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THE WORLD'S HARVEST NUMBER.

Dear fellow workers of the Iowa Conference: As workers I think that we have not by example done all that we ought to in the distribution of the special numbers of the *Signs of the Times*, as they have come out from time to time. I want to suggest that every worker make a special effort, in connection with the other work to which the Lord has called him or her, in the getting out of the World's Harvest issue of the *Signs of the Times*. If other work is not pressing, I think that a few days given entirely to this work will do as much to reflect the light as anything that we can do. Perhaps it will do more. Then I think that we can encourage many others to devote some time to this work also. Brethren, do you not think that this will be a successful number of the *Signs*, in calling the attention of the people to the truth again this fall in a more general way? I believe that it will.

It will be necessary to send in orders as soon as possible, as this issue comes out Nov. 1, although these papers will be fresh at any time in November. I trust that many thousand copies may be circulated in Iowa. Do not get discouraged at the apparent failures of many efforts of the past. God has not become discouraged in the least, though we have been so slow. Every effort is sowing a seed in some heart, which can not be effaced. It will

accomplish that to which the Lord has sent it, and you will be the instrument in his hand. May the Lord bless this number of the *Signs* to the good of thousands.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

THE IOWA SANITARIUM.

THINKING that some of our readers who have not seen the Sanitarium, and especially those who have economized and made sacrifices in order to donate to its needs, would like to hear more about it, we give a short description.

The building is sixty-six feet long, thirty-four feet wide, and five stories high. It is joined to the Conference Home, which is now also used for Sanitarium purposes. The ladies' bath rooms are in the south end of the basement; the gentlemen's bath rooms, on the north and east. The Conference Depository and the BULLETIN composing room are on this floor, also a general storeroom. At the south end of the first floor are the patients' parlor, a reading room, and a reception room. These three can be opened together, thus forming one large room, where lectures, etc., can be held.—North of the main entrance are found the business office and the office of the Missionary Department of the Iowa Conference. On the east side of the hall are the doctors' offices and the laboratory. The first floor of the old part is used for a waiting room, the patients' and helpers' dining rooms, and the kitchen. The second floor of the old part is occupied entirely for the family sleeping rooms, with the exception of the linen room. On the second floor of the Sanitarium are seven bedrooms, and one room for light exercises. Only three of these rooms are furnished as yet. There are five bedrooms in the south part on the third floor. In the north-east corner of this floor are the oper-

ating rooms, and opposite the surgical ward. There are nine bedrooms on the fourth floor. There are toilet rooms on each floor, with the exception of the fourth. The elevator shaft extends from the basement to the fourth floor, but as yet no provision has been made for the elevator. Why?—Because the treasury has already been overdrawn. This is sorely needed, however, and both patients and nurses will rejoice when the money comes in for its purchase. Each day finds the institution better equipped for work, and patients can be received at any time. The entire building is heated by steam and lighted by electricity. Call bells are in each room.

A new addition is being made to the bakery. The first floor will be used for a sales room. This will be completed soon, and then all the health foods will be kept here, and all orders will be filled promptly.

MRS. A. H.

UNION COLLEGE.

UNION COLLEGE opened Sept 20, with more flattering prospects than it has before for several years. There are about two hundred eighty-five students enrolled at the present time, and about seventy of these are from Iowa. At the opening of the school there were more students from Iowa than from any other State. The spiritual interest in the school is good. At the first social meeting nearly all testified to the goodness of God in opening the way for them, so that they could attend college at this place. The Spirit of God is manifested in the class room in many ways; teachers and students alike, are taught the great lessons of God, and our hearts respond to him for the blessings he bestows upon us. Dear brethren and sisters, we ask you to pray that the will of God may be

done here, and that this may be the best year in the history of the institution. We must not go backward; for our work is a progressive work.

L. TILLIE EARLE.

FIELD REPORTS.

A WORD.

"A NAMELESS MAN, amid a crowd that thronged the daily mart,
Let fall a word of hope and love, unstudied from the heart:
A whisper on the tumult thrown, a transitory breath—
It raised a brother from the dust; it saved a soul from death,
O germ! O fount! O word of love! O thought at random cast!
Ye were but little at the first, but mighty at the last."

MINERAL RIDGE AND AMES.

AFTER six weeks of labor at Mineral Ridge, we moved our tent to Ames, by the request of the brethren at this place. No visible results were seen at Mineral Ridge, but since the meetings closed we understand that one person there is keeping the Sabbath.

We began meetings in Ames Sept. 8. The attendance was not large any of the time. A few good listeners came regularly. Two families, who were somewhat interested before we came, are now rejoicing in the blessed truth. We have taken down our tents, and expect to begin meetings in a few days in a schoolhouse four miles north of here. We have not seen much visible results here of our work, but pray that some of the seeds of truth that have been presented may be watered by God's grace, and bear fruit to the glory of God.

W. B. EVERHART,
HENRY JOHNSON.

MARNE AND JOBES.

AT our last report we had just commenced meetings in Marne. The attendance was very small from the first, but we hoped that by calling upon the people, and giving them an earnest invitation, the attendance might be increased. With few exceptions they were without interest or curiosity, and we found much prejudice to the truth. After a stay of about three weeks, we decided that the attendance would not warrant our remaining longer; and as there had been a call for a tent at Jobes, we came to this place about two weeks ago.

We are nicely located on M. T. Bascom's farm, near a schoolhouse, about ten miles north of Adair. We have held thirteen meetings, with an attend-

ance ranging from fifty to one hundred, some attending every meeting. The people are friendly, and are well pleased so far. We hope that some in this place may be brought to a knowledge of the truth. The first Sunday we were here the wind blew quite hard most of the day, but not hard enough to cause any fear. While we were in the midst of our afternoon meeting, a very severe gust of wind struck the tent squarely, causing the entire side to give way, also breaking the center pole. The tent came down so suddenly that some of us were obliged to crawl out from under the canvas. There were over seventy present, yet, strange to say, no one was hurt. We were all led to believe that the angels of God were encamped around us. After the tent went down, we at once took the people to the schoolhouse, and finished the meeting. The following Monday we moved into a more protected place, where the wind does not strike us much. Pray for the work in this place, that it may be just as the Lord directs.

E. G. OLSEN,
WM. J. JOHNSON.

FT. MADISON.

KNOWING the interest that we have in reading the reports of the progress of the cause throughout the State, we thought that perhaps the BULLETIN readers would be interested to find out how we are getting along in this city. We moved here about the middle of July, and about a week later Miss Lizzie Neal joined us. This is a new field, with the exception that two canvassers were here two years ago. At first we found it very hard to interest the people with the printed page. I suppose one reason for this is that the majority of the people here are Catholics, and more inclined to the study of the word of man than of the word of God. Yet we thank God that the spell that seemed to be over the people is now partly broken, and that a few that have not identified themselves with any religious bodies, are now inquiring. The *Signs of the Times*, our pioneer paper, is doing its work, and it seems to be, here as elsewhere, an opening wedge for the entrance of the truth. About fifty have subscribed for the paper, and many more are reading it. Mrs. Jensen and Sister Neal have been engaged principally in tract work, and have quite a large number of interested readers. Their children's meetings continue with great interest,

and they wish to thank the kind friends who have sent them papers; but they could use many more.

One of the State penitentiaries is located here; and although many are proclaiming that the world is getting better, this institution is full to overflowing. Yet the message must also go to these poor souls, and it seems now that an opportunity has presented itself. One Sunday I attended the Sunday school conducted there, and was asked by the superintendent to take a class. This was so unexpected that I declined, but told him that from this on I would take a class. Last Sunday I attended again, and was introduced by the superintendent to a class of sixteen young men, who had been without a teacher for six weeks. Imagine yourself standing in a congregation of prisoners, with officers all around you, teaching a class. But the Lord gave courage, and also a message for those poor souls. All listened eagerly, and many asked questions. When the bell tapped to close, after giving each a copy of the *Life Boat*, they all asked me to be sure to come again next Sunday. Who will aid in this good work by sending to me a club of twenty *Life Boats* for three months? Papers are left in the reading rooms of two of the largest hotels in the city, and also in the Santa Fe Hospital. Many thanks to the brethren throughout the State who have sent papers. Many more can be used to good advantage, especially *Signs* and *Sentinel*. Who will help us? We are of good courage, and rejoice because we have a humble part in this closing message.

C. JENSEN.

RUTHVEN.

SABBATH and Sunday, Oct. 7, 8, were good days for the Ruthven church. After Sabbath-school and a short, pointed sermon, we celebrated the Lord's ordinances. Our minds wandered back to the last evening when Jesus was with his disciples here on earth. How good the Lord is to invite all of us to come to him, and partake of the same privileges and blessings that he did. After this feast, we went to Lost Island Lake, where two dear souls were buried with Christ in baptism. The occasion was a precious one, and just suited to lift our hearts in praise to God. The day was mild and calm; the lake looked like a large mirror, so even and quiet; the

warm, sunny air seemed to say to us, Peace be unto you, sons and daughters of God.

Sunday afternoon we held our business meeting. A spirit of love and unity prevailed all through the meeting. The election made but a slight change in our officers. The Lord had been consulted, and we feel sure that his guiding hand led us. Some plans and suggestions for better work in the future were presented, and we have set out with the bright hope of victory. May we each day be more consecrated to God; may each meeting be more spiritual, each quarter be more active, and each year more victorious, till the Lord comes to give the reward to his faithful servants.

MARY B. HANSEN, *Miss. Sec.*

CRESTON.

The work at this place is onward. Our children's meetings are growing in interest and attendance. We need more clean copies of the *Instructor* and *Little Friend*. The little company of believers meet each Sunday afternoon, to study the Testimonies, and the lessons are greatly enjoyed by all. Much enthusiasm exists over the church school work, and the lack of finances is the only hinderance.

Last Sabbath was indeed a feast day for us all. The companies from Orient, Thayer, and twenty-two from Creston, met with the church at Afton on quarterly meeting occasion.

We find it quite difficult to sell religious literature in this place, but we expect to put forth an earnest effort with the Harvest Number of the *Signs*. Readings have been held in more than a score of homes, and at present there are more than twice this number interested. Some of our readers have moved away, but the Lord has promised to water the seed sown. As some are taken from us by death, we feel at times that precious seed will be lost before it can be garnered. Truly, the harvest is great and laborers few. It is our prayer that the Lord will send forth reapers. Does he hear you saying, "Lord send me?"

MINNIE BEAMAN,
MAMIE L. BEAMAN.

614 N. Vine St.

In the report from Keokuk published October 3 is the statement that a sister in Chicago sent the money to pay for the rent of their room for meetings. Instead of this she sent money to pay for furnishing the room with chairs and carpet.

THE BOOK WORK.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK
ENDING OCT. 6, 1899.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val
THE COMING KING.			
Mary L. Haskell, Iowa City...	19	4	\$4.00
Cora Countryman, " "	21	3	3.00
Cora Quinn, Ames.....	12	1	1.00
Belle Rame, " "	23	9	9.00
J. S. Fry, Montezuma.....	25	12	\$12.00

HERALDS OF THE MORNING.			
Olive Lefave, Hawarden.....	11	9	\$11.25

DELIVERIES.			
	Books.	Value.	Lost.
H. B. Tilden	85	\$88.00	0
Cora M. Davis.....	32	38.90	18
J. S. Fry.....	9	9.00	2
Carl Rasmussen.....	14	14.00	3
Mary G. Evans.....	37	37.50	2
*Susan Haskell.....	4	4.00	0
*Nettie Brown.....	6	6.50	0
Lewis Hilliard.....	8	12.75	0
*A. S. McCutchan.....	7	21.25	0
Burton Church.....	3	3.00	0
Olive Lefave.....	23	28.75	2
J. P. Gaede.....	36	67.75	3
P. W. Atkinson.....	19	20.85	3

SUMMARY.			
No. of agents.....			17
" " orders.....			38
Value of ".....		\$40.25	
" " helps sold.....		\$ 44.16	
Total value.....		\$84.41	
Value of deliveries.....		\$551.35	
*Per Burton Church.			
*Per Lewis Hilliard.			

FROM THE CANVASSERS.

The reports credited to Bro. Burton Church for the past few weeks do not fairly represent the actual work he has done, as considerable time has been spent by him in delivering books for others. He says: "If the report blanks had a place for number of miles walked, my report would not seem so small. I am gaining in endurance. It is my desire to begin canvassing again, as I would rather talk about Jesus than ask the people for money. This is a very needy field. Now is the time for us to work, leaving results with God."

In speaking of the work at Boone, where she and Sister Cora Quinn have been canvassing, Sister Belle Rame says: "I feel that eternity alone will reveal the results, through the blessing of God, not only upon the people but upon us as we have visited them. One lady gave me an order for five of our books, and another for three; and a Swedish lady subscribed for 'Prophecies of Jesus' and 'Steps to Christ,' although she had never seen either of these books. The members of the church here have assisted us much, not only by their prayers but by donating eatables, so that our expenses have been very light. May the Lord bless and reward them."

"FEAR thou not; for I am with thee."

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

GOD'S WAY IS BEST.

JUST where you stand in the conflict,
There is your place;
Just where you think you are useless,
Hide not your face.
God placed you there for a purpose,
Whate'er it be;
Think he has chosen you for it;
Work loyally.
Gird on your armor! Be faithful
At all or rest.
Whiche'er it be, never doubting
God's way is best.
Out in the fight, or on picket,
Stand firm and true;
This is the work which your Master
Gives you to do.

—Selected.

CHARLES CITY SABBATH-SCHOOL,
SEPT. 16, 1899.

This Sabbath morning dawned bright and beautiful, and promptly at the hour appointed the school opened with song. Prayer was offered by Eld. Santee.

Eld. Trubey conducted the review. Some of the points brought out in this review were as follows: The motive which prompted every act of Jesus was the glory of God. This should be our motive in all that we do. We need not become excited when troubles and sorrows threaten us, any more than Jesus was when he heard of the sickness of Lazarus. His trust was in his heavenly Father. So when we have taken everything to the Lord, we may rest fully sure that the Lord can care for the ark without our steadying hand. As human hands rolled away the stone, so God always uses human agents where it is possible to do so. Jesus does not do for us what we can do for ourselves. Twenty-five minutes were allotted to class recitation. Subject of the days lesson, "Priestly Plottings." A good interest was shown in each class.

Before the donations were taken up, Elds. Sweany and Santee spoke for a few minutes of the use and need of our Sabbath-school collections. \$10.14 was the amount contributed.

Sister L. J. Dietel had charge of the Sabbath-school in the children's tent. Number present 43. Total number present 131.

MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS, *Supt.*
MARY BUHALTS, *Sec.*

"MUCH of our lesson work in all our schools is lost because we simply appeal to the intellect; i. e., we arouse the desire to do, but omit to give the opportunity for doing."—Selected.

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DES MOINES, IOWA, OCT. 17, 1899.

—BRO. H. FAIT, of Perry, called at the Office last week.

—THE address of Eld. J. W. Adams is now 811 East 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

—RIEKE JOHNSON, of Dairyville, came last week to attend the Des Moines church school.

—BRO. J. J. WELTON's daughter, Mrs. S. C. Blair, of Centerville, is visiting him at the Sanitarium.

—MRS. NELLIE LAW, after spending some time with Des Moines friends, returned Sunday to Nebraska.

—BRO. CHAS. HEALD, of the Stuart tent company, passed through Des Moines last week, on his way to Fairfield.

—BRO. CHAS. JONES, formerly of the Hygienic Cafe, is now acting as *chef* of the culinary department of the Sanitarium.

—DR. D. W. REED, of the Nebraska Sanitarium, spent a few hours at the Iowa Sanitarium, in returning home from Minnesota.

—BRO. F. L. MOODY made a business trip from Gravity to the north-western part of the State last week, stopping in Des Moines *en route*.

—ELD. C. A. WASHBURN is at Mt. Pleasant for the present, while Bro. J. O. Beard remains for a few days at Clearfield, in closing the work at that place.

—BRO. JOHN TERWILLEGGER, of Pleasantville, made the Sanitarium family happy last Thursday, by bringing them a load of choice house plants, many of them just ready to bloom. There is still room for a few more plants.

—MISS CALLIE CHARLTON, whose faithful labors as Matron of the Conference Home have been so greatly appreciated, went last Friday to Pilot Mound, where she will enjoy a much needed rest at the home of her sister Mrs. Ella Cartwright.

—LARGE orders are coming in for the Harvest Number of the *Signs*. Parkersburg society takes the lead, ordering five hundred copies, and the Winterset society is not far behind with an order for three hundred copies. Remember the terms: Single copy, 10 cents; five to 25 copies, 5 cents each; twenty-five or more, 4 cents each.

—A MEETING of more than ordinary importance to the Scandinavian work in this country is appointed to be held in Sioux City, Iowa, Oct. 26—Nov 5, 1899. We understand that this meeting will be in charge of Eld. L. Johnson, who has for some time in the past been connected with the work in Europe, but according to the recommendation of the last General Conference, has now come to this country as a general laborer among the Scandinavians. The meeting at Sioux City will probably be attended by workers from different parts of the United States. Bro. J. W. Dorcas has gone to Sioux City, to make arrangements for the comfort of those who attend. All are requested to bring bedding, including straw ticks; and board and lodging may be obtained for \$1.25 a week. We feel that our Scandinavian brethren in this State ought to make a special effort to attend this meeting.

—THE article entitled "The Message Must Be Given," by Eld. A. T. Jones, in the *Sentinel* of Oct. 5, and one by the same writer, "The Messages, the Messengers, and the People," in the *Sentinel* of Oct. 12, both contain important and solemn admonitions for those who profess to be the people to whom has been entrusted the message for this time. Are you a subscriber to the *Sentinel*, and have you read these articles? The Spirit of God has said: "Let every worker for God comprehend the situation, and place the *Sentinel* before our churches, explaining its contents, and urging home the facts and warnings it contains. May the Lord help all to redeem the time."

—LAST week we received nineteen orders for the *Berean Library*, and twenty-seven for the *Missionary Magazine*. We hope that all who are not supplied with these, will send in their orders at once, as these are the textbooks to be used in the Missionary Reading-Circle.

—THE meetings at Cherokee were closed Sunday, Oct. 1. Eld. J. S. Hart is visiting the church at Storm Lake, where he will remain over next Sabbath. Bro. Thos. Jeys has returned to Sheldon, and Bro. Arthur McClintock is at Blencoe.

—ONE of our isolated members sends in a report of quite a large number of pages of tracts distributed, and adds this information: "I weave carpets, and roll the tracts up in the different pieces when I send them away."

SUPPLIES DONATED TO THE SANITARIUM.

If proper credit is not given to all, please notify us at this Office. The following additional supplies have been received since the last report:—

Hartley: Ladies Christian Help Band, 1 rug, 1 sofa pillow, 1 head rest, 1 bedspread, 10 pillowcases, 9 sheets, 1 comfort, 1 stand cloth, old cloths; Mr. and Mrs. Smith, 1 bedspread, 1 comfort. Des Moines: Mrs. Belle Boram, 1 wardrobe; Mrs. A. Bosworth, 1 flower stand; Mrs. Hattie Hedrick, 1 pair pillows; Mr. and Mrs. E. Swap, 1 rug; Mrs. L. L. Peck, 2 pillowcases, 2 towels. Marshalltown: Mrs. Julia Santee and Mrs. Mary Smith, dried apples. Stuart: 9 pillows, 9 pillowcases. Mrs. Zora McCroskey, Otley, 1 quilt; C. Fredrickson, Sioux City, 2 comforts, 2 pair blankets, 1 bedspread, 1 table spread, 4 sheets, 6 towels, 4 pillowcases; Miss Lettie Blackwood, Mitchellville, 6 sheets. L. P. Roberts and E. Dorman, Perry, 1 quilt, 1 sheet, 1 towel, 1 pillow; Mrs. S. A. Riddle, Prairie City, 2 sheets; 2 pillowcases. Worthy of special mention are the donations by Bro. F. H. Chapman, of West Union, of a horse and buggy, and the fine piano donated by his daughter, Miss Della Chapman.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

UNDER this head, short business notices will be inserted at twenty-five cents per issue.

FOR SALE.—One hundred Oxford Teachers' Bibles, at wholesale prices. On account of being overstocked, will sell these Bibles for the next 30 days at less than half the retail price. Send for descriptive price list at once.

Storm Lake, Iowa.

O. H. TYRRELL.

APPOINTMENTS.

ATALISSA, Oct. 21, 22, 1899.

We have the promise that an ordained minister will be present. The ordinances will be celebrated, and a Sabbath-school convention will be held Sunday. We trust that brethren from Wilton, Muscatine, and Iowa City, or any others who can, will meet with us.

E. H. ADAMS.

GLENWOOD, Oct. 28, 29, 1899.

Council Bluffs, " 31, Nov. 1, "

The meeting at Glenwood will answer for the quarterly meeting. The friends there will please prepare to celebrate the ordinances. It is desired that the brethren at both places arrange the time for meetings to begin. Eld. C. Santee expects to be with me at these places.

C. A. WASHBURN.