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IMPORTANT.

This annual offering for orphans and dependent aged comes on the first Sabbath in April, April 3. Will not all the brethren and sisters and young people and children pray and work to make this offering a liberal one. There are orphans and aged among us to be looked after as sheep and lambs of the Good Shepherds' flock. Let us all lift in this matter just as though our own dear ones were in need; for these needy ones are our own by the tenderest ties of fellowship in "the whole family in heaven and earth." We invite those who cannot attend the service on that day to send in their offering also.

The General Conference Committee are recommending a special effort this year in all the union and local conferences, in order that the fund coming into the treasury may, if possible, admit of sharing with the orphanage for colored children which the Testimonies earnestly urge to be established at Huntsville, Ala., in connection with the colored school and sanitarium.

Sister White and her helpers have been working for this on the Pacific Coast, and Northern California has voted to appropriate one-fourth of the amount received this year from this fund, besides helping otherwise. The suggestion has come from Sister White's helpers that all the conferences join in this enter-

prise. The General Conference Committee concurs in this, and is urging such a response as will enable the conference to appropriate a fourth of the amount received to this needy southern enterprise. It is a name that will appeal to all hearts. Let us all work for it.

EATING OUR MORSEL ALONE.

"If I have withheld the poor from their desire, or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail; or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the fatherless hath not eaten thereof;" Job 31:16-17.

Thus did Job reply when charged with selfishness and sin. In the day of our trial can we thus call God to witness that we have divided our morsel with our less favored brethren? In the South are nearly ten millions of colored people, only a generation out of slavery.

Should not the needs of these unfortunate sufferers from slavery's curse appeal to Christians? Here is a quotation from a letter received by the writer from Sister White dated February 16, 1909:—

"Long before I visited Huntsville, the Oakwood school farm was presented to me, both as it then was and as it might be in the future if wisely managed and properly cared for.

"The presentation of what the place ought to be, included an orphanage and a sanitarium."

A modest cottage in which a family of fifteen to twenty orphans may be cared for is now planned for on the Oakwood farm. Shall we "Eat our morsel alone?"

C. F. McVagh.

SCHOOL BOARDS, ATTENTION!

Let the members of church school boards in Iowa accept this as a personal word to them, and thus help the work at large, the department of education in particular, in the saving of postage and time. You who are planning on having a

church or family school for next year owe it to yourselves and to the teachers that you make arrangements for your next years' school at the earliest possible date. If you are well satisfied with your present teachers, or, though you may not be absolutely satisfied, if you feel that it would be better to re-engage your present teachers than to endeavor to make a change, will you not undertake to make definite arrangements right away, and let me know what the results are. The habit of waiting until camp-meeting to arrange for schools is a very poor habit indeed. We were forced into it last year because of the ignorance of your conference superintendent with regard to the needs of the different schools and the teachers at his command. This ought not to be the situation this year. School boards desiring a teacher and desiring to make definite arrangements with teachers for next year can correspond with me, and I will give them the names of available teachers, and they can make arrangements just as rapidly as possible for their schools.

I am not of the opinion that the superintendent ought to be left to arbitrarily assign a teacher to any place. I think it is his business to recommend teachers to certain places if he thinks they will do the work, and sometimes he can recommend teachers to the different schools in such a way as will be better for the work at large even though some one school may not get the teacher desired. But as a general thing I prefer to place the church school boards in touch with the teachers, and then let them make their own bargains, subject to the recommendations of the conference in control of the work.

Again, let me urge parents who are intending to have family schools next year, church schools boards that are intending to have church schools next year, hire your teachers during the month of April, if possible. When they come to the sum-

mer school let them know definitely where they are to be next year, and they will do better work in the summer school. They will be freed from anxiety with regard to next year, and if you secure a teacher you also will be freed from the anxiety relative to next year's school. If, for any reason, you desire another teacher than the one you have had this year, or if you are planning on opening a school which has not been in session this year, either in the family or the church, write me early that I may place you in touch with the teachers.

J. G. Lamson.

FIELD REPORTS.

ARMSTRONG, FOREST CITY, UTE.

On account of the severe weather and much snow, I was compelled to discontinue my meetings at Armstrong for the present. Some seemed interested in the meetings. I hope to return there later in the spring. I have held a few meetings in the school house of the neighborhood where I live, near Forest City, and I was encouraged to see so many of our neighbors attend even though the roads were so bad. I trust it will be possible for me to hold more meetings there later on.

I came to Ute, February 23, and held meetings with the church about two weeks. I enjoyed meeting with these dear people and it was encouraging to see the hearty response to the word presented to them.

How precious is God's spirit to us as we yield ourselves wholly to him. We hope the time will soon come that this church can have a school in their midst. Some money was promised toward getting a building ready for the purpose.

I have now come to Jacksonville to stay a few days. E. G. Olsen.

FT. MADISON.

We moved to this place from Keokuk the 9th of this month. No public work has, to our knowledge, ever been done here, although some canvassing and a little Bible work is still remembered by various individuals. This is a city of about 7,000 inhabitants, with three large Catholic churches and perhaps a dozen Protestant. We have been made glad also to find a few who are full of the third angel's message, and who are now rejoicing to believe that their prayers for a public effort may soon be realized. They tell me of some who are already in-

terested and are desirous that we call on these.

We are visiting now, and distributing literature, so getting acquainted with the people, preparatory to a tent effort the coming summer.

Brother and Sister Weeda, who remained at Keokuk, are doing a good work. Aside from other readers, they have a class of adult mutes who are greatly interested. Bro. Weeda is getting proficient in the sign language. What a glad time it will be when "the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped and the tongue of the dumb shall sing."

Remember us when at the throne of grace.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Spriggs.

407 Front St., Fort Madison, Ia.

WAUKON.

Eld. R. E. Burke came to Waukon to hold a series of meetings beginning on March 12. The meetings were advertised in the local papers and by use of hand bills. There has been an attentive audience present each evening and also at the service held on Sabbath and Sunday afternoons.

Some have shown a real interest and are in the valley of decision. May the seed that has been sown in their hearts bear fruit and they decide on the side of the Lord of heaven and earth.

Alice Teeple, Miss. Secy.

KEOKUK.

It has been some time since the Bulletin readers have heard from the work at Keokuk. Though we have not reported, we have been busy at work.

Bro. and Sister Spriggs are now working in Ft. Madison. Much good and faithful work was done by them here and the Lord surely blessed their efforts in giving the message.

Our work at present is mostly with the Family Bible Teacher; as we go from house to house, we see how well Paul describes the condition in the last days. It is hard to get the people to take the readings and when they take them, they haven't time for more than one or two numbers. They are too busy in the day to study and their evenings are taken up at theaters and other places of amusement. "Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God."

But with all these difficulties we have something here that is very encouraging to us. Every Thursday night we study with a company of ten deaf and dumb people. They all come to one house and

when we get there, at 7:30, they are all waiting for us. It is rather hard to study with them. We made a blackboard and placed it on the wall and one of the ladies acts as our interpreter. She reads the texts to them on her fingers and we write the comments on the board. Nearly all of them can read but their education is limited so we have to make the truth very simple. It is slow work but we enjoy it more than any studies we have ever held. They appreciate our coming and have even offered to pay us but we told them if they would pay for the blackboard and furnish the chalk that would be all we would ask and they are doing this. At the close of our reading last night we took three orders for "Daniel and Revelation."

We are of good courage in the Lord and ask the Bulletin readers when at the throne of grace, to remember these deaf and dumb people and our work with them, that we may be able to bring them to an acceptance of the truth.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Weeda.

OBITUARY.

Golster.—Died, in Sioux City, February 20, of pneumonia and brain fever after an illness of only five days, Arwid Lyle Golster, aged a little over two years.

Little Arwid was a bright child and his death is deeply felt. The father, mother, brother, and relatives and friends mourn their loss. He was brought to Ute, Iowa, where the writer spoke comforting words at the funeral, and then he was laid to rest until the Life-giver shall come and bring the children back "to their own border." E. G. Olsen.

ACADEMY NOTES.

We greatly appreciate our new building, especially the beautiful large dining room.

Mr. Noel Breeden, who has been residing in Stuart, has moved into the home.

Miss Bernice Walker, who has been in attendance at the Academy during the year and is now teaching at Sharpsburg, writes that she is enjoying her school work.

Mr. Dietel has finished working on the new building and started homeward last Thursday morning.

We have recently shipped some of our canned tomatoes to Des Moines and also Grinnell. From reports all customers seem to be highly pleased with the quality of the goods.

Our Cooking Class has become quite an

educational factor. We commenced with seventeen members, nine girls and eight boys. It is not so large this month since a number of the students went to their homes at the close of the winter term.

Miss Nora Tibbetts, of Grinnell, left for her home on Sunday, March 21. She was delayed, however, owing to a wreck having occurred a few miles out of Stuart, which obstructed railway traffic for a considerable time.

On Tuesday last we were favored with a visit from Elder J. C. Raft, president of the Scandinavian Union Conference in Europe. In the evening he addressed the Church, giving a very interesting account of the progress of the work in the various mission fields of the Scandinavian Union.

Mrs. M. C. Harnden spent Sabbath and Sunday with her parents at Nevada. We deeply regret that her father is in a very serious condition of health, having been taken to the Sanitarium at Des Moines on Monday, the 22d.

Two canvassers' classes are being conducted for the students. One is studying "Great Controversy" and the other "Heralds of the Morning."

Elder Christian, in company with Elder Raft, made us a short visit on Tuesday.

Prof. Waters and family have been called to Morley, Michigan, on account of his mothers' declining health. We learn since that she passed away Sunday, the 14th. Funeral taking place on Tuesday.

Miss Winnie Hunt, Sabbath-School secretary of the Nebraska Conference, recently visited her sister, Miss Lena Hunt.

A new clock recently purchased by the teachers and students has been hung in the chapel. It is a very serviceable gift to the Academy.

In harmony with a full vote of the students, school was closed Wednesday, the 10th. A number of the family went to Des Moines to attend the hearing on the Sunday Amendment bill.

Mrs. Milton Hare.

THE BOOK WORK

Those who do not make some effort with the April "Signs" Magazine will be neglecting one of the grandest opportunities of life. The reading matter and cover illustration being exceptionally appropriate for this time. There should be at least a thousand copies of this paper offered for sale in every city of any consequence in our state on the evening before Easter, and Easter morning. It can

truly be called the "Resurrection Morning Special" or "Easter Morning Special," and those points will certainly attract the attention and help sell the magazine. Some of the members of one Young People's Society have organized for a systematic effort at this time, and have ordered over a thousand papers, and this is the way it should be. Let us organize and present a strong front for each issue of this grand magazine.

The plan as outlined for use by these young people for the Saturday night work is to sell the magazine on the street, using the same methods as the newsboys, taking a position on some prominent street corner, near the entrance to some business or play house where people are constantly passing or entering, near the street car depots and passenger stations, and calling out "Easter Morning Special Signs of the Times Magazine," "Ten Cents," "Resurrection Morning Special," "Contains appropriate reading for tomorrow," "Ten Cents," "A special message for YOU," "Special Easter morning Magazine," "Ten Cents," "Something decidedly attractive and interesting," "The magazine for the Day," "Ten Cents," "You want one?" Get your Easter sermon here," "Only ten cents." This, of course, could be modified to suit yourself, and is only for the thought it may bring to you, as you may have something better. Avoid boistrousness. Then on the next morning assume advantageous position, so that you can meet the people going to and returning from church, but be very modest in your voice and action so as to not attract undue notice. Also meet the crowds on the streets and at the depots. For the Sunday morning work it would be well to first ascertain if your city would object to your selling magazines on that day, as some cities have ordinances preventing this.

Now, we have endeavored to show you to some extent how you can handle this work, and you no doubt have observed that there will be room for all. We will go into details a little further next week, but you should order your papers at once so as not to be disappointed. In ordering, bear in mind that "He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully, and he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly."

The "Gospel Sentinel" at one-half cent per copy, is one of the best and most inexpensive ways of presenting the Third Angel's Message to others. Try a supply of the next issue, you can get 200 of them

for a dollar, then give them to all who will accept a copy.

Some interesting experiences with the "Life and Health" workers. Read them.

Case 1. A seven weeks' record of over 25 copies sold per hour. Retail value of sales, per hour, over \$2.50. Profit per hour, \$1.75. This for seven weeks, remember.

Case 2. One year's scholarship in Union College earned in three weeks by a young lady in California. After paying her expenses and ticket from San Francisco to Lincoln, Neb., she had nearly \$50 left for pin-money.

Case 3. Ninety-one copies sold in four hour, by a beginner in Georgia, Feb. 18, 1909. "Entering a nice store," she says, "I called for the proprietor, sold him a copy, and asked permission to work the store. He replied: 'Work the store, and the whole town for that matter, and much success to you! I happen to be the mayor.' I missed the business portion of town or would probably have sold all of my magazines. The Lord especially blessed me in my work."

All magazines or periodicals referred to herein, should be ordered through the Iowa Tract Society.

G. C. Hoskin.

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

"Great Controversy."

	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Totals
Glen Shelton	36	15	\$11.25	\$58.50

"Bible Readings."

*J. B. Liblin	79	36	.75	101.00
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"Heralds."

Anan Dirksen	3	3	3.00	9.00
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"Coming King."

Aaron Dean	4	2	.85	3.85
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Deliveries.

Glen Shelton	2		4.50	14.75
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Anna Dirksen	1			2.00
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Summary.

No. of canvassers	4
Value of books and helps sold	\$172.35
Value of books and helps deliv'd	\$16.75

—You should have "Desire of Ages" and "Christ's Object Lessons" for use in studying the present Sabbath-school lessons. You cannot afford either to be without the "Sabbath-School Worker." Its helps and beautiful pictures illustrating the lesson will help you to make the study interesting in the home.

—Be sure to follow the program for the daily study of the Sabbath-school lessons.

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—Send in the Sabbath-school money if it is in your care.

—Eld. M. N. Campbell spent the Sabbath with the church at Providence.

—A fine big dappled gray team has been purchased for the Sanitarium.

—Eld. W. D. Parkhurst, of the Des Moines Sanitarium, conducted quarterly meeting services here last Sabbath.

—Blanks have been sent to Sabbath-school and missionary secretaries and these should be filled out and returned without delay.

—Bro. T. D. Gibson, of the Northern Union Conference, writes of just returning from an interesting trip among the German brethren of North Dakota.

—If those in charge of Sabbath-school funds will be prompt in sending them in it will insure their getting into the report for the general conference secretary.

—Orders for the General Conference Bulletin are coming in very slowly. Surely our people wish to be in touch with the work done at that important meeting.

—A. T. Jones has been trying to do some missionary work in the vicinity of our Exira church. After two meetings with only five in attendance, he departed presumably for more appreciative fields.

—Interesting letters have been received from W. E. Perrin and family. We know all would enjoy their account of the trip, and experiences in India, and we shall try to give them to you a little at a time as space allows.

—An article in this week's Des Moines "Plain Talk" is indicative of present almost unbelievable possibilities. It tells of grain threshed, ground into flour, baked into biscuits and eaten, 22 minutes after being cut from the wheat field.

—Bro. J. L. Lingle, of Osceola, has come to Nevada to take charge of the Sanitarium farm and outside work. Bro. and Sister Lingle are both graduate nurses and spent some years in work in the Hawaiian Islands and since returning have been connected with the conference work in different ways in California. Sister Lingle is a sister of Elders E. E. and C. M. Gardner.

—We wish you might see the new Sanitarium as pictures do not do it justice. The shingles, which are a combination of asbestos and cement, will all be on by the middle of this week and the lathing and plastering will be begun. The plumbing is progressing nicely and the wiring for telephones and electric lights is well along.

—Isolated families and isolated people should all supply themselves with the lesson quarterly. Order at once of the Tract Society so you will not miss a lesson. These lessons are just what we have been told we need to study to prepare us for the troublesome times ahead. Heed the warning.

—Mrs. Mary Mitchell Crawford, of Vicksburg, Mississippi, is here for a visit with her aunt, Sister H. C. Mitchell, and will remain for some time. Sister Crawford is the State Sabbath-school secretary and Brother Crawford is treasurer of the Mississippi conference.

—In the Bulletin issue of March 16 the price of the new Protestant magazine was given at 15 cents. We find it is fifteen cents only when ordered ten at one time. These may be sent to different addresses. Otherwise the subscription price is 25 cents.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Davenport, April 3, 4, 1909
Absent members are requested to report.
J. C. Clemens.

Council Bluffs, April 3, 4, 1909
Absent members please report.
Mrs. M. M. Gallup, Clerk.

SOME FINE FLOWERING BLUBS.

The Oakwood School raised some very nice blubs last year, and now offers the following for sale:—

Excelsior, Double Pearl Tuberosa blubs each, 5 cents; dozen, 50 cents; by the hundred, not prepaid, \$2.00. Gladioli, mixed colors, choice; each, 3 cents; dozen, 25 cents; by the hundred not prepaid, \$1.50; Dahlias, fine double mixed, white, red, yellow, pink and variegated colors; each, 10 cents; dozen, 50 cents, not prepaid. Transportation prepaid unless otherwise specified. Orders for one-half dozen will be filled at the dozen rate, and for 50 at the hundred rate. All the blubs are nice size, and will produce good flowers. Your orders will be a benefit to the school. Address all orders and inquiries to Oakwood Manual Training School, Box 414, Huntsville, Ala.

BAPTISMAL CHARGE.

The following form is the one used by Elder Campbell in taking persons into the church by baptism and by request of the workers is now published in the Bulletin:—

By going forward in baptism, you covenant:—

1. To keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, forsaking the world with its frivolities and amusements, taking Jesus as your divine Lord and Master, the Bible as your guide, the Holy Spirit as your teacher and sanctifier.

2. To live the life of a Christian through God's enabling grace, to do all in your power to enlighten others with reference to the Third Angel's Message and to support this cause with your tithes and offerings.

3. You covenant to loyally adhere to the Seventh-day Adventist church, attending its services whenever possible, doing all in your power to maintain its integrity and discountenancing any attempt to tarnish its fair name.

4. To give heed to and reverence the instructions given through the Spirit of Prophecy in the Testimonies for the Church.

5. You covenant to live to the best of your ability in accordance with the light God has given with reference to healthful dress and healthful living, laying aside alcoholic liquors, tobacco, tea, coffee and similar hurtful indulgences.

6. To adhere to simplicity of attire, laying aside artificial flowers, feathers, and rings, and jewelry used purely for adornment.

Sister Adams, of Hawarden, Iowa, is prepared to make nice rugs of old in-grain carpet for 75 cents a yard. Any old carpet that is not good for anything else will work in nicely. Also she will weave rag rugs and carpet of any size for 25 cents a yard. She will pay the freight one way on rags and old carpet and send back by freight. She furnishes all warp and makes any design you wish. She guarantees satisfaction.

Mrs. Minnie Syp, Hawarden, Ia.

Wanted.—An Adventist young man to help me on the farm this season. Will pay good wages and transportation one way. Please write at once stating age, experience at farming and wages expected. Address, Lewis Willson, Walnut Grove, Redwood county, Minn.

Wanted.—A young man to work on a farm at Shelby this summer. Can commence work right away. Sabbath-keeper preferred. Address, Louis Jacobsen, Shelby, Iowa.

Wanted.—A girl for general housework on farm. Address, Mrs. F. T. Culver, Yale, Iowa.