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THE IOWA SANITARIUM.

We know that many eyes in our beloved State are turned toward our Sanitarium; and some, no doubt, are wondering why such a good work moves so slowly. It would be well, perhaps, to call attention to the fact that in this line of work there are many difficulties that but few know about. Is it not true that the work which affords the greatest opportunity for doing good excites the bitterest and most determined opposition from the evil one? Hence the importance of uniting with Christ, and taking refuge under the shadow of his wings. This, we are happy to say, our Sanitarium family are doing; results are appearing, and the Lord is blessing the work of late in a remarkable manner. Our nurses are consecrating themselves to the work, and a spirit of good cheer prevails.

We have at present eleven patients here. A number have obtained relief and returned home, some of these having had operations with the best results. We would not overlook the spiritual work. Some have been delivered from the bondage of sin. A few have said that they are going to keep all of God's commandments, and prepare for the coming of Jesus. Brethren and sisters, we need your prayers and sympathies; for we are your servants. J. W. ADAMS.

"THE CHILDREN OF THIS WORLD."

"The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." Luke 16:8. At the approach of a storm people make haste to put things in the best shape to meet it. When the lull came in the persecutions, did the people of God hasten to get ready for the oncoming tempest?

But there is yet more in this checking of persecution. The National Reform leaders had tried to carry out their plans, and were partly defeated. To explain this defeat some of them said that the sympathies of the people were not fully enough enlisted in their plans. So they began "a campaign of education;" for the success they had met in many places taught them that if they could enlist the people more generally in their plans they could enforce them. That they might more easily carry out this campaign of education, it is quite evident that they called off, as far as they could, all persecution. That this respite is only temporary is shown by the fact that no court decision enforcing Sunday laws has been annulled, and no Sunday laws have been amended or repealed during this time. The legal machinery used in former persecutions is all there, and in some places stronger than before; and when Satan gets ready, it will work his will as fiercely as ever.

But the Lord also had a hand in checking the rising storm; for his people were not ready. So the powers of darkness were held in check, and God invited his people to do the work they had so greatly neglected. The enemies of the truth sought this opportunity in which to perfect their plans. We did not seek it, but God gave it to us and urged us to get ready and to warn others. Now, when step after step

has been taken until it seems that the apostasy of our nation is almost completed; now, when the National Reformers feel assured of success and begin to wax bold, *our eyes are still heavy with sleep, and we are listless and apathetic.* Because of this *apathy in religious liberty work,* "The rebuke of God is upon us. . . . His blessings have been withdrawn because the testimonies he has given have not been heeded. . . . 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. . . . Stand not in the way of this light; let it not be disregarded or set aside as unworthy of attention or credence."—*Testimony 31, pp. 247, 248.* These are strong words from the Lord, but we dare not dispute them. Shall we not heed them, and act earnestly in this matter? Let us push, *vigorously,* the circulation of the *Sentinel*, as well as our other papers. Let us do now, if at a disadvantage, what we should have done at a more favorable time. J. O. BEARD.

GUIDING STAR MISSION, SIOUX CITY.

ANOTHER month has gone by since my last report to the BULLETIN. Our mission family now consists of nine workers. We are kept very busy visiting and holding Bible readings and cottage meetings. Each one takes with him in his work a supply of the *Signs of the Times* and the *Good Health* journals, and in this way quite a number are sold each day.

A few weeks ago we rented a store building in the suburbs of the city, and started a Sunday school. At first the attendance was rather small, but has been steadily increasing; and last week fifty were present. We also hold

meetings in the same place, with a good interest. At the mission we spend one hour each morning studying either the *Berean Library* or Sabbath-school lesson. At 7:30 each evening we study the third angel's message, more particularly for the benefit of the workers, but an invitation is given to the public; and as a result quite a number come in each evening, and listen to the wonderful message God has for his people at this time.

During the week of prayer, meetings were held in two places in the city, at the church in the afternoon more especially for the children and to accommodate those who could not attend in the evening. In the evening, meetings were held at the mission, and all could attend who wished to do so. These were most blessed seasons, long to be remembered on account of the influence of the Spirit of God.

During the month, we have lodged 551, served 946 penny lunches, given 22 baths, held 37 Bible readings and 14 other meetings, made 243 visits, sold 155 *Harvest Signs* and 20 *Good Health* journals, given away 70 periodicals, made 28 calls, and obtained 16 orders for the *Signs* and 3 for *Good Health*. We have received \$3.00 in donations. No beans have been received during the month. *Our stock is getting low.* Send all supplies to 310 Jennings St. J. W. DORCAS, *Supt.*

THE SCANDINAVIAN WORK.

AFTER taking down our tent, we began holding meetings in the Bethel schoolhouse near by, and continued until about the first of December. As yet no visible results are seen. The people attended the meetings quite regularly, and manifested some interest in the truth; yet when it came to the test, they had excuses. We are sure that impressions have been made by the Spirit of God that will yet set the people to thinking seriously on these great subjects.

After the meetings closed, Bro. Johnson returned home to Marshalltown. Since that time I have held meetings, sometimes alone and sometimes with Bro. H. L. Henriksen, at Atlantic, Lewis, Elkhorn, Exira, and with our Scandinavian brethren at Shelby. During the week of prayer, I was at Atlantic, Weston, and Council Bluffs. The Lord came near to us, and I think we have a better understanding of the times in which we are now living.

Last week I began meetings in a schoolhouse about eight miles northwest of Adair. Some of those who attended some of the tent meetings at Jobes, requested meetings. The weather and roads have been rather unfavorable, and yet a few seem inclined to come. I am of good courage in the work of God. My earnest desire is to present the truth faithfully as it is in Jesus.

E. G. OLSEN.

SHELDON.

At the close of the tent meetings at Cherokee, I came to Sheldon, and resumed my work of visiting, holding readings, etc. Beginning Nov. 1, I sold the *World's Harvest Signs*. Some of the brethren here co-operated, and we succeeded in selling about one hundred and seventy-five copies. The missionary society is now taking twenty-five copies, and has regular subscribers for all. During the week of prayer, I divided my time between Sheldon and Hartley. Most excellent meetings were held at both places. The attendance was not large, but God's Spirit was present; and those who may have carelessly absented themselves, have suffered loss. I am now at Sheldon again. The work here has gone decidedly hard, but it is for God to give the increase, and ours to sow the seed, morning and evening. I am of good courage. I should not close this report without mentioning the faithfulness of the little company here. All seem to be filled with zeal, and their care for us abounds as they find opportunity. God will reward them.

THOS. H. JEYS.

Jan. 11.

MARATHON.

AFTER two months of manual labor, I have entered the harvest field of the Lord, to gather sheaves for the Lord of the harvest. We began work Tuesday night six miles from Marathon. Thus far three services have been held, with an increasing attendance each night, and to-night (Thursday) we had to bring in several seats from the wagons.

I began the year 1900 in victory, and to night I can see more in such texts as 1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Cor. 2:14; Jude 24; Rom. 8:37-39; Gal. 2:20, than ever before. With Job I can say, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," because he has redeemed me from my past sins (Rom. 3:25); and I know that he is not only able but that he will keep that which I have committed

to him during the year 1900, and thus "against that day;" for I am fully persuaded that what he has promised in the above texts he is able also to perform. God has honored me with his presence in my work for him in the past, but it does seem to me that I need him now, more than ever before; and I ask, not as a form, but in earnestness, that each reader of the BULLETIN will just now ask God to help me to walk so humbly before him that he can use me in the salvation of souls in this place. Brethren, let us get ready to meet him; then he can use us to get others ready.

B. L. DIEFFENBACHER.

THE GERMAN WORK.

I ATTENDED the German workers' meeting held in Kansas, Dec. 7-17. In our studies the Spirit of Prophecy was compared with the Bible. We found three things going hand in hand from the beginning of the world, which will be found among the people of God until the close of time. These three things are marriage, the law of God, and the Spirit of Prophecy. Eld. Henry Schultz had charge of the meetings. The Lord came very near.

After this meeting I visited some Methodist relatives and friends for a week. We studied the present truth together, and many confessed that it is the truth for our days. I thank the Lord for the privilege of meeting with them. From Russell, Kansas, I came to Muscatine, where we had very good meetings. One family which attended the meetings are very much interested. I am now at Burlington.

GEORGE EBEL.

MEETINGS HELD DURING THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

OSCEOLA.—The church met every day during the week of prayer, and our elder Brother, our dear Saviour, met with us by his Holy Spirit. We all felt that the Readings were meant for us, and all expressed a willingness to receive them as from the Lord. On account of cold weather and rough roads, all could not attend. Bro. Shively and family met with us, to celebrate the ordinances, and the Lord came very near and blessed us.

MRS. A. E. RAE.

ADRI.—The week of prayer was indeed a precious season to the church at this place. Although only a few came, the Spirit of the Lord impressed the Readings upon our hearts, and we

praised the Lord for the message received; and felt to enter into his work more faithfully, that we may be prepared for the crisis before us. May the year 1900 be a turning point in our lives, that we may turn unto the Lord with all our hearts. On Sabbath, the last day, we held our quarterly meeting. The Spirit was present to impress us more fully with the solemnity of the occasion, and we were brought into closer fellowship as we engaged in the ordinance of humility.

L. M. SCHOBURG, *Elder.*

OBITUARY.

ROBINSON.—Died at Winterset, Iowa, Jan. 9, 1900. Mitchell Robinson, aged 88 years, 6 months, and 24 days.

Bro. Robinson accepted present truth in 1871. His place in church was never vacant when he was able to be there, nor was the family worship, morning and evening, ever neglected on account of other work. The commandments were constantly on his mind, and on Sabbath evening he would call his wife and ask if any of them had been broken, repeating them over together. He often repeated the Scripture "I have been young and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." He was careful to have his accounts all paid, and would suffer wrong himself rather than to do any one else an injury, or take advantage in a trade. His desire was to live to see the Lord come, but he was submissive to the will of the Lord. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14:13-15.

G. A. LARSON.

FIELD.—Died at his home in Oxford Mills, Iowa, Jan. 7, 1900. George Field, aged 73 years, 2 months, and 25 days.

The death of Bro. Field marks the passing away of one who for many years has been a standard bearer in Eastern Iowa. He heard the message in 1844, and for fifty-six years has looked "for that blessed hope," which hope sweetened the bitter cup of suffering he was at last called upon to drink. For several weeks he fought the last enemy, in the intervals of suffering, praising God and comforting the members of his family, not forgetting to send messages of encouragement to some who were not relatives, knowing that they needed help. Over thirty years ago he learned the binding nature of the law of God; and, accepting this as an added trust, has

since earnestly pleaded for "the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." He was an earnest advocate of the truth, "able by sound argument to convince the gainsayers," yet respected by his neighbors as an earnest, unpretentious man. His brethren knew his home as theirs, and at approaching death he requested that they might still stop at his house. At his request, I conducted the services, though I would rather have sat with those who mourned. I feel that I have lost one nearer than a friend. He chose the song, "I have anchored my soul." May all who read this anchor their souls with that hope "which entereth into that within the vail."
Burt Fullmer.

THE BOOK WORK.

THE CANVASSERS' SCHOOL.

The canvassers' school is soon to begin, and we would like to hear from all who intend to come, so that we may be able to make the necessary preparation to accommodate all. It will be necessary for each one to bring bedding and toilet articles. Bring your Bibles and hymn books, also a few books for reference on English grammar.

In writing address me at 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa. Remember the date of the school, Feb. 6 to April 3. Rates: \$1 per week for room, board, heat, and light. W. L. MANFULL.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING JAN. 12, 1900.

	Hrs.	Ord.	Val.	Helps.
THE COMING KING.				
Oscar N. Conklin.....	3	1	\$1.00	\$.75
Mrs. Arthur Rhoads.....	17	2	2.00	1.35
Burton Church.....	31	5	5.00	.75

DANIEL AND THE REVELATION.				
S. M. Holly.....		23	\$56.00	

MISCELLANEOUS.				
H. F. Lamb.....				\$17.55

DELIVERIES.				
	Books.	Value.	Helps.	Lost.
Burton Church.....	2	\$2.00		

SUMMARY.				
No. of agents.....				5
" " orders.....				31
Value of ".....				\$61.00
" " helps sold.....				\$20.60
Total value.....				\$81.60
Value of deliveries.....				\$2.00

NETTIE BROWN's delivery of books was made by Susan Haskell, Nellie Knapp, and Lizzie Carter, instead of by Susan Haskell, as stated two weeks ago.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

THAT MOTTO.

I AM receiving letters every day from superintendents containing such expressions as these: "All the children promised to take the motto for the coming year;" "All that are old enough to understand, want to take that motto for their own this year;" "All the members, both old and young, desire to adopt that motto." The children also in writing tell me that they will take this motto for the new year. Now, I know it is easy to promise, but it means so much if we only remember to whom we promise and what we promise to do. The motto is the oft repeated text, "Study to show thyself approved unto God." If we will all really and truly promise God that with his help we will do this, what a blessing we shall receive, and how much we can do for those we meet daily. Parents and superintendents, help the children to keep their promise to faithfully study their lessons this year. Help them by example as well as by telling them of it. Study with them, and you will also share the blessing. God has told us that it is the lack of study that makes our Sabbath-schools what they are, and cripples our work in this line. Now we have still another chance to redeem the time and study as never before. The time demands it, and souls are needing the help we can give them if we will faithfully study the Word, that we may be approved of God. If you want an interesting school, remember to help your scholars to study the lessons, and you will surely be successful.
MRS. J. L. A.

JUST FILLING OUR OWN PLACE.

We often think that if we had that man's means, or that man's ability, or that man's opportunity, we could do something worth doing; but, as we are, there is no possibility of any great thing. Yet God does not want us to fill any other man's place, or to do any other man's work. God wants us to improve our own opportunity, with the possessions and the powers that he has given us. It is a very great thing for us to do the best we can do, just where and as we are. God asks no one of us to do more than this, nor has any one of us a right to do less.
—*Sunday School Times.*

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DES MOINES, IOWA, JAN. 23, 1900.

—ELD. CLARENCE SANTEE was in Des Moines last Tuesday.

—MRS. LIDA STANSBURY, of Lima, is visiting relatives in Des Moines.

—MRS. C. G. JOHNSTON, of Sigourney, is visiting her daughter, in this city.

—FROM Smithland Eld. J. S. Hart went to visit the little company at Quimby.

—MISS PEARL BASCOM, of Adair, is at Union College for the special training course.

—BRO. ARTHUR McCLINTOCK is holding meetings in the vicinity of Maple Landing, Monona county.

—WE are pleased to have Sister Mary Noel, recently from New Sharon, meet with us in our Sabbath services.

—BRO. CLARENCE RENTFRO, of Sigourney, added his name to the enrollment of Iowa students at Union College, last week.

—BRO. C. T. ADAMS rejoined his brother Park, last week, in the work at Emerson. Sister Olive Adams has fully recovered from the attack of diphtheria.

—ELD. D. P. GAEDE writes of an excellent interest in a German settlement six miles south of Council Bluffs, where he is holding meetings. The people, he says, seem "hungry for the truth."

—MRS. J. J. STRODE, of Shaner, Oklahoma, is thankful for the reading matter that has been sent her by her Iowa friends, and can use more. The people there, she says, seem eager to hear and read.

—OUR State Canvassing Agent visited among the churches in South-western Iowa last week. Harlan, Shelby, Weston, Council Bluffs, and Onawa, are on his list of appointments for this week.

—MISS ELSIE NORTHRUP is visiting friends in Des Moines. The school at Stevens' Point, Wisconsin, where she has been teaching, has been closed for the winter, with the expectation of opening again for the spring term.

—ELD. C. F. STEVENS returned to Iowa last week, meeting with the Weston church last Sabbath. He visited the Sanitarium Monday, leaving this morning for Bloomfield, where he expects to join Eld. Wm. Guthrie.

—ONE sister writes: "I have sold all the *Good Healths*, and enclosed find stamps to pay for them. You may send me as many more, as I did not have enough to go around, even in this little burg. I can not get away to work with our literature as much as I would like to, but am trying to get all of this good reading out that I can, and I know that God blesses me in this work."

—A COMMUNICATION from Sister Mollie Long to this Office brings the very sad intelligence of the death of Sister S. M. I. Henry from pneumonia, at Graysville, Tenn., last Tuesday morning. No further particulars. Sister Mollie adds, "We do not understand, but God hath a purpose."

—CLEAN copies of the *Signs, Review, Sentinel, Youth's Instructor, Life Boat, and Little Friend* are desired for the reading rack at Stuart, Iowa. Send postpaid to Wm. Guthrie, Box 662, Stuart, Iowa.

—CLEAN copies of the *Signs* will be very acceptable for the reading racks at Davenport. Do not send copies of the BULLETIN. Please address M. J. Newby, 4 Grand Court, Davenport, Iowa.

—QUARTERLY report blanks have been sent to the Conference workers, and all are requested to report as soon as possible, as the Conference audit will be held early in February.

—As before announced, the *Medical Missionary and Gospel of Health* have been united in one journal, which is issued monthly at 50 cents per year. Sample copies furnished free.

—THE clerk of the Cedar Rapids church asks each member to report to her as soon as possible. Address Mrs. Bertha Gosnell, 531 Eighth St., W. Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

—SEVERAL reports from the churches of meetings held during the week of prayer are crowded out this week.

—THE *American Sentinel* and *Missionary Magazine* are now clubbed together for \$1.00 per year.

—"EVERY time a wise man makes a mistake it teaches him something."

"THE PERIL OF THE REPUBLIC."

WE are glad that we can announce that the new book, "The Peril of the Republic," referred to by Eld. A. T. Jones in the *Review* of Jan. 2, can now be ordered from the *Review* and Herald Office through our State Society. We believe that our brethren would prefer to pay the margin on books to

our own houses, rather than to those who are not using the funds in the cause of God. Though I have not seen this book, it certainly fills a place that recommends it to the careful study of every thinking person. We ought to awake *now* to these issues. The price is one dollar. Order from the MISSIONARY DEPT. IOWA CONFERENCE, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

MRS. MARY SMITH, of Green Mountain, came Friday, to obtain medical help.

SISTERS MARY PEPPER and Florence White, of Eddyville, are among the patients.

ELD. L. F. STARR is taking needed rest, and treatment for lung trouble, at the Sanitarium.

MISS LAURA GILBERT, one of the nurses, is visiting her brother at Barney this week.

SISTER HANNAH GUNDERSON, of this city, is very low, and was brought to the Sanitarium for treatment last week.

BRO. C. D. SPEED and Frank Ferguson, of Sandyville, called last Thursday, to visit one of their neighbors, Mr. Houser, who is making rapid improvement under Sanitarium care.

APPOINTMENTS.

MILLERSBURG,	Jan. 30, 31,	1900.
Sigourney,	Feb. 2-4,	"
Richland,	" 6, 7,	"
Brighton,	" 9-11,	"

Meetings will be held at Richland as Bro. Brallier may arrange.

H. NICOLA.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

FOR SALE.—At a bargain, a lot in the suburbs of Des Moines. Very desirable location. Address WORKERS' BULLETIN, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

WANTED.—A good hand who keeps the Sabbath, to do general farm work. Good wages for eight or nine months to the right hand. Address C. L. MILLS, Liberty Center, Iowa.

WANTED.—A S. D. Adventist man to work on the farm. Good wages will be paid a good hand. Any one looking for an easy job need not apply. Single man preferred. References required. For further particulars address G. W. CARTER, Atlantic, Iowa.

WANTED.—A middle-aged woman to act as housekeeper for a family of two elderly people. Permanent work and a nice home for the right party. Address MRS. EMILY PHILLIPS, 919 W. Fourth St., Ottumwa, Iowa; or WILLIS M. ADAMS, 111 N. Ransom St., Ottumwa, Iowa.