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**SUBMISSION.**

Laid on thine altar, O my Lord divine,  
 Accept this gift to-day, for Jesus' sake.  
 I have no jewels to adorn thy shrine,  
 Nor any world-famed sacrifice to make;  
 But here I bring within my trembling hand  
 This will of mine,—a thing that seemeth  
 small;  
 And thou alone, O Lord, canst understand  
 How, when I yield thee this, I yield mine  
 all.—Selected.

**DONATIONS FOR THE SICK.**

THE day is coming when "the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick." That day has not yet come. The Lord says, "Weep with them that weep." It is a blessed privilege to be placed where our hard, stony hearts can be softened. It is our only hope. Those who have been afflicted, can realize the blessing of health restored. Those whom God has kept in health, can certainly bring an offering for this blessing. Our Sanitarium will do all the charity work that is possible, and yet there will be much more to claim our sympathy and care. The Conference will endow one bed for the afflicted poor, endeavoring to do all we can with the donations that come in, to relieve suffering. We will appoint February 3 as the day to take a donation to be used for the worthy afflicted poor. Brethren, there is no call to which you have responded that is more worthy than this. Every dollar shall be used solely for the healing of the sick, at the lowest possible rates. Re-

member the date of the collection, the first Sabbath in February. Send all donations to the MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

**THE IOWA LABORERS.**

ONE brother asks, "Where are all the laborers?" We are glad that we can answer that they are nearly all in new fields this winter. The churches are getting less labor during the winter months, but those who have never heard the truth are getting more. I believe that our churches will be glad that this is so. Bro. Dieffenbacher is near Marathon, Brn. Moody and Neal, in the country below Clarinda; Bro. Heald, near Bladensburg; Brn. W. M. Adams and Iden are laboring to make the work permanent at Ottumwa; J. W. Dorcas and C. J. Buhalts are pushing the work in Sioux City in connection with other mission workers. I can not follow all, but there is plenty to do. Some are accepting of the truth as a result of this work; and we suggest that our laborers remember to report what their eyes are seeing, for the benefit of the many who are following the work of the Lord with their prayers.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

**"WHILE MEN SLEPT."**

"WHILE men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat." Matt. 13:25. Last week it was pointed out that there had been a lull in the rising storm of persecution. Whether that was the respite of which we had been told or not, it is a fact that the religious liberty work lagged far behind. While a fair measure of success attended other lines of work, the subscription list of the *Sentinel* fell off, and

the *Religious Liberty Library* was almost forgotten. When we should have been sowing the land with leaflets, and "drilling in" the principles of true religious liberty, we have, in that matter at least, been taking our ease.

But has the enemy also been asleep? —Alas, no. *It was while men slept* that he did his sowing. If we did not sow as we should, he has been busily sowing the tares of his false theories; namely, that this is a Christian nation, that politics and the government should be controlled by the church, and that morality can be measured and enforced by man-made laws.

This seed sowing at this time by the enemy was not merely by accident. It was part of a cunning plot. If Satan could lull to sleep those who should have exposed him and his wicked purposes, he could then freely and undisturbed scatter abroad the seeds of error and falsehood. Please remember that *it was while men slept that the enemy sowed the tares*. And all too well has he accomplished his purpose. That he himself thinks he has succeeded is evident from the arrogant tone assumed by his followers, and the boldness with which they declare their purpose. Among other evidences, recall the strong words quoted from the *Sentinel* in the BULLETIN of Dec. 19. They were from a speech at the last National Reform convention, and were received with applause.

Now the *Sentinel* has faithfully pointed out all this, and has urged us to improve this opportunity which we have not used, but which the enemy has used. "Hear what God has said about this: "The *Sentinel* has been, in God's order, one of the voices sounding the alarm, that the people might hear, and realize their danger. . . .

The *Sentinel* is like a trumpet giving a certain sound; and all our people should read it carefully, and then send it to some relative or friend. . . . Had our brethren used the *Sentinel* . . . and had all been united in recommending it . . . as God would have them do, . . . we should not now as a people be so far behind in making preparation for the work."—*Testimony No. 33, pp. 246, 247.*

While these words were written ten years ago, they are more emphatically true to-day than when they were written. It is not that we should drop any other work to take up this, but that we should arouse to do this much more. Shall we not awake? Or will we sleep on while the enemy perfects his plans, not only to compel us to submission, but also to shut us off from preaching to those who will not submit?

J. O. BEARD.

#### CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS.

SPECIAL arrangements are now being made for a twelve weeks' course for church school teachers at Union College. This will be during the regular spring term of the College, beginning March 7, and continuing until the first of June. This will more than take the place of the ordinary summer school or institute. It will be held during the regular session of the College, when all the College faculty are present to furnish instruction; and during the brightest, best season of the year, when live, enthusiastic work can be done.

Now, that word has come that our children should be withdrawn from the public schools, the demand will be greater than ever for church schools, and for teachers to take charge of them. One hundred teachers ought to be prepared to take charge of these schools next fall. Union College has excellent facilities for training that number during the spring term. Special classes will be formed in Pedagogy, Child Study, Nature Study, Methods of Teaching, including Kindergarten, primary and general grade work, and instruction also given as to how to weave into and through all the work practical spiritual lessons. The College classes will also be open to the teachers, which will be an opportunity of very great importance.

All who can come by the first of March will have the privilege of attending the meetings of the District Conference. The educational question

will receive much consideration at this meeting, and our teachers throughout the entire District would be greatly benefited by being present. The Conference Presidents will be here, and plans can be made with them for future work in the different States. Begin planning at once to attend.

Write for special information to Prof. W. T. Bland, Union College, College View, Neb.

### FIELD REPORTS.

#### SMITHLAND.

DECEMBER 26, I went to spend a few days with the Smithland church during the week of prayer. We had the Readings each day at 10:30 A. M., and preaching in the evening. The preaching was of a practical nature, designed to show to all the great danger of remaining in a cold and formal condition in such a time as this. As the interest began to increase, I decided to stay another week, and hold meetings in the evening and labor from house to house as the way opened, endeavoring to help all to see the importance of seeking the Lord as never before, by confessing and putting away their sins. The interest still increased, and the word began to take a deeper hold on the hearts of the people.

Sabbath, Jan. 6, was a good day for the Smithland church, and will long be remembered by all who were there. The Lord greatly blessed in giving words of reproof and comfort to the people, and in helping them to see wherein they had failed in the past. At the close of the meeting on Sabbath morning, all who wanted to make a confession to some one, either to father, mother, brother, sister, husband, or wife, were asked to manifest it by standing up. Nearly all in the house arose. This showed that the Lord had been speaking to the people by his good Spirit. All necessary preparation had been made to celebrate the ordinances, but we decided to postpone it until the next day, and give all an opportunity to confess their faults to each other. All were requested to be thorough in the work of confessing their sins, and not to be troubled over the sins of others. The next day we had the ordinance meeting, which was one of unusual interest. We had the evidence that the Lord had been, and was still, working upon the hearts of his people by his

good Spirit, to influence them to turn to him with all their hearts, and love each other as never before. May the Lord revive his work in the hearts of his people. The Lord has said that we are in the "shaking time," and "that none could share the refreshing unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action." Again I quote, "Probation is about to close. In heaven the edict will soon go forth, 'It is done.'" J. S. HART.

#### DAVENPORT AND ATALISSA.

It was my privilege to be with the church at Davenport during the first part of the week of prayer, and the remainder of the time at Atalissa. The attendance was small at each place. At Atalissa every one present, from the poorest widow to the smallest child, cast in their offerings. It was very suggestive and encouraging to see this service so universally participated in, and reminded one of the ancient custom, when Jesus spoke so approvingly to one who had cast in but two mites. The offering, though not large, was found to be on an average not less than \$1.60 for each present. If all did as well, throughout the entire Conference, the annual offering would not be less than \$5,000. At Muscatine, where I have just visited, the church is adopting the plan of each giving ten cents per week.

To me this week of prayer has been the best of my life. This means that I am having a new fitting up for the sacred, uplifting work that God has for me among my dear old friends of former years. I highly appreciate the privilege of uniting heart and soul with my fellow workers again, to help advance the good work again in the dear old Iowa Conference. God has greatly blessed me with physical strength. The statement certainly is true that "All who will consecrate soul, body, and spirit to God will be constantly receiving a new endowment of physical and mental powers." "The inexhaustible supply of Heaven is at their command." This is for me.

H. NICOLA.

#### BRITAIN, MACKSBURG, AND WINTERSSET.

SINCE returning to our home in Winterset I have visited the company at Britain several times, enjoying rich blessings with them. All seemed to be of good courage in the Lord. Dur-

ing the first of the week of prayer I met with the Macksburg company. I found them all of good courage, with the exception of two of their young people who had given up the truth. We did not have a large attendance after the first day, on account of the bad roads, sickness, and the distance some had to come. Yet we enjoyed the rich blessings of heaven, and all seemed more eager to press on.

The latter part of the week I spent with the Winterset church. Our attendance was not large, on account of sickness and because some living in the country could not come. Nevertheless, we had good meetings and a rich blessing. The hearts of the members here seem to be united more firmly than for some time in the past. My prayer to God is to hasten the day when we shall all have the mind of Christ, and enjoy the outpouring of his Spirit in a still greater measure.

G. A. LARSON.

#### PARKERSBURG AND CEDAR FALLS.

I WAS at Parkersburg during the week of prayer. The time was divided between the town and country. The Lord made us glad in studying the Readings and his Word together. Bro. H. L. Henriksen was with us during the last week. The people have responded nobly in donating to the cause in Christiana, Norway. I also made a trip to Cedar Falls, and the little company there were cheered and encouraged.

P. A. HANSEN.

#### MEETINGS HELD DURING THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

SHARPSBURG.—During the week of prayer we were blessed in having our elder, C. W. Neal, present most of the time. Bro. F. L. Moody was also with us from Dec. 27-31. The Readings were read each day during the week. We received many very useful lessons from them, and were shown so clearly the preparation necessary for translation, and our need of living health reform so that we may reach that degree of perfection while in the flesh that will enable us to stand in the last times without a mediator. Bro. Moody preached every evening to an attentive congregation. We are so thankful for the help we have received, and realize that it is through God's tender watchcare over us that we have had his servants with us. As it was time to elect our church officers, a meeting was held for this

purpose. It was with sad hearts that we relieved Bro. Neal of his office, but it was his request. He has been a good, faithful elder to us, and may God bless him wherever he may go. It is the desire of the church to consecrate themselves anew to God and his cause this new year. We desire to be remembered in your prayers.

AMY COLVIN, *Clerk.*

FONTANELLE.—Another year has rolled around, another week of prayer is in the past; and each one of us are brought face to face with the great questions, What progress have I made in the Christian race since the week of prayer one year ago? and what have I done in that time to advance the third angel's message? Our week of prayer services were well attended, considering the distance some of our brethren live in the country. The Spirit of the Lord came into our meetings, and we were all much benefited. As we enter upon the duties of another year, we are led to exclaim with the Psalmist, "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!"

EVA E. LALONE.

LIBERTYVILLE.—The week of prayer was one of great joy, peace, and comfort to our little company. Although the roads were rough and the weather cold, the attendance was very good. Bro. Charles Heald was with us a part of the time. Our hearts ached as we read of the needs of the cause. May we each consecrate our lives, our all, to God; and when we do this, the field will not lack on account of an empty treasury. The testimony of all was that they felt more like pressing onward than ever before, and there were victories in the camp. God grant that each one of our little company may join in the song of final deliverance before the great white throne.

A. ELLONA BEDWELL.

RADCLIFFE.—Although there are only two of us, we observed the week of prayer, and set apart a portion of each day, that we might receive spiritual benefit from the Readings which God has so graciously sent to us through his servants. We can truly say that they have been meat to us in due season. We feel like confessing our sins, and seeking the Lord with all the heart, thus gaining the victory over "every wrong word and action." May the Lord help us so to humble ourselves that we may stand the test that is now upon us. MRS. R. J. COUTANT.

## THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

### REASONS WHY THE SABBATH-SCHOOL LESSON SHOULD BE STUDIED DAILY.

1. THE Word of God is one of the agencies by which the new birth is accomplished. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." 1 Peter 1:23. And no one can enter the kingdom of God except he be born again. John 3:3.

2. It is the Word of God that sustains the life of the Christian and causes growth in grace. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby." 1 Pet. 2:2. Is it not because of a neglect of the Word that so many who have been born again, starve and die spiritually instead of growing up into the "stature of the fulness of Christ"?

"Observe system in the study of the Scriptures in your families. Neglect anything of a temporal nature; dispense with all unnecessary sewing, and with needless provision for the table, but be sure that the soul is fed with the bread of life. It is impossible to estimate the good results of one hour or even half an hour each day devoted in a cheerful, social manner to the Word of God."—*Sabbath School Worker.*

#### BIRMINGHAM.

YOUR letter and cards were received. In behalf of the school, I thank you for them very much. I read the letter to the school, and all who were old enough to understand what they were doing, promised to take the motto for this year. I trust this may be the means of doing good. Our school is in a prosperous condition, and the attendance is good. We trust that God will bless our efforts, both in learning and in teaching his truth.

W. W. WILEY.

WE have received several letters from children who write that they have promised to take the motto on the cards sent them and get ready to meet Jesus when he comes. The motto is: "Study to show thyself approved unto God." We only wish every member of our Sabbath-schools everywhere would adopt and fully carry out this motto during the year. What an advance we would see in every line of work. May God bless the resolutions to "study" the truth as never before.

MRS. J. L. A.

# Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, JAN. 16, 1900.

—CANVASSERS' SCHOOL, Feb. 6 to April 3, 1900.

—BRO. C. T. ADAMS was called to Dakota City, Sunday, to preach a funeral sermon.

—BRO. AND SISTER A. WILBUR, of Sandyville, spent Sabbath and Sunday in Des Moines visiting friends.

—BRO. WM. JOHNSON, after a visit at home in Marshalltown, is again engaged in field work. His present address is Exira.

—BRO. J. H. WIERTS, who for some time has been working among the Germans at Burlington, has joined the workers at Charles City.

—SISTER J. J. WELTON, of Centerville, came to the Sanitarium last Friday with her sister, Mrs. Mary Derby, of Ottumwa, who will take treatment for rheumatism.

—BRO. J. W. DORCAS is at home in Des Moines for a few days, taking needed rest and treatment. We have the promise of a report of the mission work at Sioux City for publication next week.

—A BAPTISMAL service was held here last Sabbath at the close of the morning meeting, Eld. J. W. Adams administering the rite. The candidates were two young men, members of the church school.

—A CARD of thanks has been tendered to the Sanitarium by the Odd Fellows' Relief Association of this city, for the good care of one of their members, whom they placed under the charge of the Sanitarium a few weeks ago.

—A COMMUNICATION from the Foreign Mission Board brings the sad intelligence of the death of Elds. D. A. Robinson and F. W. Brown, from smallpox, at Karmatar, India, where they had gone to establish an orphans' home and recruiting station.

—BRO. PETER N. ANDERSON and Sister Anna Hanson were united in marriage Dec. 20, 1899, at the home of Bro. John Anderson, Ruthven, Iowa, Eld. P. A. Hansen, officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by the brethren and sisters of the Ruthven church, and all join in wishing them joy and happiness, as they unite their interests in the service of the Lord.

—THOSE who are canvassing for the December number of the *Good Health*, report that this journal is very well received. Are there not others who will introduce it among their friends and neighbors? You may in this way not only be the means of saving some from physical suffering and even death, but the way may be opened for the introduction of other reading matter. The journal sells at 10 cents per copy. Price to agents, 5 cents per copy. For sale at this Office.

—As will be seen, the space usually occupied by the Book Work Department is this week taken up with field reports. The canvassing report published in our next issue will be for two weeks.

—BRO. J. C. MUSSELMAN, of Algona, called on friends here between trains, yesterday, while on his way to Mt. Ayr.

—MISS NETTIE BROWN has so far recovered as to be able to return to her home at Camanche.

### SUPPLIES DONATED TO THE SANITARIUM.

CHRISTIAN HELP BAND, Winterset, 2 pillows, 1 quilt, 8 pillowcases, 5 sheets, fomentation cloths; Mt. Pleasant, 15 pillowcases; 2 towels, 4 sheets, 2 comforts; Caroline Metzger, Muscatine, 28 quarts canned fruit, 1 set fruit plates, 1 set pie plates; Mrs. G. L. Eyestone, Martinsburg, 1 quilt, 2 sheets, 4 pillowcases, 2 towels, 1 lounge pillow; Mrs. H. Morlan and little girl, 1 quilt, 5 quarts canned apples; a few Des Moines ladies, 1 worsted quilt; Algona, 3 comforts, 1 quilt, 2 pillows, 4 pillow cases, 9 towels; Russell church, 2 comforts, 3 towels, 1 sheet; Mrs. Sarah McCullough, Russell, 1 bedspread, 2 pillow cases, 1 towel, 1 sheet. Parkersburg: Ida Dennison and Maggie Anderson, 1 comfort, 1 sofa pillow; Mrs. G. Dennison and Mrs. C. Anderson, 1 comfort; Emilie Simonsen, 1 comfort, 2 sheets. Sandyville: Church school, 1 quilt; Ruby and Bessie Glasgow, 1 quilt. Des Moines: Christian Help Band, 1 comfort; Mrs. R. C. King, 1 quilt. Mrs. M. E. Graham, Leighton, 1 quart jelly.

### BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

BIBLES.—I have quite a stock yet on hand, and as long as they last will sell them at very low prices. Send at once for descriptive price list. Address C. H. Tyrrell, Storm Lake, Iowa.

WANTED.—A place to work for S. D. Adventists where I can keep my child with me; can commence work at any time. State the wages you will pay. Address, GEO. E. KELLY, Farmington, Iowa.

### THE SANITARIUM FUND.

THE following cash donations have been received on the Sanitarium fund since the last report:—

James Johnson and wife.....	\$150.00
James Vile.....	90.00
John Heald.....	50.00
A Friend.....	50.00
A. P. Foster.....	50.00
O. C. Baughsted.....	50.00
Bell Simonton Parker.....	50.00
D. Andre.....	25.00
Ann V. Young.....	20.00
Alfred McNeill.....	20.00
A Friend.....	15.00
Rufina Ferguson.....	10.00
J. C. Watt.....	6.00
Martin Adson.....	5.00
R. Douglass and wife.....	5.00
Julius Jensen.....	5.00
Geo. Johnson.....	5.00
Carrie Pierce.....	5.00
Mrs. H. G. Markel.....	5.00
C. J. Buhalts.....	2.50
Mary Van Syoc.....	1.00
Hartley S. S.....	.64
Mrs. M. E. Graham.....	.50

### CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

Tithes received from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 1899.

Adel.....	\$83.22	Libertyville.....	\$93.26
Afton.....	31.01	Mt. Pleasant.....	90.09
Albaton.....	19.42	Monroe.....	15.10
Alexander.....	112.07	Milford.....	66.90
Algona.....	117.00	Marshalltown.....	95.16
Atalissa.....	67.01	Muguoketa.....	11.33
Atlantic.....	55.65	Mussena.....	45.57
Audubon.....	20.66	Modale.....	112.24
Beaman.....	65.92	Muscatine.....	81.50
Benton.....	11.75	Moravia.....	103.50
Birmingham.....	30.00	Macksburg.....	14.00
Bladensburg.....	36.64	Nevada.....	163.23
Blencoe.....	81.60	Nanson.....	54.29
Bluff Creek.....	70.00	Osage.....	21.61
Boone.....	61.18	Oseola.....	308.51
Brighton.....	15.00	Oliver.....	48.28
Brooklyn Co.....	9.25	Onawa.....	28.72
Burlington.....	76.64	Parkersburg.....	209.38
Castana.....	23.51	Pilot Mound.....	158.01
Cedar Falls.....	10.50	Pulaski.....	11.00
Cedar Rapids.....	23.31	Perry Co.....	9.10
Clairinda.....	38.25	Radeliffe.....	7.00
Columbus Junc.....	4.00	Riverton.....	40.00
Confidence.....	12.60	Ruthven.....	231.22
Council Bluffs.....	204.00	Russell.....	16.80
Croton.....	3.27	Storm Lake.....	45.75
Davis City.....	9.81	Smithland.....	77.50
Des Moines.....	324.35	St. Gourney.....	63.92
Davenport.....	66.83	Sandyville.....	165.95
Delmar.....	12.00	Sharpsburg.....	41.00
Dubuque.....	43.41	Sioux City.....	69.72
Dunlap.....	18.00	Shelby.....	14.45
Elk Horn.....	66.59	Sheldon.....	17.83
Exira.....	117.95	Sutherland.....	21.60
Eddyville.....	56.58	Spencer.....	12.00
Eureka.....	38.68	Traer.....	56.69
Fairfield.....	30.00	Twin Oaks.....	8.10
Fontanelle.....	57.63	Tyner.....	16.00
Forest City.....	15.00	Urbana.....	5.00
Glenwood.....	69.37	Village Creek.....	24.53
Grinnell.....	75.00	Vinton.....	4.25
Grant City.....	32.15	Waukon.....	7.00
Graettinger.....	133.76	Waverly.....	11.20
Harlan.....	50.20	Winthrop.....	14.95
Hartley.....	153.10	Woodburn.....	81.15
Hawkeye.....	13.10	West Union.....	52.58
Iowa City.....	8.68	Wilton.....	20.80
Iowa Falls.....	9.00	Winterset.....	111.53
Jacksonville.....	131.17	West Grove.....	21.65
Kelley.....	22.50	Individual.....	269.10
Lisbon.....	53.15	Total.....	\$6,298.73
Ladoga.....	38.97		

C. F. STUVENS, Treasurer.