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SLIPPING AWAY.

OUR opportunities for unmolested work for God are swiftly passing. Some openings that we had in the recent past are now closed. I do not know whether they will again be opened, or whether the time for our work in some parts is past. If it is the latter, we must confess before the Lord that we did not do all we might have done when work would have availed. Shall it be so all the way through? A late Testimony says, "But the neglect of our people to respond to the light God has given, has closed some openings which it will now be very difficult for them to enter." "The plans and efforts that could have been made years ago will not now succeed in some places."

The Religious Liberty Association is now planning to place a tract that Sister Henry compiled just before her death, in the hands of 300,000 of the women of this country. While doing this, they can not lessen their work with legislators, neither can they diminish their work in Ontario and the South. Both of these fields are liable at any time to be closed to us. It will take all the funds the Association has to meet these demands, aside from the work of sending out this tract to so large a number. To meet this expense, the brethren have decided to call for a large membership. Letters will be sent to the different

churches and companies, stating the needs at the present time. There can be no better missionary work than to assist in putting this tract into the hands of this large number. If there are those who do not get the letters sent out, they can send the membership fee of \$1.00 to the Missionary Department of the Iowa Conference, 603 E. 12th St., Des Moines, Iowa. Some may feel impressed to send a donation to assist in this work. In sending membership fee, write plainly the name and address.

The Association has the names to whom they will send this tract direct from the office. What they need now is the means to meet the expense of sending. This avenue is now open; it will soon be closed. Shall we not do what we can now? Speaking of some parts of the field, the same Testimony to which reference has been made, says, "Parties are already formed and they are waiting, burning with a desire to serve their master, the devil, and do abominable work." We must do what we can now while the "winds" are held a little longer.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

AN EXPERIENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE IOWA SANITARIUM.

THINKING that the readers of the BULLETIN would be glad to know how God's blessing has attended the work at our Sanitarium, I will relate our recent experience. Many of our people have donated very liberally toward this institution, and it seems evident to me that God has accepted the offering and placed his seal upon the efforts put forth there. About Nov. 10, our little Flossie sprained her ankle. She did not complain, and still went to school for about three days. On the evening of the fourth day she

complained of its hurting badly, and was very restless and had a high fever all night. We applied hot and cold, etc., to ease her. During the daytime she felt better, but at night had a high fever and was very restless. After about three days, we called Dr. W. D. Kinney. At once he pronounced the case a very serious one. He put her ankle in a plaster of Paris cast, and we applied hot applications for a week. At the end of that time, he opened her ankle, and it discharged more than a pint. After examining it closely, he said the case was so serious that the ankle would have to be opened and thoroughly cleaned, or else her limb would have to be amputated; and he did not give us much encouragement even that her life could be saved. We had him call in counsel a physician of long experience, who confirmed the opinion of Dr. Kinney. We decided at once to take Flossie to the Iowa Sanitarium. We arrived there Wednesday evening, Nov. 28. Dr. Habenicht, after careful examination, confirmed the decision of the other doctors, pronouncing it tuberculosis of the bone. Thursday, Nov. 29, at 2 p. m., he performed an operation, assisted by an uncle of mine, Dr. Carl Kitchen, of Runnels, Iowa. It was found that the fibula, the small bone running from the ankle to the knee, was entirely eaten off at both ends. The whole bone was removed. After all the work was done, the doctors and nurses bowed and asked God to bless the work of their hands, and to do that which man can not do,—restore to health and strength. Flossie was greatly reduced in strength and flesh by what she had suffered before the operation, but she bore it nicely. We remained at the Sanitarium just two weeks, receiving from all connected with the institution all the attention

that loving hands and kind hearts could bestow.

Flosie has improved rapidly from the time of the operation. The incision is entirely healed, and she can walk about as well as ever, and is more fleshy than before the affliction. We praise God for his blessing bestowed upon us and upon his institution. How glad we should be that God will use even fallen man, making us workers together with him. May God bless our Sanitarium and all connected with it.

F. L. MOODY.

FIELD REPORTS.

CHARLES CITY.

We have made this our field of labor since the local camp-meeting here last fall, and at no time have we seen a better interest than now. For some time we have held but three public meetings each week, outside our Sabbath services, and the rest of our time has been spent in holding cottage meetings. At present many doors are open, waiting for us to come. Our public services consist of a Bible study, in which all are made to feel free to ask questions along the line of the study. When properly conducted, I believe this to be a splendid means of creating interest, which will result in much good. We have one preaching service each week, in which we make an effort to get the people, if possible, to realize the importance of the last message, which calls for a complete reform in our lives in this present world, that we may stand before the throne of God without fault. I find that there are those who are hungering for truth, and may the Lord give us grace to preach it with godly boldness, which calls for that kind of a life on our part. We have been caused to give expression to our surprise, as we see so many who make no profession of religion gather at our prayer meeting. We can not account for this, except that the humble testimonies and prayers uttered there come from hearts that have been created clean by the Holy Ghost. May the Lord help those of us who have been born again always to have a testimony for him.

In addition to the above work, we are placing papers in the depots and postoffice, besides loaning bound volumes on present truth. There are sixteen books out at present, and many are becoming much interested through

this reading. We have found this to be a better plan than the reading-room plan. It seems as though the people are even more ready to read a book than a tract. This causes me to think of the books containing the words of eternal life, that are on the shelves of our brethren, which are doing no one any good. May this be a hint to the wise. There are many more interesting features in the work here, especially among the Germans since Bro. Wierts came to labor for them.

We kindly ask the prayers of our brethren for the success of the work in this place.

L. F. TRUBEY.

FT. MADISON.

For some time we have been thinking of writing to thank the kind friends for the papers we have been receiving here. Many times we have been led to know that God has a watchcare over the work among the children in this place. From week to week the day of our children's meeting would arrive with not an *Instructor* in the house for them, but in the morning or noon mail enough papers always came to supply them for that meeting. If you could see how interested they are in the papers, I am sure you all would feel repaid for sending them.

The interest in the meetings is still on the increase. We have not only taken up practical points but some doctrinal points also. Perhaps some may ask the question, "What good will come from these meetings?" We can not tell, but we trust that seeds of truth will grow and bear much fruit in the kingdom of God. We do not have simply the tots, but children from ten to fifteen years of age. While we thank you for past favors, you can readily see that while the meetings increase we still must have papers. We can use all you send, both *Instructors* and *Little Friends*. Remember this part of the work at the throne of grace.

EVA W. JENSEN.

Feb. 12.

LIZZIE L. NEAL.

DUBUQUE.

It has been some time since we have reported the progress of the work at this place. It has not been for lack of interesting experiences, but more for lack of time to write them. The week of prayer and our last quarterly meeting were seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The church is moving together, shoulder to shoulder, thus making our work one of joy among them. They are doing good

work with the *Signs* and other periodicals. The outside attendance at our Sabbath meetings increases, often surpassing our expectations. At our last prayer meeting every one in the house testified, though a number from the outside and some who were unconverted were present. Last Sunday we had the most interesting meeting at the jail we have ever had. There were twenty-seven prisoners, and all gave the best attention through the entire service. Four persons have united with the church in the past few weeks, one by letter and the others on profession of faith. A number are waiting for baptism.

One prominent liquor dealer and his family have been converted, and he is now preparing to enter the work among the Germans. At the time of his conversion he had over two thousand dollars on his books which he had been trying to collect. When people who were able to pay tried to dodge their debts, he would hold malice against them. After his conversion he took his accounts before the Lord, and asked him to take every wrong feeling out of his heart. On getting up from his knees he said, "Now, Lord, none of these men owe me anything; I have left it all with thee." After that his testimony in social meeting had the right ring. Most of those taking hold of the truth here have never made any profession of religion, and a number have been staunch Catholics. One prominent W. C. T. U. lady kept her first Sabbath Feb. 3. The ministers speak against us from the pulpit and in private, but this only increases our interest. There are more openings for work here than at any time before in the past.

We often wish Sister Mollie Long, and others who have worked with us here, could visit our Sabbath-school. I am sure they would rejoice with us in the growth of the work. We have a great interest in the Southern field; but as long as we are almost every day meeting with those here who have never read a line in the Bible, we feel that the Lord must have some honest souls among them to whom he wants us to give the last message of mercy. One lady, with whom we have held readings for some time, kept telling us that she had a Bible in the house, but she never brought it out. After several readings, we asked her to hunt up her Bible. After searching for some time, she brought out "Catholic Belief," not knowing but what it was

a Bible. We told her that was the word of man and that the Bible was the word of God, and asked her if she would exchange that book with us for a Bible. She gladly made the exchange, and with tears asked, "Will the Bible you give me tell about Jesus, the seals, the coming of the Lord and his kingdom, and all the good things we have read in your book?" She now attends services, and wants to be one of us. Could we find worse heathenism in the heart of Africa than exists here in the Rome of Iowa? We held a reading with a girl of eighteen who had never looked into a Bible before. This is a frequent occurrence among those who have been brought up in the Catholic church. A number of them are now as good S. D. Adventists as we have here. We are very happy in our work. We know the Lord called us to this dark field, and we want to stay until he calls us to another. Pray for the work in this place.

G. R. HAWKINS,
EMMA HAWKINS.

WINTERSET.

It is now about two weeks since I commenced meetings in the Hallowell schoolhouse, three miles south-east of here. The attendance has been good, more than could be accommodated with seats on Sunday evenings. Many have not missed a meeting, and manifest a good interest in the study of the Scriptures. The use of an organ has been secured, and the brethren and sisters assist in the music. Some of the brethren give us the use of their teams, to take us to and from meeting. Our hearts go out in praise to God as we see the people eager to learn the way of life. My earnest desire and prayer to God, is that I may ever be humble, so that he can work mightily through me to the salvation of souls, that many in this place may see and live the truth and thereby have a right to the tree of life with all God's people.

G. A. LARSON.

Feb. 13.

ATALISSA.

As our company is small, nearly all our meetings were held at private houses during the week of prayer. We held but one meeting a day, and nearly all our members were present at each. Bro. H. Nicola and E. H. Adams were with us, and we appreciated their help very much. It had been several years since Bro. Nicola was here. All were glad to see him, and were benefited by

his words of counsel and encouragement. Bro. E. H. Adams was with us Jan. 13, and we celebrated the ordinances. This was indeed a precious meeting. All of our members living here were present, and took part in the services. This is as the Lord would have it. We ask the prayers of God's people, that our little company may grow stronger and the light shine brighter, that when these seasons are all past, we may be gathered home.

ANNA McDONALD.

THE BOOK WORK.

ENCOURAGING TO CANVASSERS.

"We shall reap, if we faint not." This text is brought forcibly to mind when I see how the canvassers prepare the way for other workers. Only a few weeks ago a lady and her son came to our church to see if they could find some more of that literature, the *Signs of the Times*, of which one or two old numbers had been left at their door, and through which they had become interested to see the Harvest Number. Upon talking with them I found that, through studying "Bible Readings" and "Great Controversy," they had decided to keep the Sabbath; that the young man was a motorman, and was going to tell his employer that he could not work any more upon the Sabbath. He, his mother, and sister are now attending the church. Thus the silent messengers of God are working.—*California Missionary*.

The following are in attendance at the canvassers' school:—

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Tilden, S. E. Wheeler, Orten Markel, Louis Manfull, Chas. Van Schoick, Carrie Wallace, Cora Davis, Elsie Fulton, Phebe Vosburg, Cora Quinn, Julia Johnson, Susan Haskell, Mary Haskell, L. E. June, Nellie Shoberg, O. C. Haughsted, Cora Countryman.

SINCE the publication of cash donations to the canvassers' school, \$1.00 has been received from L. E. LaMont. The donation of \$10.00 credited to "a friend" came from two of our brethren. We also acknowledge the receipt of a sack of beans from Bro. S. D. Law, of Casey.

DURING the week ending Feb. 9, A. J. Iden canvassed 15 hours, took 11 orders for miscellaneous books valued at \$8.75, and sold helps to the value of \$4.25. He delivered 9 books, value \$11.15. R. W. Church canvassed 15 hours, took 6 orders, value \$1.50; delivered 5 books, value \$1.25.

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

CONDUCTED BY MRS. JESSIE L. ADAMS.

REPORTS FROM THE SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

CLARISSA PRINGEY, ATALISSA: "Your kind letters have been received. We hold teachers' meeting every Sabbath afternoon, when the weather or sickness does not prevent. We thought best to have it at this time because so few can come at any other time. I find the questions which you send me very interesting to all. Using them tells whether we read and study the *Worker* or not."

ESTELLA HAMILTON, KNOXVILLE: "We have our teachers' meeting one hour before the Sabbath-school each Sabbath. That seems to be the best time for getting together, as some of our officers and teachers live in the country. We feel that much knowledge and good is gained at our teachers' meetings, and they certainly should not be neglected, as they often have been in our school. For our good we hope this may never be so again."

CHAS. A. SHULTZ, HARTLEY: "I wrote you some time ago that I did not see how we could hold teachers' meetings situated as we are here, but now we have them. Although it takes quite an effort, if they will bring about a greater degree of spirituality and more of the Holy Spirit into our school, I will rejoice and be glad. I am thankful for the list of questions you sent me, and I hope they will serve to create a greater interest to study."

HENRY TODD, URBANA: "I received your letters in regard to teachers' meetings, urging us to take up this line of work. All seem anxious to have these meetings, so we will have our first meeting next Sabbath before Sabbath-school. We will be glad to have you send us the questions each month; for we need all the help we can get, not forgetting that the Lord is our helper if we trust in him. Pray for us, that our meetings may be a success."

MRS. FANNIE R. WILLIAMS, LECLAIRE: "I think the questions for teachers' meetings are just the thing we need. I know we appreciate them. Our secretary says they are grand. We were plodding along doing the best we could without assistance, until the questions came. I think the Lord sent them to us. Please remember our little school in your prayers. There are only five adult members and three children; but we can claim the blessing of God, even if we are few in numbers. Please continue sending the questions for teachers' meetings."

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DES MOINES, IOWA, FEB. 20, 1900.

—DISTRICT MEETING at College View, Neb., March 1-10.

—SISTER DELLA WALLACE is visiting at her home in Grinnell this week.

—A SHORT council meeting was held here by the Conference Committee last Thursday.

—ELD. L. F. STARR spent a few days at home, returning to the Sanitarium last Friday.

—ELD. J. S. HART is at his home in College View for a visit, until after the District Meeting.

—ONE of the workers in writing from Sioux City says: "All well here. More calls for meetings than we can fill."

—HARLIE JONES, of this city, accompanied his aunt, Mrs. Lida Stansbury, to her home at Lima, last week, for a few weeks' visit.

—MRS. J. A. BURDOIN, of Clio, Iowa, Wayne Co., would be grateful for copies of our periodicals for the reading rack at her place.

—MISS LIZZIE NEAL, of the Ft. Madison corps of workers, is visiting at home in College View, and will remain for the District Meeting.

—ELD. J. W. ADAMS and family went to visit Eld. Adams' sister, Mrs. Jennie Akins, at Valeria, last Friday. Memorial services were held on Sunday for Sister Akins' little boy.

—ELD. P. A. HANSEN spent last Thursday in Des Moines on returning from Battle Creek, Mich., where he went to consider matters pertaining to the work in Denmark, and other Scandinavian interests.

—A FAMILY reunion was held by the James family at Indianola last week. Mrs. Geo. Jeys, of Modale, and David James, of Nebraska, daughter and son of father and mother James, were among those present from a distance.

—ELD. C. M. GARDNER, with the occasional assistance of Bro. Richards and Everson, is conducting a series of very interesting and instructive meetings on Market Street (San Francisco). All are invited to attend. God's blessing upon the work each evening is attested by the crowds that attend, and the interest manifested.—*Helping Hand.*

—THE Lord has given us as a people special light on the subject of education, and he expects us to give it to the world. The *Signs of the Times* in its Educational Number dated March 14, will have much of importance from our best writers on this timely subject. It will contain the opinions of many prominent educators on the question of the "flag salute" in our schools, and also on other interesting points. That issue of the *Signs* should reach every parent and every teacher in the land. Prices: Single copy, 5 cents; 5 copies, 15 cents; 10 copies, 25 cents; 25 copies or more, 2 cents each. Send orders to this Office.

—THE *Training School Advocate* is published in the interests of Christian education, and is the organ of the church school work. Every one interested in the principles of true higher education, and parents who are desirous that their children may receive instruction that will prove of inestimable value to them, should become subscribers. The subscription price is 50 cents per year. This periodical will prove a valuable acquisition to every home. Address *The Advocate*, Battle Creek, Mich.

—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.

—PASTOR W. A. COLCORD has been appointed president of the New South Wales Conference. He has removed with his family to West Maitland, where he is engaged in active labor in connection with the tent-meetings. Sister Colcord has been appointed Conference secretary, and also secretary of the N. S. W. Sabbath-school department. Their address is Bourke Street, West Maitland, N. S. W.—*Union Conference Record.*

—No. 3 of the *Berean Library*, "Thoughts on the Revelation," is now ready. All subscribers to the *Library* who have not yet received this number should notify the publishers. The book can be obtained by those who are not subscribers, for 25 cents. Address this Office.

—"A LIE can run fast, but the feet of truth never slip."

—THE publishers of the *Sentinel* offer the following special terms: ten copies 4 months, \$2.25; twenty-five copies 4 months, \$4.75.

—"LOOKING UNTO JESUS," by Uriah Smith. This book will assist the reader to look unto Jesus from every scriptural point of view; and in the words of the author, "To look unto Jesus is one of the most prominent injunctions of the Word of God." It is a beautiful book throughout, containing over 300 pages. Plain edition, \$1.00; presentation edition, \$1.50. Address this Office.

SANITARIUM NOTES.

MRS. ANNE HENRICKSEN, of Marne, is availing herself of Sanitarium privileges.

MRS. M. NOGGLE, of Marshalltown, visited her son Louis at the Sanitarium yesterday.

MISS MINNIE HAHN, of Bertram, came yesterday to receive treatment for throat trouble.

MISS MATTIE HOUSER, of the nurses' class, was called home to Knoxville, last Friday, on account of the sickness of her mother.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE February number of *Medical Missionary and Gospel of Health* will contain half-tone reproductions of photos of Elders Robinson and Brown, who recently died in India; also copies of the last letters from them, brief sketches of their lives, and interesting data with reference to their work. This is an excellent number to circulate among those who are unacquainted with our medical missionary work in other lands.

If you are not already a subscriber, send in your name at once. You can't afford to remain in ignorance of the progress of this work and the principles underlying it.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

WANTED.—A good, steady farm hand, a S. D. Adventist preferred. Good wages to the right man, by month or year. Please correspond in regard to terms, with P. L. Peterson, Jacksonville, Iowa, Box 30.

WANTED.—A place to work for S. D. Adventists on a farm, or at other work, the coming season, by a young man of experience. Can give references. Address B. A. Taylor, Box 118, Nevada-Story County, Iowa.