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TERMS: 25 CENTS A YEAR, IN ADVANCE.

THE CONFERENCE HOME.

SOME have wanted to know whether the Conference Home has been discontinued in Des Moines. *It has not.* We have made arrangements with the Sanitarium to furnish the board for the Home, yet we provide a home for our office workers as before, also a home for Conference laborers passing through at Conference expense. Those who are not in the employ of the Conference will be expected to pay the same amount that the Conference pays for the board of laborers as they are sent through; namely, fifteen cents per meal. Some have, without proper thought, led those not of our faith to expect the same reduction when stopping at the Home. We do not think this would be right. Our brethren who have lifted so nobly to build up our institution there ought to have the privileges of the Home while passing through as nearly at cost as possible, while others passing through and getting our Sanitarium healthful meals ought certainly to pay as much as the cheapest lodging they can get at other places. To them the charges will be twenty-five cents per meal and twenty five cents for a nice clean room and bed. So all will remember that all Conference laborers will be cared for at Conference expense while passing through, and our own people at fifteen cents for a hygienic meal and fifteen cents for a bed, while others

will be expected to pay twenty-five cents for a meal and the same for a bed. This money goes to the general expense fund. The Conference will be saved a great burden and expense by arranging with the Sanitarium to care for the Home. May the Lord bless them both. CLARENCE SANTEE.

TERMS TO IOWA SANIARIUM PATIENTS.

In answer to the many inquiries received in regard to the charges at the Iowa Sanitarium for those who are unable to pay full price for treatment, in harmony with instructions from the Board of Trustees, we give the following rates: Our regular price is from \$10.00 to \$25.00 per week for room, board, and bathroom treatment, price made in accordance with the location of room. If patient requires a nurse all the time day and night, \$20.00 extra per week; if all the time during the day only, \$10.00 extra per week; if one-half time during the day, \$5.00 extra per week; if one-fourth time during the day only, \$2.50 extra per week. Trays sent to room are ten cents per tray extra. Where patients are sent here by the Iowa Conference to the endowed bed, we donate all excepting \$4.00 per week, this to be paid by the Conference. Where they are sent here as charity patients by churches, towns, or neighborhoods, we donate one-half of the regular price, as quoted above, the church, town, or neighborhood paying the other one-half of the regular prices. To those who are poor and not able to pay full price, we will donate all we are able to donate, and as the case may demand. When we say that we are truly sorry that we can not do more, we know that we voice the sentiment of the Iowa Conference Committee, the Board of Trustees, and all that are connected with this institution.

While we feel sure that this institution is of the Lord, and that its object is *not to make money, but to do good*, yet it must be quite evident to every one that it takes means to do the work the Lord would have done in an institution of this kind. We therefore ask the brethren and sisters and readers of the BULLETIN to remember us in their prayers, that God will raise up consecrated men and women to take the oversight of this work, also means to carry on the good work, that his name may be glorified and souls brought into his kingdom. Thanking the good brethren and sisters of Iowa for their liberal donations in the past, we are as ever,

Yours in the Master's work,
T. S. JACKSON, *Business Manager.*

"TRY AGAIN."

"So you think you can not do anything to help circulate the World's Harvest Number of the *Signs*?"

"No; I can't sell papers. I tried to sell a few of the Quarter-Centennial Special, but somehow I couldn't do much at it. I tried one of the other specials, but I soon gave it up, because I am not adapted to such work. In fact, I can't do anything, that I know of, in the cause successfully."

"Well, if you have really learned that lesson, you are just the one we want. That is the lesson Moses learned—had to learn—before he could do anything for the Lord. But as soon as he had really learned that he could do nothing of himself, and made the plea of inability in the true spirit of meekness, then God could use him. So it was with Christ, who said, 'I can of mine own self do nothing;' 'the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's, which sent me.'

"And now he passes the word to all his servants, 'Without me ye can do

nothing.' But they can go in his name and be successful; for he is the 'power of God and the wisdom of God.' So Paul says, 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.' And this is the spirit in which any part of the work of Christ must be attempted, in order to meet success. If God 'worketh in you, both to will and to do' (and he will if you will let him), you cannot fail. 'Have faith in God,' and rub out all those old excuses. 'Take the name of Jesus with you.' A little girl once asked a man to buy a special *Signs*, and he rather harshly told her he did not want it. But she sweetly responded, 'It tells about Jesus,' and he at once relented and bought a copy. Try again."—*Selected.*

FIELD REPORTS.

CHARLES CITY.

SINCE our last report we have held meetings continuously in this place, besides doing quite a little work at Riceville, and preaching and visiting at other places. At Riceville we organized a good little Sabbath-school. The Lord has greatly blessed us here in our labor for souls, and has given us favor with the people, which we feel sure has come about largely through our street meetings and music. Quite a large audience expressed themselves as believing all we have preached, and four at this writing have decided to obey. We feel satisfied that the work is only starting here, and expect several more to take their stand on the Lord's side soon. We closed our regular effort last Sunday night, and will now divide our time between public and cottage meetings; there is a splendid opening for the latter.

In the Monday Ministerial Association meetings, the Lord gave us the opportunity of witnessing for him, and we feel that by his strength and wisdom his name was glorified. They have here adopted the custom of rehearsing their Sunday discourses at the meeting, and we were called upon for our sermons. As we had not preached Sunday morning, our discourse the evening before was substituted, on the subject of the gifts of the Spirit and their connection with his remnant church, and that of the following evening, on baptism. As you may know, there was much division on these subjects by those present; but the truth spoken always silences

confusion, and from the start marked attention was given. We believe that the Lord led, and that good impressions were made. May we have your prayers, that wisdom from the Lord may be exercised by his servants here, and that they may be accounted "good and faithful."

L. F. TRUBEY,

C. J. BUHALTS.

AN IOWA WORKER IN THE SOUTH.

Affectionate Greeting to All: At this early hour, while the rain is pouring, I will have a visit with you. Here I am in my comfortable room, 7 ft. by 12 ft., on the third floor of the home of a good Baptist family. I wish I had words to express the goodness of God to me moment by moment. Many changes have taken place of late. The other workers have been summoned north to another field, and here I am in this great and wicked city. Many things I do not understand, but "He doeth all things well." "I had faint-ed had I not believed to see the goodness of the Lord" in this city; so I am happy and contented to remain his time and way. As I, in his name, surmount the difficulties and perplexities, I get a better view of Canaan. I can not work among the strangers as I had hoped. Every moment is occupied in many ways. As a church we are agreed as standing shoulder to shoulder and heart to heart, and all are lifting nobly. Three prayer meetings are held each week. These will be organized into missionary bands and reading circles, and will administer both in spiritual and temporal things, in the homes and neighborhoods of the members. Each one will bear a share in conducting the meetings during the week and on the Sabbath. This will strengthen and develop talent.

Last Sabbath was a day long to be remembered. Heaven came near with the sweet tender Spirit of God. Without excitement the members reconsecrated themselves. Confessions were made, and praises to God were heard all over the room. Strangers caught the spirit and took part, some for the first time. The testimony of one little girl was, "Jesus is soon coming, and we must all get ready right away." One sister who was suffering intense pain in her head from spinal trouble requested prayer. After a few short prayers, she arose praising God. The pain was all gone, and the good work still continues. In the afternoon, I went to the home of a family of five

new Sabbath-keepers. The mother has been afflicted for years as the result of an operation which failed to heal in two places. From all appearance it seemed that her days were numbered. Consumption seemed to have taken hold of her. We all consecrated ourselves anew to God, reading some of his precious promises,—Ps. 103:1-4; 107:20, 21; etc. At 4 P. M., with others from another city, we talked to God, asking that his will not ours be done. The husband prayed, "Father, we are not good. Make us good; hear and help in this our time of great need." Heaven came very near; all were calm and trustful. I can not tell you all, but we arose and sang one stanza of "The Great Physician." One wound is healed and *sound*, with soreness gone. The lady's appetite is better and her rest sweet, with increased faith, courage, and consecration. The family altar has been erected for the first time, and the Lord's tithe promised. This family are only five weeks old in the truth. The husband expects to attend the district meeting at Graysville, Tenn., Jan. 4-14. All praise, honor, and glory to God for what he has done, is doing, and will do. These experiences only bring me lower to the cross.

Six weeks ago I called to see a wealthy lady who was a stranger to God. She was a user of tobacco and snuff. Her husband is living, but children all dead. She gave me a warm welcome, and I left the *Signs*. The next week we prayed and brought Christ to her in the Word. She gave me a yearly subscription for the *Signs*, saying, "Any one who will read that paper ought to be made better. It teaches good religion." The fourth time she asked, "What church do you represent?" and then said, "Tell me all about it." I hung up the law of God and papacy charts, and as I brought Christ and the Sabbath to her, the Lord to me was never before so dear. I caught new glimpses of his lovely character. She half arose, saying, "I'll obey; I'll keep it." I said, "Mother, do you take Christ as your Saviour? You can not keep it unless you do." The next time she began by telling me what a good day the Sabbath was to her. She said, "I just could not work, not even cook. I read my Bible and the *Signs*. On Sunday I worked all day in my kitchen." I then instructed her more fully in the way of the Lord, and yesterday she told me of wonderful blessings re-

ceived Sabbath. She began and closed the day in her closet. She has interested her neighbors by loaning them the *Signs*.

I could tell you more. When we think that "the worth of one soul is only to be measured by the worth of the Son of God," it puts a new value on all that we can do for the salvation of souls. Brethren and sisters, let us lift the Saviour "higher, *higher*." I love you all.

MOLLIE R. LONG.

441 E. Gray St., Louisville, Ky.

PERSONAL.

As I read the reports of the work done to spread the message, I always rejoice. I have been canvassing for the Harvest Number of the *Signs* in Lenox and vicinity, and have been quite successful in selling them, and thought my experience might be an encouragement to others to go forward in the work of the Master. I know of myself I can do nothing, and feel that I am the weakest of the flock; but Christ went with me and prepared the way for me, and I sold fifty-seven copies. To Him be all the praise. The people seemed pleased in most of the places, and very few were prejudiced, and I enjoyed the work and had so many pleasant talks. Pray for the people of this place, that they may become interested in the truth and that souls may be saved.

MRS. A. E. COLVIN.

A LETTER FROM THE WEST.

In sending in her subscription for the BULLETIN, Sister Minnie T. Proctor, *nee* Minnie Johnson, sends a few words of greeting to the BULLETIN family:—

"It is now some time since I left Iowa and came to Colorado. Before coming to Denver, where we are now pleasantly located, we spent a few weeks in the mountains, which I enjoyed. The scenery was grand, and I appreciated more fully the wonderful works of God. We find this a large and a good field in which to labor. Husband and I are both engaged in the canvassing work. We are of good courage, and the Lord is granting us good success. I praise the Lord for the way in which he is leading me, and I am so thankful for having a part in his work. I ask the BULLETIN family to pray that we may rightly represent the Saviour as we go from door to door in this great city, to sell the pages of truth."

[Sister Proctor's address is 720 W. 1st Ave., Denver, Colorado.]

THE BOOK WORK.

FROM THE CANVASSERS.

SUSAN HASKELL, KEOKUK: "I have never enjoyed the work better than this year. I know that many people who have bought our books will receive real blessings. I praise the Lord for the experience I have had, and I know he will guide me through."

BURTON CHURCH, BETHLEHEM: "I feel that I must leave something with every one who seems interested. I want to represent my Saviour each day. My health and courage are good, and I expect to keep at work."

CORA B. COUNTRYMAN, IOWA CITY: "I have found some who feel very much impressed with the truths contained in 'Coming King,' and who ask to have the book delivered in a short time."

The omission of Bro. J. S. Fry's name from the report for the past few weeks previous to this was not on account of lack of interest on his part, as will be seen from the following: "Thank the Lord that I am again able to work. Though still quite lame, I can go in the strength of the Lord."

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 17, 1899.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Mary L. Haskell.....	13	3	\$3.00	\$.50
Cora B. Countryman.....	12	7	7.00	1.00
Susan Haskell.....	14	8	8.00	1.70
Nettie E. Brown.....	11	3	3.00	.45
Pearl D. Bascom.....	29	5	6.00	2.30
H. B. Tilden.....	18	9	9.00	1.50
Mrs. H. B. Tilden.....	14	2	2.00	.75
Cora M. Davis.....	26	10	13.00	
P. W. Atkinson.....	35	10	9.60	1.25
Burton Church.....	26	2	2.00	1.75
Mrs. Arthur Rhoads.....	12	6	6.00	.45
J. S. Fry.....	28	9	9.00	5.50
Carl Rasmussen.....	28	12	12.50	5.25
Edward Everett.....	19	1	1.00	1.25

HERALDS OF THE MORNING.

Lloyd Manfull.....	27	5	\$6.25	\$7.25
Sarah Earnisse.....	9	2	2.75	.50
Olive Lefave.....	1	1	1.25	

DESIRE OF AGES.

Mrs. A. C. Nichols.....	5		\$17.50	\$.75
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MISCELLANEOUS.

A. J. Iden.....	12	7	\$8.75	
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DELIVERIES.

	Books.	Value.	Lost.
Mary L. Haskell.....	1	\$1.00	0
Cora B. Countryman.....	1	1.00	0
A. J. Iden.....	3	2.75	0
Olive Lefave.....	7	8.75	2
Lloyd Manfull.....	5	6.25	0
Edward Everett.....	1	1.00	1
J. S. Fry.....	9	9.00	1
Mrs. Arthur Rhoads.....	1	1.00	0
Burton Church.....	1	1.00	0
P. W. Atkinson.....	1	1.00	0
Cora M. Davis.....	1	1.00	0
Pearl D. Bascom.....	1	1.00	0

SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	19
" " orders.....	107
Value of ".....	\$124.60
" " helps sold.....	\$32.05
Total value.....	\$156.65
Value of deliveries.....	\$34.75

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

HINTS FOR SABBATH-SCHOOL SECRETARIES.

We wish to mention a few points concerning the records of the school and making quarterly reports.

1. The secretary should become familiar with the class records, and the Sabbath-school record, or register. These should be carefully studied; and if there are any points that the secretary does not understand, he should consult with the superintendent or some one who can give the needed information. If this can be found in no other way, he should write to the state secretary.

2. The secretary should keep the superintendent informed in regard to the condition of the records; and if it is found that any of the teachers are in need of instruction as to how to keep their class records, the superintendent should impart such instruction, or authorize the secretary to do it. All the records should be faithfully kept and carefully preserved.

3. An outgoing secretary should always turn over to the newly-elected secretary all the records belonging to the school, as soon as his term of office expires and his successor is elected.

4. At the close of each quarter the secretary should prepare a report of the school for the quarter. Such a report may include many items of interest, among which are the following: (a) The highest, the lowest, and the average membership during the quarter; (b) the per cent of attendance; (c) the number of classes in the school, and the number of classes in each division (this would be an interesting item in large schools, but might be omitted in small schools); (d) the total amount of contributions received and the average per Sabbath; (e) the amount paid out for Sabbath-school supplies, the amount sent to state secretary for missions and as tithe, and the amount on hand; (f) the supplies obtained for the school and the amount paid for them. This should be given by items. The above report should be prepared by the secretary who served during the quarter, and should be read by him on the first Sabbath of the succeeding quarter.

5. Immediately at the close of each quarter the secretary who has served during that time should report in full the items called for in the blank sent him by the state secretary, and send the report to that officer without delay. The Sabbath-school secretary should preserve a copy of this report for reference. It is often a matter of great convenience.—*Sabbath School Worker.*

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DES MOINES, IOWA, NOV. 28, 1899.

—BRO. S. B. KEPHART and family have removed from Stuart to Rochester, near Muscatine.

—ELDS. C. SANTEE, C. F. STEVENS, and P. A. HANSEN met in this city for consultation last Tuesday.

—ELD. J. W. ADAMS left Des Moines last Friday for Emerson, to assist in the work there for a few days.

—BRO. ANGUS McDONALD visited the Sanitarium, while in the city last week, leaving a donation of bedding from the Christian Help Band of Winterset.

—MRS. W. L. BATES, recently of Coon Rapids, has been visiting relatives and friends at Nevada, as she is about to go to her new home in Harlan.

—MRS. L. A. BIERCE, of this city, who was reported a few weeks ago as sick with the typhoid fever, is now much better. Her husband was baptized last Friday, and is rejoicing in the saving power of Jesus.

—WE call special attention to the appeal from the Des Moines Christian Help Band appearing in another column. Those who can assist should address Mrs. E. Graham, 603 E. Tenth St. (not Twelfth St.)

—BRO. W. L. MANFULL visited the following churches last week in the interests of the canvassing work: Vinton, Urbana, Cedar Rapids, and Norway, spending the Sabbath at Lisbon. Olin, Maquoketa, and Delmar are on his list of appointments for this week.

—A NEW edition of the Harvest Number of the *Signs* has been printed bearing date of Dec. 6. This will enable our workers to circulate this paper for a longer time than otherwise. They can be sold all through the month of December and still not be out of date.

—ARE you interested in the study of dietetics and scientific cookery, yet have not the time for an extended course? You may receive help from the following publications, issued by the Good Health Publishing Company:—"Natural Food Recipes," 10 cents; "Balanced Bills of Fare," 5 cents; "The Daily Ration," 5 cents; "How to Live Well on a Dime a Day," 5 cents. Address MISSIONARY DEPT. OF IOWA CONF.

—As was mentioned before, the Harvest Number of the *Signs* has been sent to all the editors in the State. The following is an extract from an extended editorial in the *Sheldon Mail*: "The *Signs of the Times*, a religious journal (Seventh-day Adventist) published at Oakland, California, is to be issued as a special double number for the weeks of Nov. 29 and Dec. 6. An advance copy of this special number is before us. It is beautifully executed, both in the matter of its illustrations and in the artistic neatness of its typography. . . . Every student of current and foreshadowed events can not but be interested in this very timely publication, and would be profited by giving it a careful perusal. In its value from a literary standpoint, as well as historically, we regard this special number with high favor. The world needs the helpfulness of more publications like it."

—WE have been favored with a program of the Sabbath-school convention held at College View, Nov. 18, upon which appear several names familiar to Iowa people,—Prof. and Mrs. M. W. Newton, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Lewis, Mrs. C. W. Neal, and Mrs. W. T. Bland. Almost the entire day, from 9:00 A. M. to 9:00 P. M., with intermissions, was spent in considering Sabbath-school work. The evening session was in the form of an entertainment with stereopticon views on the life of Christ.

—BRO. C. J. BUHALTS, who has been connected with the work at Riceville and Charles City, has been called to another field. After a short visit at home he goes this week to assist in the mission at Sioux City, where he will probably remain during the winter. We were pleased to have a short visit from him yesterday, between trains.

—ON a recent Sunday a company of men working on the Cedar Valley telephone line near Green Mountain, was threatened with arrest, a leading minister of the place heading the movement. They removed to a point farther distant, and outside of the vicinity from which the complaint was made, and resumed work.

—A NEW location, 122 N. Fourth St., has been selected for the headquarters of the work in Clinton. We understand that the attendance and interest are good. No doubt a fuller report would be appreciated by the BULLETIN readers.

WHO WILL RESPOND?

THE work of the Christian Help Band at Des Moines has commenced in earnest. At our last meeting several asked aid that we could not supply. To our former call one responded with a small box, which we thankfully received. Besides clothing of all kinds, money is greatly needed to pay rent for our rooms, make quilts, and buy such needful articles as are not sent in. Could you see the look of disappointment when we are obliged to say: "Not an overcoat has been sent in;" "The underwear has all been given out;" "No little boys' suits this week," etc., I am sure you would hasten and make up some boxes, and send us so that we might use them at our next weekly meeting, Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Remember, this is the Lord's work, and we are handing out the last message, the everlasting gospel, with each garment. Please follow everything you send with your prayers, that we may do our work faithfully as unto the Lord.

Yours in the work,

MRS. EVA GRAHAM,

MRS. SARAH KANE,

603 E. Tenth St.

WINTER TERM AT UNION COLLEGE.

DECEMBER 13 is the time appointed for the opening of the winter term at Union College. This promises to be the important term of the year. It is expected that many new students will enter, and plans are being made for a very profitable time. Expenses will be made low, but the comfort and convenience of all will be looked after. It will be worth much to our young people who are anxious to engage in the work in some capacity, or to those who are already engaged in it but who wish to become more efficient, to spend a short time here, not only to gain the instruction but to catch the spirit of inspiration and earnestness necessary to assure success. The District Conference will be held here during this term, and this will bring here many of our most prominent laborers.

The term begins December 13, and continues twelve weeks. There will be no holiday vacation, hence it will be to the interest of all to enter at the beginning of the term. Write for copies of the College Year Book or latest number of the *Practical Educator*.

W. T. BLAND,

College View, Neb.