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WHO WILL BE FREE? WHO WILL GO IN?

THE Lord said, after the murmurers were destroyed from among Israel, and they had spent many days in special preparation, "This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you." Joshua 5:9. The reproach was bondage, sin. Egypt is a word for darkness and sin. No man is free but the man whom Christ makes free. He says, "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:34, 36. This may be the experience of every Seventh-day Adventist in Iowa, with the opening of the new year. O, why not have it so? It is so desirable, and it is within our grasp. When we confess all from the heart on our part, asking the Spirit's guidance to show us ourselves as we are, leaving all the brother's shortcomings in the hands of God, and our heart clear and clean, God may again say that he has rolled away the reproach.

We are now reaching the anniversary of the close of Noah's long period of preaching, laboring, and waiting. Noah was told at the end of one hundred and twenty years, "Come thou and all thy house into the ark." God did not say that the probation of others was past, even then. While the beasts and birds were going in, the door was still open. Until the last son and daughter of Noah

had passed the portals, the door was standing open wide. But there was a special call to Noah and his family, "Come thou." Had others used him despitefully, shamefully?—Yes. Did he carry the grudge in his heart against them into the ark?—No. When he went in, all this was left out. In the signs of the second destruction of the world we are again one hundred and twenty years along the way. One hundred and twenty years ago from May 19, 1900, the sun was darkened. Then followed the other signs just in the order that God said they would. Today the call is coming to us, "Come thou and all thy house into the ark."

A series of articles has been commenced in the *Review*, "Saved by Families." This is what we want. How can we save them? God says, "For if ye turn again unto the Lord, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that lead them captive." It is time they were free. Instead of trying in the old way to make them right, shall we prove this statement of the Lord in 2 Chron. 30:9, and turn again ourselves to the Lord? May God indeed put within our hearts the desire to make this the anniversary year before us of heeding the call, by accepting of freedom and going into the ark. The work is closing.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

IN THE WORK AGAIN,

WHILE visiting the church at McGregor, Manitoba, August 13-18, I began to suffer from bronchitis, and within a week I was unable to do public labor. Returning home I continued to grow worse. I was examined by one of the most skilled physicians of Winnipeg, and his advice was that I should leave Manitoba as soon as possible. He said I could not endure

the severe climate. Not receiving any encouragement to continue my work in the North, we left it all in the hands of Him who is over all. We arrived in Iowa, Sept. 21; and the beautiful sunshine, with the dry air, was a great help to me in the way of recovery.

Nov. 10, I began meetings with the church at Harlan. Three of their young people were immersed and received into the church. As this was the first work I had been able to do since leaving Manitoba, I soon learned that I needed rest. After staying at home awhile, I returned and continued meetings. A Bible study was conducted each evening, in which all who could were asked to participate.

God has said: "We are not to make less prominent the special truths that have separated us from the world, and made us what we are; for they are fraught with eternal interests." "We have nothing of which to be ashamed; the commandments of God are to be honored above the traditions and commandments of men." "Light concerning the binding claims of the law of God is to be presented everywhere." "Christ is to be lifted up before the people in every discourse."

During my last visit at Harlan two ladies from the Congregational church promised to keep all the commandments, and one young lady who had been discouraged was encouraged to renew her covenant with the Master. As "darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people," may this church let their light shine. "He that endureth to the end the same shall be saved." L. F. STARR.

BURLINGTON.

I MET with the church at Burlington as per appointment in the BULLETIN, Nov. 24-26. The attendance was very

good. The ordinances were celebrated, and church officers were elected for the coming year. Bro. Carl Jensen, who has labored in Burlington for a number of years in the past, was elected elder of this church. Bro. Jensen and wife are now located at Ft. Madison; and as this is only a few miles away, he can meet with the church at Burlington frequently with but very little expense. This church now numbers over forty, and has been organized less than a year. It seems to us that the Conference should locate some one of our ministers in this great city of about 25,000 or more. It is a stirring railroad town, located on the old "Father of Waters." We were reminded that God has a work to be done in this city, by an introduction to a man of some means and influence, who not long since went to the Sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich., for treatment. This man is now a Sabbath-keeper, and attended our meetings. O that we all might have the spirit that was in Job when he said, "The cause which I knew not I searched out." Job 29:16.

C. A. WASHBURN.

Dec. 19, 1899.

COLUMBUS JUNCTION.

It has been some time since we have reported. After the camp-meeting here, we held a few meetings in our tent; but owing to the cold weather at that time, and our interest at Fredonia, where we had been holding meetings just prior to the camp-meeting, we took down our tent October 9, and continued our meetings for a time at the latter place. Owing to the necessity for house to house work, we only held three meetings a week there, and one at Columbus Junction on Sabbath. Since commencing the work here, July 7, we have sold \$11.50 worth of books; sold and given away over 9,000 pages of tracts, besides the reading matter that was distributed at the camp-meeting; taken seven orders for our papers; sold over \$10.00 worth of the *Harvest Signs*, and are still putting them out.

At this writing six are keeping the commandments of God as an immediate result of sowing the gospel seed. Some of the time the way has seemed hedged up. At the home of one who has accepted the truth, and where we had hoped to hold readings, the way seemed to open up at last, and we were invited to come by the man of the house, who has for some time been

under conviction. At the first reading he was taken by an evil spirit as Saul of old. Although he did not throw a javelin, yet the same spirit was very manifest in his actions and words. We are praying that he may yet give his heart wholly to God, and thus the home be united in his service. As some of the better class from the worldly standpoint, have taken hold, the report is out that the Adventists want only the rich, that they do not want souls but money. "Blessed are ye when men shall . . . say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake." We are very thankful that some new homes are now opening for Bible readings. There is a call to hold meetings in a school-house four miles south-east, but we have not seen the way clear to fill it as yet. Continue to pray for the work and workers at Columbus Junction.

Dec. 17.

E. H. ADAMS,
U. P. LONG.

CASTANA.

I JOINED Eld. Gardner in the work at Castana, Dec. 7. He had been holding meetings every evening for about a week. The company at this place are few in number, and in a very discouraged condition. We continued the work for two weeks and visited from house to house. Our hearts have been made to rejoice by seeing a few souls take their stand for the truth. The attendance has been very small. Some of our people have lately gone east to be away several weeks, and the Congregational people are holding revival meetings in their church, so we decided to close our evening meetings for awhile. Eld. Gardner goes home, and I will remain here over Sabbath and Sunday, Dec. 23, 24. The Congregational minister is quite friendly. I spoke in his church one evening last week during the revival meeting, and was invited to do so again, but circumstances would not permit.

J. S. HART.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

SHORTLY before leaving tent work in Ottumwa for my present field of labor, it was my privilege to spend one Sabbath with the church at Moravia. A man and his wife had accepted present truth through the faithful efforts of one of the families belonging to that church, and desired baptism. The day following two were baptized at Libertyville, and one at Douds, who

united with the Birmingham church. Three or four others are expected soon to identify fully with this church, and become active members in the household of faith, to share its burdens and blessings. A week later I met with the church at Fairfield. A number of the Libertyville church were present, and two were baptized. Another sister should have been baptized at this time, but was hindered by sickness. With but one exception these were the result of personal efforts in missionary labor by the church. It may chance that there are those in your reach, brethren and sisters, who would resist the efforts of a minister, yet would readily yield to a kindly interest shown them in religious life by a neighbor. How much our churches need the reviving influence of new converts to the faith! And what a stimulus to the work and workers in new fields to know that the "seeds of truth already planted are springing up and bearing fruit to His glory!

On the way to Onawa I attended quarterly services with the Pilot Mound church, whose acceptance of the truth some ten years previous I witnessed. This church had their election of officers at this time. The enemy has fiercely assailed this body recently, seeking to bring in strife and envy with their attendant evils; but if their trust is in God instead of man, the powers of darkness will not prevail.

At Onawa an interesting company meet each Sabbath, three families having moved in for the benefit of the church school started there. The school numbers thirty pupils, and a deep interest is taken in the new principles of school work entered upon.

Eld. J. S. Hart is with me in an effort to strengthen the work at Castana, which has been in a languishing condition for some time. The attendance is small, yet some improvement appears, encouraging a continuance of the meetings.

May the approaching week of prayer prove a strength and blessing to all our people, in doing work for the Master, as the dawn of the twentieth century quickens the world's impulse in many lines. Festivities and pleasure-making will increase around us, but let us be serious, though not morose. If Satan can not allure through a line of pleasure, he will rush us to the opposite extreme of acting as a pessimist, causing us to repel from, instead of drawing souls to,

Christ and his truth. While we are to be separate from the world, we are exhorted to be of good cheer. And the truest optimist to-day is he who can look up, assured that his redemption draweth nigh.

E. E. GARDNER.

ONAWA.

THE work in Onawa is progressing nicely in all of its departments, but especially in the church-school work. Sister Gardner has thirty pupils under her instruction, and they are all enthusiastic over the sacred truths they are learning from day to day. Our Sabbath-school now has a membership of fifty-five, and is in a prosperous condition. Bro. E. E. Gardner recently held a series of meetings with us, which were very instructive. We have our trials, as do all other churches, but in the strength of the Lord we hope to triumph.

A. HELEN WILCOX, *Miss. Sec.*

THE BOOK WORK.

BE FAITHFUL WATCHMEN.—NO. 2.

FROM personal experience I am confident that much more effectual work can and must be done by us as canvassers. "The Lord will work with steadfast, consecrated workers." The canvassers are as "watchmen," "ringing the warning bell to awake the sleepers to a sense of their danger." "They are sounding the note of warning in the byways and highways, to prepare a people for the great day of God, which is about to break upon the world." Those who go forth with earnestness and simplicity, breathing out their petitions to God for wisdom to vindicate the truth, will have the association and guidance of the unseen Helper in their work.

A canvasser having called on a lady at two different times, failing to show his work because she had no time, secured her attention at his third visit. After listening to his description of the book, "Coming King," she said, "From the way you talk, I see you have studied the subject, and I trust you are prepared for the event." She asked many questions. Suffice it to say she gave her order, while the tears flowed down her cheeks. The same canvasser had a similar experience with a gentleman whom he had called to see four times before obtaining a chance to show the book.

A good plowman does not leave a

patch of sod unturned here and there through the field. The Lord would have us be faithful in utilizing all the soil with which we have to do. Calls are coming from the north, south, east, and west. Hark! Watchmen, do you not hear the cries: "Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?" notice the answer of the faithful watchman. "The morning cometh, and also the night: If ye will inquire, inquire ye: return, come." Isa. 21: 11, 12.

H. B. TILDEN.

QUITE a number of our canvassers who have been actively engaged in the field during the season following the canvassers' school, will now take a short vacation. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Tilden are at Bro. Tilden's home in Mankato, Minn. Miss Pearl Bascom went to her home at Adair last week. Misses Mary and Susan Haskell are with friends at Grinnell. Miss Christine Henriksen is enjoying a visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Edward Johnson, of Milford, spending some time in the sale of the *Harvest Signs*: Miss Olive Lefave, of Hawarden, has returned to Union College for the remainder of the school year. Bro. Lewis Hilliard has suspended the book work for a few weeks, devoting his time to the work for the *Harvest Signs*. He writes in a late letter, "If the Lord can use me, it is my desire to continue in this work till the end." We know that this is the sentiment of other hearts; and that although some of our canvassers are out of the field for a short time, nearly all of them are planning to re-enter the work with renewed energy.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 15, 1899.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Pearl D. Bascom.....	10	2	\$2.00	\$.25
J. S. Fry.....	2	2	2.00	4.25
Oscar N. Conklin.....	3	1	1.00	
MISCELLANEOUS.				
L. E. June.....	8	12	\$0.00	
Mrs. R. J. Coutant.....	9	16	9.00	
A. J. Idens.....	12	10	9.95	

DELIVERIES.

	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
Carl Rasmussen.....	27	\$27.00		3
J. S. Fry.....	8	8.00		1
P. W. Atkinson.....	14	14.00		
Burton Church.....	8	8.00	\$2.25	1
Pearl D. Bascom.....	21	21.50		1
Mrs. H. B. Tilden.....	44	44.50	4.25	1
H. B. Tilden.....	48	48.00	37.45	0

SUMMARY.

No. of agents.....	11
" " orders.....	43
Value of ".....	\$20.95
" " helps sold.....	\$48.45
Total value.....	\$78.40
Value of deliveries.....	\$171.00

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

BURLINGTON CONVENTION.

OUR Sabbath-school convention was held Dec. 10. The attendance was as large as could be expected; for the day was dark and rainy. Two sessions were held, and a good interest manifested. A few of the neighboring schools were represented. We were favored with the presence of Bro. Willis M. Adams and wife, who gave us valuable aid in the discussion of the different topics. The program sent was carried out with some additional exercises. The children especially did well in carrying out their part of the program. The papers were well prepared, and each topic thoroughly discussed, bringing out many excellent points. A few thoughts might be mentioned in regard to the Sabbath-school and the church. If rightly conducted, the Sabbath-school will possess a wonderful power and will in no way detract from the church. The influence growing out of this work should *enlarge* and improve the church. A short time was given for asking questions pertaining to this branch of the cause, and these were answered by Sister Adams. Our prayer is that we may all seek God for guidance and help, that our school may be the means of bringing many to Christ. The convention closed with the song "Bright Jewels."

OLGA NELSON.

EDDYVILLE.

OCTOBER 26 our school held a very interesting convention. We were thankful for the help of Bro. W. M. Adams and wife in this meeting. The papers were all in excepting one. This was supplied by a talk upon the subject by Bro. Adams. The children did well their part in singing and recitation. Quite a number not of our faith were present, and some were heard to say, "This has been a good day." The closing song was a solo, "The Judgment." Immediately after the last session a children's meeting was conducted by Sister Adams. Quite a goodly number were present, and seemed to enjoy it.

MRS. CORA EVANS.

"WHAT is done for me?—Everything. What must I do?—Everything. And if you can reconcile these two, then you can walk with God."

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—BRO. CHAS. HEALD, of Stuart, spent a day at the Sanitarium last week.

—MISS MAMIE BURNETT, of Des Moines, is visiting at Steven's Point, Wisconsin.

—BRO. C. H. TYRRELL, of Storm Lake, came to the Sanitarium for treatment last week.

—BRO. AND SISTER F. L. SMITH are spending the holidays with home friends at Marshalltown.

—ELD. F. A. WASHBURN, of Iowa City, is spending the week of prayer with the Emerson company.

—COPIES of the Readings for the week of prayer can still be supplied from this office, in English, Danish, Swedish, and German.

—BRO. E. H. BROWN, of Denmark, was a visitor at the Sanitarium, Sunday. He will visit Atlantic and Sioux City before his return home.

—BRO. C. T. ADAMS visited his mother and sister last week, going from here to Russell. LATER.—He was recalled by the sickness of his sister.

—ALL will be glad to know that Miss Nettie Brown is now out of danger. Her temperature is normal much of the time, and she is gaining as fast as could be expected.

—THE Des Moines church school has been dismissed for a week's vacation during the holidays. Miss Ada Terwilliger is entertaining the teachers, Misses Pearl Hallock and Ruby Owen, at her home in Pleasantville.

—MR. AND MRS. R. H. HOLCOMB, of Adel, spent a few hours at the Sanitarium while on a visiting tour. They had just come from Atlantic, the home of Mrs. E. G. Olsen, Mrs. Holcomb's sister; and were on their way to visit relatives in North-eastern Iowa.

—ONE sister, a busy housewife, writes concerning her experience in selling *Harvest Signs*: "I was on the streets three hours and sold twenty-nine papers. It took every bit of courage I had to make the effort, but I really enjoyed the work when once begun." Are there not others who will without consulting personal feelings take up this line of work? The Lord will supply every lack when we do all we can on our part.

—IOWA comes to the front this fall with over seventy students in the College the first month. This is a fine showing. It shows, most of all, that the people of Iowa appreciate educational advantages. And this is really the secret to the reason why Iowa furnishes more laborers for our denominational work than perhaps any other State in the General Conference. If our churches in every State would catch the same spirit, and encourage, if necessary aid, their young men and women who have ability, and are willing to consecrate their lives to the Master's work, to attend our schools, there would soon be a great army of workers moving out into all parts of the earth. Every church ought to be represented by one or more faithful, intelligent laborers.—*Practical Educator.*

—At a meeting of the Conference Committee held in November it was decided to ask Sister Jessie L. Adams to take the work of the Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Department of the Iowa Conference until our next annual Conference. But on account of the needs of the work at Ottumwa, and her duties as President of the State Sabbath-school Association, it has not seemed best for her to carry this added burden. At a later meeting of the Committee, Sister Della Wallace of Grinnell, was appointed to fill this position; and she has now taken up her work at the Office here in Des Moines.

—MARRIED.—At the bride's home, four miles south of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Wednesday noon, Dec. 20, 1899, Miss Laura Bertha Harris to Mr. Frank Russell, of Winfield, Iowa, Eld. C. A. Washburn officiating. Many friends of the bride and groom were present to witness the ceremony which united the interests of these two worthy young people. After many warm greetings and the presentation of gifts, the guests were invited to a bountiful dinner provided by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harris.

—DR. H. A. HABENIGHT, formerly an Iowa boy, and Dr. Mae Hall were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 21. These young people are graduates of the American Medical Missionary class of last June, and are engaged in their professional work at the Battle Creek Sanitarium. The BULLETIN extends congratulations.

THE PRINTING PRESS AT UNION COLLEGE.

WE are told that there is no industry carried on in connection with Union College that is of greater value to the students than the printing press. The one they have used thus far will be taken away in a few weeks, and the College has raised partly enough to buy another. They think that from \$25 to \$40 donated by each Conference in the District will finish paying for it. Who will donate this amount toward the Industrial department of the College? If there is more sent than is needed, it will be applied on missionary work. Send to MISSIONARY DEPT. OF IOWA CONFERENCE, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

FIRST-DAY OFFERINGS.

For Quarter ending Sept. 30, 1899.

Albion	\$2.53	Ladoga	4.21
Algona	9.08	Muscataine	5.85
Atlantic	6.28	Marshalltown	11.54
Afton	2.65	Monroe	4.98
Adel	2.45	Modale	3.47
Albany	1.39	Milford	3.71
Bladensburg	2.21	Massena	36.98
Bonaparte	2.00	Nanson	3.85
Brighton .....	.50	Nevada	11.50
Blencoe	5.28	Nora Springs .....	.75
Beaman	8.04	Onawa	1.40
Bloomfield .....	.42	Osceola	4.74
Burlington	3.61	Olin	2.70
Centerville .....	.87	Orient	6.08
Cherokee C. M.	17.25	Pilot Mound	2.77
Charles City	16.67	Pulaski	2.50
Columbus June	23.15	Perry	1.65
Croton .....	.85	Ruthven	22.64
Coon Rapids	3.14	Radcliffe .....	.50
Castana	1.32	Russell	2.40
Cedar Rapids	1.00	Riverton	4.68
Creston	2.06	Sioux City	25.52
Clinton .....	.16	Storm Lake	2.72
Council Bluffs	9.33	Spirit Lake	4.15
Delmar	6.74	Sandyville	6.48
Denmark .....	.20	Sharpsburg	1.22
Des Moines	139.48	Smithland	11.45
Davenport	5.96	Sergeant Bluff .....	.70
Dubuque	3.38	Thayer .....	.75
Dunlap .....	.50	Traer	5.08
Davis City .....	.50	Urban .....	.30
Emerson C. M.	17.51	Winterset	2.46
Eddyville	7.25	West Grove .....	.50
Eureka	1.94	Waukon	2.70
Exira	12.69	Woodburn	4.50
Elk Horn	8.80	W. L. Fleming .....	.65
Payette .....	.17	Hannah Winters .....	.50
Fontanelle .....	.50	Alce Scales .....	.50
Fairfield	2.75	Joel Wing and family	1.10
Glenwood	1.00	J. A. McWilliams	2.75
Grant City	7.11	Edmund Crawford .....	.25
Grinnell	5.89	G. F. Rider	1.00
Graettinger	64.00	W. H. Loomis	3.20
Harlan	2.67	Mrs. H. G. Markell	2.00
Hawkeye	8.85	E. M. Pierce	1.00
Iowa City .....	.70	Clara E. Bair .....	.13
Jacksonville	8.81	Seward Fry .....	.75
Knoxville	50.00	A Friend .....	.55
Kelley	3.50	Total	\$703.20
Libertyville	3.83		

THE Quarterly meeting of the Burlington church will be held Dec. 30 and 31, 1899. Although a week early, we hope for a good attendance.

MRS. D. A. FITCH, Clerk.