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IF THOU ART BLEST.

"If thou art blest,
Then let the sunshine of thy gladness rest
On the dark edge of each cloud that lies
Black in thy brother's skies.
If thou art sad,
Still be thou in thy brother's gladness glad."

ENCOURAGING.

All who get our good paper, the WORKERS' BULLETIN, will see that the tithe received for the last quarter was \$6,238.73. This is an increase of \$119.00 over the same quarter of the previous year. \$513.00 above the year before, and \$2,162 more than the year before that. We thank God for a steady increase. God has faithful souls in Iowa, who are striving year by year to be honest with God and man. They will soon hear the welcome words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

A sister from Kansas, formerly from Iowa, says, "I send a donation for the Sanitarium. I still love dear old Iowa and Iowa friends. May God bless them."

A brother asks, "Why do so many of our tried laborers fall in death?" We can not answer. The apostles of our Saviour, commencing with James whom Herod beheaded, were nearly all dead in but a few years after our Saviour's resurrection. No doubt the converts said, "Who will take their places?" Yet, while God lays the laborer to rest, his work moves on, and soon both the living and the sleep-

ing will be changed to immortality and caught up to meet the Saviour, for whom they have longed and labored.

The Blencoe Sabbath-school reports progress. Five of the scholars have recently united with the church, and parents and teachers are united in their work.

These items are certainly encouraging.
CLARENCE SANTEE.

FROM THE SOUTH.

Dear Ones All: During the week of prayer Eld. Sharp was with the Louisville, Ky., church. Three meetings were held each day in different parts of the city. These were seasons of refreshing. Dec. 30, our quarterly meeting was held. Elds. Osborn and Sharp were present. The Lord came specially near. We had a good business meeting; \$192.21 in tithe was received, also a liberal Christmas offering.

Tuesday, Jan. 2, at 7:45 p. m., in company with others, I left for the Graysville, Tenn., meeting. After traveling through forests of cedar, pine, and evergreens, around mountains, through twenty-seven tunnels, we reached Graysville, Wednesday, Jan. 8, 10 a. m. Friends met us, and we were soon in our homes. For several days trains brought workers to the meeting. At first it seemed so strange to be among workers and not know them. But, by and by, in came Bro. S. M. Jacobs and Bertie and Clara, Bro. Miles Lewis and wife, Eld. J. D. Pegg, Bro. James Hall and family, Bro. B. E. Nicola, Sister Ella Mitchel, Bro. Walter Bird and family, Brn. Willie and Bennie Eldridge, Willis and Earnest Haskell, Bro. Keek, Sister Rose Starr, and Sister Garwin. I never can tell you how glad I was to see their

dear faces once more and hear their good testimonies. All the workers became very dear to me ere the meeting closed. I stayed with Bro. and Sister Eldridge in the home of Eld. R. M. Kilgore. Every heart and home was open to receive those who came, and everything was done for our good and comfort.

Graysville is a quiet village of about 400 inhabitants, surrounded by mountains. The school is in a prosperous condition. The boys' dormitory burned down during the meeting. The household goods were saved; over \$300 was donated, which with the insurance will aid in replacing the loss. Workers from nine States were present. Just think, there are only about as many workers in this great field of millions as in Iowa.

As I looked into the faces of some of these careworn soldiers, I thought of fifty or more in Iowa, now in the field who would gain a far richer experience if they were in a more destitute field. Iowa would not miss you, and the work would still go forward. Talents now hidden would be quickened by the Spirit of God, to go to work for the Master. The Lord has lately said, "There is no more fruitful field than the South." May the Lord move upon the self-denying and consecrated to say, "Here am I, send me," and then go where he may lead. I am so glad the Lord is our great Director; to follow him will bring us to the very place he would have us fill.

The meeting was the best I have ever attended. At times more than fifty were upon their feet, to praise the Lord for light and truth. The third angel's message is brighter and dearer to me than ever before. I saw my selfishness and covetousness; and I have the assurance that when I confess my sins, He is faithful and just to

forgive and has accepted me in the Beloved. We left our field of labor with renewed strength and courage. I shall never forget dear Sister S. M. I. Henry's words of love and comfort.

Yours with love, MOLLIE R. LONG,
Louisville, Ky., Jan. 17.

CHURCH SCHOOL AT MT. PLEASANT.

WE have thought for some time that we would give a few items concerning our church school at Mt. Pleasant. Our new schoolhouse, 22 ft. by 40 ft., one and two-thirds stories high, is now completed. It is located on a very pleasant lot in the northern part of the city. The main room below is 22 ft. by 28 ft., besides a recitation room and hall. The large room below will seat sixty or more scholars. Above are five rooms besides the hall, which are so arranged that we think two families, who might wish to occupy them during school months, could be quite comfortably accommodated. These rooms can be rented at very reasonable terms for the remainder of this school year. There is a very nice well of water near the building.

This is the first church school building in Iowa, so far as we know. We hope there may be more to follow. We feel that we are favored in having two efficient and experienced teachers in charge of the school this winter, who are not only efficient and capable in their work, but are Christian ladies who love and fear the Lord, and are doing all in their power to make the school a success. I have had the privilege of visiting the school recently with other members of the school board, and feel sure that the school is a success, and that the blessing of the Lord is on the enterprise. We could accommodate more scholars than are at present in attendance. If there are those who would like to have the benefit of the remainder of this school year by placing their children where the Bible and useful sciences are taught, they can correspond with the writer in regard to rooms, board, tuition, etc.

C. A. WASHBURN,
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Jan. 22.

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

PRAYER will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer.—*Bunyan*.

FIELD REPORTS.

BURLINGTON.

DECEMBER 30, 1899. I met with the Burlington church. As it was so near the time for the quarterly meeting, it was thought best to celebrate the ordinances, and hold a business meeting. Before the ordinance meeting, Bro. Carl Jensen was ordained local elder, and Bro. Chris. Olsen, deacon, these brethren having been previously elected to their respective offices. Eld. B. E. Fullmer was present, and assisted in the ordinance service and in the ordination. We see no reason why the work may not prosper in Burlington, if all are faithful at their post of duty.

Jan. 23.

C. A. WASHBURN.

CRESTON.

PUBLIC meetings were begun at this place Friday night, Jan. 12. Besides the usual attractions in a city, we have had to contend with muddy sidewalks, and a popular revival conducted by a shouting evangelist. These meetings are only one square from our place of meeting. The attendance thus far has averaged about sixty, and we are pleased to see many of the same faces night after night. Some have stopped to ask questions, and have in other ways manifested their interest. This is a very wicked place, where the whiskey traffic and other evils seem to have almost free sway; and we realize that if anything is accomplished here for the Lord, it will be because he has done it. Besides assisting in the meetings, Sisters Minnie and Mamie Beaman have all they are able to do in visiting and holding Bible readings. Pray for us, that God may use us to bring some souls to a saving knowledge of the truth.

J. O. BEARD.

THE GERMAN WORK.

IT has been some time since I have reported through the BULLETIN, but I have not been idle. Our last summer's work at Burlington seemed to be in vain. Considerable public work was done, but no hearing could be obtained. Some papers and tracts were distributed, and we hope that the seed sown will bring forth fruit. In the fall I attended the Kansas camp-meeting, also the Oklahoma camp-meeting. They were all anxious to hear of my experience in Russia. I returned

to Iowa the 7th of November, and spent some time with the church at Nanson. Four had lately accepted the truth, and some had given it up, but were reclaimed. Six from this church are attending Union College.

In December a general meeting for the German workers was held at Otis, Kansas, and it was my privilege to attend. This meeting was a timely one, as there was discord among us. Some of our workers can not read English, and hence did not understand the Testimonies from the Bible standpoint. Eld. Schultz had charge of the meetings, and the Lord was with us. Union and harmony seemed to characterize every meeting.

The last part of the week of prayer I spent with the Nanson church, and we had a profitable time. Even outsiders became interested in the readings. The 8th of January I began meetings six miles south of Council Bluffs in a German settlement. It is known as a hard place, but the Lord has opened hearts to listen to the truth. We have been here two weeks, and the attendance is good. We have received \$7.00 in sales and collections. Please remember this place before the throne of grace.

D. P. GAEDE.

CHARLES CITY.

I ARRIVED at this place January 9, to engage in the German work. I find the people very much interested in present truth. Nine or ten are keeping the Lord's Sabbath. Eld. Trubey and the other workers have labored hard. The Lord has honest souls here, and I believe that in the near future we shall have a nice company of command-keeping people at Charles City. May the Lord bless and guide us in the work.

J. H. WIERTS.

MEETINGS HELD DURING THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

MILFORD.—About three and one-half years ago, my wife and I left the Milford church, to attend school at College View. There have been many changes in that time, some having moved away, and only a few are left. As these are scattered as far as ten miles apart, it had often been quite a trial to drive so far to meet together, with no elder and a part of the time no leader. But as the week of prayer was nearing they all reflected on the past, and resolved to renew their zeal and consecration and thus enjoy all the blessings God has promised. We had meet-

ings at the church both Sabbaths, at which there was a good attendance; and seven meetings were held during the week. The Lord came very near by his Spirit, and there was a general searching of hearts, as the important and solemn truths for the time in which we are living, and the obligations resting upon us, were revealed. God's requirements are very great, but his promises are also very great. It seemed that Christ's prayer was answered; for all seemed united as one in mind and Spirit. I am sure that if the desires, determinations, and resolutions are carried out, there will be new life in the church, and its light will shine forth as "a city set on a hill." Let all remember that the only thing that can keep us from shining is self.

LEWIS JOHNSON.

CHARLES CITY.—Another week of prayer has come and gone, and we thank our dear Father in heaven for the precious lessons he has sent to us for this time, and for the many blessings we have received in studying them. We held our meetings at Eld. Trubey's house; and although the weather was severe, and some had quite a little distance to come, nearly all were prompt in attendance. We could feel the presence of the Lord in every meeting, and believe it was truly a season of refreshing to our little company. As each ray of light was presented, nearly every one expressed their willingness to obey. We know that unless all are of one mind we can not receive the blessing. The article presenting the "Sign of the Final Sign" made us to realize more than ever the nearness of His glorious appearing. May God help each one to work with new zeal, and to "Lift him up, the risen Saviour," at each step.

GERTIE THOMAS.

PERRY.—We held all our meetings during the week of prayer in a private house. There were not many out at any time, but the Lord was with us and we had a profitable time. The testimonies were good, and all seemed to feel the importance of studying the signs of our times, so as to be ready when the final sign shall appear.

L. P. ROBERTS.

DES MOINES.—The week of prayer was a good one for the few Scandinavians who met together here once a day. The Lord came very near by his Spirit. We all realized that we must

have more of his Spirit, and we sought him earnestly for it. Some who have seen the truth for some years, but who for some reason have kept themselves back, took a new hold, and will be a great help to us. Some from the outside met with us, and one of them has taken her stand for the truth. We continue to hold meetings every week, and our prayer is that God will continue to bless us. To him be the honor and glory. Remember us in your prayers.

HENRY EIDE.

OBITUARY.

MATOTT.—Died at Dakota City, Iowa, Jan. 12, 1900. Fancis Matott, aged 74 years, 5 months, and 29 days.

Father Matott was raised in the Catholic faith, but in the spring of 1885, accepted the present truth and joined the Hartley church, of which he continued a faithful member until his death. The *Review* has made its weekly visits to his home for the last fifteen years. His heart was one with those who "keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" and are looking for the Lord's return. Just one week before his death, on hearing read some things that are transpiring, he was heard to say, "I may see the Lord come yet, things are moving along so fast." Although in the world, he was not of it; he looked for a "city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Although aged and feeble, he was an active missionary. He supplied a rack with papers, and loaned his books as he had opportunity. A large number attended his funeral, which was held Jan. 14, at 1 p. m., in the non-sectarian church. He leaves an aged companion and three children to mourn. The blessed hope comforts those who believe. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

C. T. ADAMS.

STONEBREAKER.—Died at Iowa City, Iowa, Sept. 2, 1899. Bro. Eddie Stonebreaker, aged 17 years and 6 months.

His death was caused by a fall which resulted in brain fever. Brother Eddie with his mother was baptized during the tent meeting held in Iowa City, in 1897, since which time he has been a faithful member of the church. His mother, who has been confined to her bed by sickness most of the time for over a year, is comforted by the hope of our Saviour's soon coming, when Eddie will be raised to have a home where "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

MINNIE HAHN.

THE BOOK WORK.

AN ENCOURAGING REPORT.

BRO. LEWIS HILLIARD writes thus encouragingly: "The Lord blessed me last week, for which I give him all the praise. Besides the orders for books I sold twenty-seven *Signs* and three copies of *Good Health*. It is not too late to sell the Harvest Number, and I find the people willing to take them at ten cents. At one place I showed the paper to the banker, who asked if it was an 'Advent' paper. He took one, saying that he had heard so much about the 'Advents', but had never read any of their papers. Two who ordered books did not want to wait for them; and as I happened to have some extra books with me, I delivered them. So we find that the people will buy our publications. They are only waiting for us to visit them in their homes and show them something about the truths for this time. Then they will buy and investigate. I am glad to have a part in this work. I say, Lord, take me, and help me in the year nineteen hundred to do better work than ever before."

AMONG those in attendance at the special course for canvassers at Union College are the following persons who expect to canvass in Iowa the coming season: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Vosburg, Sarah Duerksen, Jacob Duerksen, J. P. Gaede, H. Baetke, Peter Jacobsen, Abraham Enns, Pearl D. Bascom, Harriet Fuller, Dora Rasmussen.

THE canvassers' school is so near at hand that many of our workers have discontinued field work in order to make preparations to attend. Bro. Hilliard reports 12 hours' work; 6 orders; value, \$10.50; helps sold, \$0.75; books delivered, 3; value, \$5.25. Arthur Rhoads sold 3 books, value \$2.50.

WE have the promise of the assistance of D. T. Boggs, General Canvassing Agent for the *Review* & *Herald*, during a portion of the time of our canvassers' institute.

"EVERY Christian has it in his power to act as an *extinguisher* or as an *inspirer*. A pair of bellows or a bucket of water has a very different effect on a fire. Any good cause on earth can be talked up or it can be talked down. Which part will you act in the Lord's work?"

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DES MOINES, IOWA, JAN. 30, 1900.

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

—BRO. E. H. ADAMS is laboring in the vicinity of Monroe.

—ELD. W. B. EVERHART joined the workers at Red Oak last week.

—MRS. S. A. RIDDLE, of Prairie City, visited Des Moines friends last Thursday.

—“WRONG is not right because it is gray-headed; nor clean because it has been baptized.”

—MRS. L. A. BIERCE has returned from her visit in Illinois, much improved in health.

—BRO. HENRY JOHNSON is holding meetings near State Center, in the neighborhood of Bro. Lewis Willson.

—BRO. G. R. HAWKINS began meetings at Millville, near Dubuque, Jan. 18, which continue with an increasing interest.

—BRO. C. J. BUHALTS, of the Sioux City mission, stopped Wednesday night at the Sanitarium, in returning from a business trip to West Grove.

—BRO. AND SISTER A. KING, with their daughter, Mrs. L. L. Peck, moved from Des Moines this week to Coon Rapids. We shall all miss their presence in our church services.

—BRO. W. L. MANFULL has returned from his trip through South-western Iowa, and is this week making arrangements for the canvassers' school, which is to be held in Des Moines beginning Feb. 6.

—WE welcome to our list of exchanges *The Watchman*, of which No. 1, Vol. 1, dated Jan. 15, has just come to our table. It is a semi-monthly paper about the size of the BULLETIN, issued by the Tennessee River Conference.

—EVERY family ought to have the new “Reference Atlas of the World,” which has been expressly published for use in family study and reading circles. It is about fourteen by twenty inches in size, containing thirteen double-page and six single page maps, all brought up to the latest date in 1899. This atlas can be obtained for fifty cents by addressing this Office. It will be found to be a valuable aid in the study of the Reading-Circle lessons.

—THE publishers have mailed sample copies of the *American Sentinel*, with other important matter, to all our local societies. Shall not the cause of religious liberty receive careful, earnest consideration by our Iowa brethren and sisters at this time? Shall we not heed the solemn admonitions the Lord has been sending to his people, in view of the “great crisis” that awaits the world? Our attention has been especially called to the mission of the *Sentinel*. How many copies will you circulate among your friends and neighbors this year? Special terms: ten copies one year, \$2.25; twenty-five copies, \$4.75. The *Sentinel* and *Missionary Magazine* one year, \$1.00. Address orders to this Office.

—WE have recently received a letter from Eld. John Hoffman and wife written from Helsingfors, Finland. They say, “The week of prayer was a time of refreshing for the little company in this city. We feel that we need not be discouraged because of poverty and the lack of material facilities. The Spirit of God is the most essential. Our prayer is, ‘Lord show us our personal need; grant us thy Spirit.’ I have translated the tract ‘Jesus Died for You’ into the Swedish, and we have printed 3,000 copies. In your prayers remember us in this northern clime.”

—“Is Religious Liberty Imperiled by Sunday Laws” is the title of the latest number of the *Religious Liberty Library*. An idea of the line of thought presented may be gained by a glance at some of the sub-heads: Religious Liberty Belongs Equally to All, Enforced Service Violates the Principle, Limits of Majority Rule, The Sphere of Civil Government, God Still Supreme in the Realm of Conscience, The Principle Taught by Christ, The Principle Applied. Do you not want your neighbors to read this tract? Price 1 cent per copy.

—PAPERS are desired for the depot reading rack at Sloan, Iowa, the *Signs* and *Sentinel* especially. The papers are taken so fast that those having the rack in charge can not supply it. Address Mrs. Mae Drown, Sloan, Iowa.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

BRO. PETER LINDAHL, who has been suffering with rheumatism, is availing himself of the benefits to be derived at the Sanitarium.

BRO. W. H. SNOOK, who has been suffering with a cancer on the lip for a year past, had it removed last Thursday.

AFTER a week's stay at the Sanitarium, Sister Mary Smith went to Creston, to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. O. Beard.

MRS. H. C. MITCHELL and Mrs. Mary Chapman, of Nevada, came to Des Moines last Friday, the former to take treatment at the Sanitarium, and the latter to visit her son who is living in the city.

HOMES WANTED.

Two sisters, each with a little child, desire a home where they can work and care for themselves and their little ones. The spring will soon be here with its added burdens, and there are no doubt some who need assistance very much. Such can confer a blessing upon these sisters by giving them a place to work, and at the same time receive a blessing in getting the needed assistance. For further information address Mrs. B. S. Boram, 1834 West 11th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

WHO WILL RESPOND?

ARE there any others who would esteem it a privilege to send donations to the canvassers' school? At the low terms offered to those who attend, the school can not be self-supporting. By assisting in the expenses you will be aiding one of the most important branches of our work. Cash or eatables will be acceptable. Those sending anything by freight should send bill of lading to W. L. Manfull, 1834 W. 11th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

NOTICE.

THOSE who expect to attend the canvassers' school, to begin Feb. 6, are asked to come if possible, Monday, Feb. 5. Please write to W. L. Manfull, 1834 W. 11th St., Des Moines, Iowa, stating when, and on what train, you will reach this city, and you will be met at the depot. To reach the school, which will be held at the above location, take the Ninth St. car.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

WANTED.—A girl or woman to do general house work. For particulars address Mrs. Millie Lathrop, Oxford Mills, Jones Co., Iowa.