a very pleasant visit. Bro. Buhalts rendered an able and edifying discourse. In closing, Eld. Trubey gave a few appropriate and weighty remarks which will long be remembered. Truly the Lord came very near, and showed us how he has cast up a highway for his people, and spread a table covered with good things of heaven. Refreshments are free unto all who will walk in that narrow way.

GILMAN RANDLETT, Clerk.

BLADENSBURG.

QUARTERLY meeting services were held on Sabbath, July 15. The Spirit of the Lord was present, and we felt that it was good to be there. We rejoiced that we were among the number that were looking for the second appearing of our Saviour. Eld. C. F. Stevens was with us, and gave us some good thoughts on living in unity with the faith, and how to keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

MRS. JOSEPH HANNA.

THE BOOK WORK.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 14, 1899.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.
THE COMING KING.			
H. B. Tilden, Oskaloosa.....	40	37	\$37.00
Mrs. H. B. Tilden, ".....	21	9	9.00
Mary Haskell, Newton.....	20	1	1.00
Cora Countryman, ".....	22	10	10.00
Susan Haskell, Seymour.....	27	5	5.00
Nettie Brown, ".....	23	6	6.50
Belle Rame, Marshalltown.....	12	9	9.00
Arthur Rhoads, Riceville.....	4	1	1.00
R. L. Bennett, ".....	7	3	3.00
Jesse R. Marsh, ".....	23	7	8.00
Carl Rasmussen, Rodney.....	24	10	10.10
Belle Rowland, LaPorte City.....	16	10	10.00
Dora Rasmussen, ".....	19	10	10.00
Christine Henriksen, Winthrop.....	28	14	14.00
L. M. Jones, Denmark.....	7	3	3.00
Cora M. Davis, Davis City.....	15	5	5.00
S. B. Kephart, Stuart.....	14	5	6.50
Mrs. C. E. Vosburgh, Mo. Valley.....	26	12	12.00
J. P. Gaede, Audubon.....	38	3	6.25
D. N. Johnson, Parkersburg.....	23	17	17.00
Ervin W. Warner, Bethlehem.....	48	7	2.00
*J. S. Fry, Montezuma.....	40	16	16.00

PROPHECIES OF JESUS AND COMING KING.			
Burton Church, ".....	34	6	6.75
PROPHECIES OF JESUS.			
Lewis Hilliard, Algona.....	41	15	26.75
C. E. Vosburgh, Mo. Valley.....	38	7	12.75
Henry Baetke, Audubon.....	34	3	7.30

HERALDS OF THE MORNING.			
Will Mulder, Orange City.....	28	3	\$5.00
Olive Lefave, Hawarden.....	29	29	27.25
U. A. Anderson, Radcliffe.....	45	23	28.75
A. F. French, ".....	36	19	23.75

DANIEL AND THE REVELATION.			
Edward Everett, Ocheyedan.....	28	3	\$6.75

BIBLE READINGS.			
F. L. Moody Estherville.....	12	16	\$37.50

STORY OF REDEMPTION.			
Chas. Graham, Keosauqua.....	6	0	

STEPS TO CHRIST.			
Mae Kephart Stuart.....	10	13	5.00

MISCELLANEOUS.			
P. W. Atkinson, Fallow.....	42	11	7.00

DELIVERIES.			
	Books.	Value.	Lost.
H. B. Tilden.....	2	\$2.00	0
Jesse R. Marsh.....	2	2.50	0
Christine Henriksen.....	1	1.00	0
Mrs. C. E. Vosburgh.....	1	1.00	0
Ervin W. Warner.....	1	1.00	0
J. S. Fry.....	8	8.00	0
Burton Church.....	7		0
Will Mulder.....	2	2.50	0
Olive Lefave.....	2	2.50	0
Lewis Hilliard.....	1	1.75	0
Mae Kephart.....	4	2.00	0
A. J. Scott.....	108	\$105.00	6

SUMMARY.			
No. of agents.....			37
" " orders.....			343
Value of ".....		\$158.00	
" " helps sold.....		\$109.27	
Total value.....		\$267.27	
Value of deliveries.....		\$129.25	
*Two weeks			

THOSE who have suffered much are like those who know many languages; they have learned to understand all and to be understood by all.—Selected.

"NOTHING is denied to well directed labors; nothing is ever to be attained without it."

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

TO SUPERINTENDENTS AND TEACHERS.

THERE is earnest work to be done in our Sabbath-schools, and those who have the management of these schools should seek to move with wisdom and tact. It is a nice and important work to deal with minds, to leave a right impression, to give the right mold to character. It is a wise educator who seeks to call out the ability and powers of the student, instead of constantly endeavoring to impart instruction.

At different times I have received letters of inquiry in regard to the duties of the Sabbath-school superintendent. Many try to do too much, and fail to encourage their teachers and students to do what they can. They need great simplicity and religious earnestness. They make long, dry speeches in the Sabbath-school and the teachers' meeting, thus wearying the minds of both teachers and students. Such remarks are greatly out of place. They do not adapt their instruction to the real wants of the school, and they fail to draw hearts to them for their own hearts are not full of spiritual sympathy. They do not realize that by their long, tedious talks they are killing the interest in, and love for, the school. When the hearts of the workers are brought into sympathy with Christ, when he abides in them by living faith, they will not talk one-half as long, nor manifest one-half the smartness, that some do now; but what they say in love and simplicity will reach the heart, and they will be brought in close sympathy with teachers, scholars, and church members.

The Sabbath school, if rightly conducted, is one of God's great instrumentalities to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth. It is not the best plan for teachers to do all the talking, but they should draw out the class to tell what they know. Then let the teacher with a few brief, pointed remarks or illustrations, impress the lesson upon their minds. Under no circumstances, should teachers go through the lesson mechanically, and then sit down, leaving the children to stare about or whisper and play, as we have seen them do. Such teaching is not beneficial; it is often injurious. If the teacher is properly prepared, every moment can be used to profit. But never should the teacher sit down, saying, I am through. There is no such thing as getting through with the lesson.—Mrs. E. G. White, in "S. S. Worker."

(To be Continued.)

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DES MOINES, IOWA, JULY 25, 1899.

—CAMP-MEETING, Emerson, Iowa, Aug. 15—20, 1899.

—ELD. CLARENCE SANTEE and C. F. Stevens were in Des Moines last Tuesday.

—NOTE the change of the place of the camp meeting in South-western Iowa.

—BRO. J. W. FREDERICK is superintending the carpenter work on the Sanitarium.

—MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS is assisting in the Office work, during the absence of some of the other workers.

—BRO. E. J. DIETEL, who has been assisting for some time in the work on the Sanitarium, has returned to his home at Hawkeye.

—It will pay our readers to preserve the article entitled "That First Week," and study it in connection with the forthcoming numbers.

—BRO. T. S. JACKSON returned to Des Moines Monday, from his visit among the churches in the North-eastern part of the State.

—MR. GUS. DUNN, of Villisca, who has been visiting Bro. T. S. Jackson's family, of Des Moines, since the Fourth, returned to his home last Wednesday.

—MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER has been invited to go to Battle Creek, Mich., for a short time, to counsel over matters pertaining to the missionary work.

—MRS. S. D. WAGOR, so well known by many in Iowa, is still located at Colorado Springs, Col. She renews her subscription to the BULLETIN saying: "It is a very welcome visitor every week, and without it we would feel lost."

—A DOUBLE wedding occurred at Maquoketa on the evening of July 18. Eld. P. A. Hansen united in marriage Mr. Geo. D. Bodman, of Muscatine, and Miss Anna E. Blunt, after which Mr. Frank Roech and Miss Mamie Blunt were married, Rev. Henry C. Clark, pastor of the Baptist church, performing the ceremony. It was the occasion of a family reunion of ten children. Rev. Henry Blunt, pastor of the Congregational church, at St. Louis, Mo., was present, also a large number of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Bodman will make Muscatine their home.

—BRO. G. H. CHEEK, of St. Charles, sends us a clipping of a paper giving an account of a mass meeting of the Bedford churches, in order to secure a better observance of Sunday. The clipping states that the discussion "was entered into with a zest and enthusiasm that permeated the entire audience." A committee was appointed, consisting of one member from each church, to bring in resolutions. After an elaborate "Whereas," a resolution was adopted condemning Sunday travel, "outing and pleasure picnics which destroy the moral influences of the day and pervert the public conscience, and that we will both avoid such practices and use our personal influence toward their discouragement."

—BLANKS have been sent to all our Conference laborers. In case any should not receive them, please send for another. We much prefer to have the report on the regular blanks, so if you do not receive one, let us know.

—ELD. P. A. HANSEN spent a few hours between trains Monday, in counsel with some of the workers here.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

THE local camp-meeting for South-western Iowa, which was appointed to be held at Malvern, is now changed to Emerson, Mills Co. The brethren in that part of the State see many reasons why this should be done. Bro. F. A. Washburn, and P. P. Adams will be at Emerson with their tent. Emerson is not far from Malvern, and we look for a good attendance of our people at the meeting. Remember the change.—South-western camp-meeting, Aug. 15—20, at Emerson instead of Malvern. CLARENCE SANTEE.

THE AMERICAN MEDICAL MISSIONARY COLLEGE.

By special arrangements made with the faculty of the above named institution, Union College, beginning with the coming school year, will furnish the instruction for the first year's work. All young persons who are planning to study medicine with this institution should bear this in mind, and be present at the opening of the school, Sept. 20. Dr. A. W. Kelley will have special charge of this class. Lectures and special instruction will also be given by the physicians of the Nebraska Sanitarium.

For further particulars write to the undersigned at Union College, College View, Neb. W. T. BLAND.

REPORT OF TITHES RECEIVED BY CONFERENCE TREASURER, FROM APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30, 1899.

Adel	\$90.24	Ladoga	124.58
Afton	81.57	Luton	28.10
Algona	107.60	Libertyville	22.66
Atalissa	73.52	Mt. Pleasant	369.67
Athletic	115.81	Monroe	5.35
Audubon	26.55	Milford	636.08
Albion	8.23	Moravia	63.74
Alexander	20.27	Marshalltown	271.55
Bonaparte	54.00	Maquoketa	8.21
Brighton	22.00	Modale	200.40
Blencoe	396.80	Massena	43.57
Beaman	70.14	Macksburg Co.	6.20
Boone	13.65	Muscatine	131.72
Bluff Creek	22.63	Nevada	100.40
Burlington	68.90	Nauson	33.35
Burr Oak	53.09	Oseola	112.69
Bladensburg	19.53	Osage	17.78
Belmond	2.50	Olin	12.05
Bethlehem Co.	3.00	Onawa	25.10
Benton	15.25	Parkersburg	118.10
Castana	21.35	Pulaski	69.95
Council Bluffs	209.44	Pilot Mound	130.50
Coon Rapids	14.08	Perry	6.10
Crotton	2.75	Riverton	63.10
Charlton	35.50	Radeliffe	39.00
Cedar Rapids	110.55	Ruthven	456.13
Corning	11.40	Russell	16.25
Cedar Falls60	State Centre	95.00
Davis City	60.61	Storm Lake	42.57
Des Moines	557.11	Sandyville	171.40
Delmar	5.00	Smithland	124.75
Davenport	297.56	Sigourney	53.35
Dubuque	41.61	Sioux City	147.30
Dunlap	5.16	Sharpsburg	15.57
Elk Horn	210.41	Sheldon	26.65
Extra	147.34	Shelby	56.20
Eureka	32.98	Sutherland Co.	12.85
Eddyville	40.52	Traer	33.00
Fontanelle	107.27	Twin Oaks	8.80
Fairfield	14.60	Urbana	2.55
Forest City	9.35	Village Creek	21.84
Fosteria	34.75	Vinton Co.	3.41
Graettinger	68.41	Waukon	34.40
Grant City	160.55	Waverly	52.50
Grinnell	34.27	Winterset	58.30
Harlan	17.81	Winthrop	19.70
Hartley	180.75	Woodburn	77.27
Hawleyville	10.62	West Union	123.12
Iowa City	23.62	Weston	22.43
Jacksonville	43.15	West Grove	75.40
Knoxville	63.35	Wilton	15.37
Kelley	47.83	Individuals	525.58
Lisbon	36.61	Total	\$8,609.65

Treasurer Iowa Conf.

C. F. STEVENS.

HEALTH FOODS.

WE are now getting our bakery work in good shape, and can fill orders quite promptly. Address all orders for health food to C. W. Larson, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa, as he will have charge of this department.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

APPOINTMENTS.

JACKSONVILLE, July 31—Aug. 3, 1899.
Elk Horn, Aug. 5—8, "
Exira, " 9—12, "

P. A. HANSEN,
P. E. BERTHELSON.

CAMP-MEETINGS.

EMERSON, Aug. 15—20, 1899.
Cherokee, " 29—Sept. 3, "
Charles City, Sept. 12—17, "

CLARENCE SANTEE.