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THE COMING LIFE.

We shape ourselves the joy or fear
 Of which the coming life is made;
 And fill our future's atmosphere
 With sunshine or with shade.

The theme of the life to be
 We weave with colors all our own;
 And in the fields of destiny
 We reap as we have sown.

All is of God that is, and is to be;
 And God is good. Let this suffice us still;
 Resting in childlike trust upon his will,
 Who moves to his great ends, unthwarted
 by the ill.

—J. G. Whittier.

VOLUME 8.

A WORD of greeting to our readers with this the first number of the new volume. For seven years the WORKERS' BULLETIN has been visiting you weekly at your homes; and if the oft repeated statement, "We cannot get along without our little paper," is indicative of the general sentiment, it has been a welcome visitor. Its patrons have been gratified by the degree of success that has attended its publication from the beginning; for by the blessing of God and the co-operation of our workers, it has fulfilled its mission well, strengthening our State work and uniting more closely the hearts of our people. We realize that this result has been very largely due to the efforts of our faithful workers, and that its success depends upon their success. We enter upon Volume 8 trusting that, in harmony with the rapidly advancing message, by Divine help and guidance, the record found on its pages may denote a year of progress.

J. V. B.

ENCOURAGE THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

To all of our laborers let me say: Be sure to see that those who are newly coming to the faith are supplied with our church paper, the *Review*; also our State paper, the BULLETIN. Then cultivate the missionary spirit by encouraging the circulation of the *Signs* and tracts. Such a company will thrive and grow, while one that is left without any of these helps, you may expect to find on your return discouraged or going back to their old ways. Let us, brethren and sisters, do better work as ministers and Bible workers than ever before. The times demand it. We must build with the gold, silver, and precious stones, and not with wood, hay, or stubble, if we receive the reward. 1 Cor. 3:11—14.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

FROM HONOLULU, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Dear Brethren and Sisters: With pleasure we drop a few lines to you this beautiful morning. We are not yet permanently located here, but have been very busy looking around for a suitable place for a sanitarium. Rent is very high, and houses adapted for use as a sanitarium are very scarce. The natives are a very friendly people, but are of a retiring disposition. Dr. Kellogg says they seem bashful. The other classes are very much mixed up socially, spiritually, and politically, but seem rather favorable toward the idea of a sanitarium. One of the leading ministers (Congregationalist) here spoke on the Sunday question last night to a large audience. He only used two or three texts, and simply spoke of Sunday evening concerts, saying nothing about the seventh-day as the Sabbath.

Eld. Gates is not very strong, and feels the effects of the warm climate. Our treatments have been some help to him, but they have hardly had time to work much of an effect yet. This tropical climate is rather debilitating to a weak person.

Several patients are waiting for our sanitarium to open.

Bananas, cocoa nuts, pine apples, and many other kinds of tropical fruit grow here. Living expenses are very high. We give a few sample prices: Wood costs from \$10.00 to \$14.00 per cord; coal, \$12.00 to \$14.00 per ton; potatoes, \$1.00 per bu.; gasoline, 35 cents per gal.; flour, 50lb sack, \$1.25 to \$1.50; a small house, four rooms, rents for \$25.00 per month. Clothing is also expensive. Bananas are the only cheap article; one stalk can be bought for 15 cents.

We receive mail every two or three weeks, and sometimes oftener. The rate of postage is 5 cents on all letters received or sent away. One thing is lacking, and that is the Iowa WORKERS' BULLETIN, so we must supply the deficiency by subscribing for it.

A. L. AND LIZZIE LINGLE.

June 22.

HOW WE SPENT OUR LAST DAYS IN IOWA.

I WITH my family left Sioux City June 9. We stopped a few hours in Sheldon, calling on several of our people there, and then went on our way to Hartley, where I was to speak that evening. Two of the business men of that place, with their wives, learning that we were on our way to Dakota, and that probably this would be our last visit to their town, made us welcome with ice cream, chocolate cake, fruit, and other good things too numerous to mention. We also received a donation of \$6.00 in cash. Although we had but one evening with this people, it will long be remembered. Early the next morning we left for Milford; for it seemed to us that we could not leave Iowa without looking into the faces of those whom we had learned to love so dearly at that place. Several meetings were held with the church and friends, we trust with profit. June 14, the last day in our home State, was spent

on the banks of the beautiful lake Okoboji, with the friends of the Milford church and others who joined us. The day was spent in visiting, reading, eating, boating, and fishing. It was my good luck to catch three nice fish, which brought fresh to mind the days of my youth.

On the morning of the 15 we boarded the train at Spirit Lake bound for South Dakota. We arrived at Madison the evening of the same day, and were soon conveyed by team to the camp-ground, three and one-half miles from town, where we were greeted by many warm hearts. The meeting was a success, and we formed many new acquaintances and renewed a few old ones. We were glad to meet Sister Plummer at this meeting. It almost seemed that we were home again. To-morrow, July 6, the dear Lord willing, we will leave this place for Jamestown, North Dakota, our future field of labor. As long as reason retains its throne we will remember the work and workers, with the many friends, in Iowa. We hope we will not be forgotten in our field. G. F. WATSON AND FAMILY.

FIELD REPORTS.

CUMBERLAND, CASS COUNTY.

We have labored four weeks in this place, teaching the word of God to the people. The attendance has not been large at any time, and since the Fourth has not averaged over twenty. We have visited and advertised our work, but the results have not been what we hoped. We learn that the reading matter furnished the people here a year and a half ago, has been publicly noticed by the Christian evangelist who held meetings here a year ago, in such a manner as to quiet the consciences of some who were really stirred by what they had read. Now they seem fearful of a reconsideration, and do not care to hear any further. Aside from this class there are a few who manifest a willingness to hear, and we feel that having begun here, our duty to this people is not yet done. We introduced the Sabbath question nearly two weeks ago, but other things taking the attention of the people we have deferred full investigation until a more favorable opportunity. We have some assurance that the Lord has a people here, and we are anxiously seeking to become channels of communication from the Lord to these. The brethren at Fontanelle very generously befriended us the past week. Pray for us that we may understand the mind of the Lord before leaving this field and people.

E. E. GARDNER.

N. L. MCCLINTOCK.

T. H. JEYS.

BLAKESBURG AND AGENCY.

ON Monday, June 15, we went to Blakesburg, with the understanding that our tent would be pitched there. But after two days' search, we became convinced that it would be better to withdraw to some place where we could find a lot on which to locate our tents. After prayerful consideration, we decided to pitch in Agency. We began meetings here Sabbath night, June 20, with an audience of about twelve. Prejudice is indeed a form of ignorance hard to deal with and exceedingly difficult to overcome. We are glad, however, that our audience has increased until we now have an average hearing of forty. We believe the Lord is working, and we hope that souls may be gathered out for the courts of glory. There is a strong Methodist element here, but some are finding their way to the tent, and we trust they may gain a more perfect knowledge of God's will concerning them.

Brethren, may we have the assurance that each day your prayers are ascending to God for the success of his truth at this place? If we may know that your hearts are set to seek the Lord for this work, we are sure that God will gather out such as shall be saved. Let us, all have the mind of Christ, then shall we all have one common interest, and that the salvation of souls. There is an abundance of work before us, but we are of good courage, having a knowledge of God's love for fallen man, and confidence that the united prayers of our brethren will bring his choicest blessing. We press forward, trusting that you will hold up our hands, that the battle may be the Lord's.

W. B. EVERHART.

WM. GUTHRIE.

NORTH-EASTERN IOWA.

ALTHOUGH falling to report through the BULLETIN, I have not been idle. After our good camp meeting I made my mother and my family a short visit. From June 19 to 24 I spent with the company in Smithfield township, Fayette county, and with interested ones in the vicinity. I secured one renewal for the *Signs*, and one order each for the *Signs* and *Review*, selling and giving away some reading matter. From June 25 to July 2 I visited the companies at Waverly, Fayette, and Albany, and at each of these places orders were taken for our periodicals. July 3—5 I attended quarterly meeting at West Union, and tried to revive the tract society there. I next visited Fredericksburg, placing the *Signs* in nearly every house and taking several orders for the same. The brethren have a good

interest in the tent meetings at that place.

In my work I have tried to set before the dear brethren the importance of a more consecrated effort in the missionary work. One brother at Waverly decided to spend the most of his time after harvest canvassing for the *Signs*. During my travels the last three weeks I have taken seven orders for the *Signs*, four for the *Review*, one for the *Sentinel*, and one for the BULLETIN; and have given away 150 papers, and sold and given away 882 pages of reading matter. I am of good courage.

J. W. DORCAS.

Fredericksburg, July 10.

DAVENPORT.

Dear BULLETIN Family: The little company at this place are still holding up the precious light. We were favored by having Bro. Fuller with us at our quarterly meeting on the Fourth of July. Although "young America" was making considerable noise all around us, we were not "disturbed" in the least, but enjoyed a precious season. One dear young person, a member of the Sabbath school, joined the church on this occasion.

We are told that habits once formed are hard to break. If this proves true here, we shall be thankful. To explain: The members of our little band have acquired the habit of attending the services of the Lord's house on the Sabbath day, and each Sabbath scarcely one is missing from the number. They have also formed the habit of paying the Lord his tithe, and each one who has received any money during the quarter lays aside the Lord's portion. In the missionary society the habit prevails of reporting regularly the missionary work done; and so the report goes up to the State society: No. of members, 18; No. of reports returned, 18. For all these habits we feel to praise the dear Lord; for he alone is leading us, and blessed be his holy name forever. We are all of good courage, and feel more than ever like pressing on with the dear ones who are traveling to Zion. We must be there. Brethren, pray for us.

T. F. KENDALL.

WEST UNION.

WE were much encouraged by having Bro. J. W. Dorcas meet with us at the time appointed for our quarterly meeting at West Union, July 4. Three meetings were held, and an effort made to revive the tract and missionary work in our society, which has been greatly needed for some time. We felt very grateful for the help rendered in this direction; for surely there is no better way to awaken the church than by getting all at work.

Workers' Bulletin.

DES MOINES, IOWA, July 14, 1896.

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—ELD. C. SANTEE was with the church at Sioux City last Sabbath.

—BRO. F. A. WASHBURN joined the tent company at Janesville, Monday, July 6.

—MISS CLARA L. WHITNEY, who has been canvassing in Waterloo since camp-meeting, is now taking a vacation at her home in Nevada.

—J. C. CLEMENS reports that he has visited the following places since camp-meeting: Traer, Garwin, Tama City, State Centre, and Gilman, laboring to strengthen the work. He was at Grinnell over last Sabbath.

—BRO. S. A. HILL left this city last Tuesday for a trip to the eastern part of the State. He expected to visit the canvassers at Marshalltown, Garwin, Anamosa, Tipton, and Muscatine, probably reaching Davenport the last of this week.

—MR. AND MRS. ANGUS McDONALD and little daughter Sadie, of Winterset, were visitors at the Home Sunday afternoon, resuming their journey to Grinnell, with horse and carriage, the following morning. Miss Nellie has been visiting her grandparents at Grinnell since camp-meeting.

—BRO. THOS. HURD and wife, of Hardin county, called at our office last Thursday to obtain supplies for use in the canvassing work. Although seriously crippled, having to go about on two crutches, Bro. Hurd is happy in the service of the Lord, and anxious to devote what strength he has to this good work.

—WE received an unexpected call last Friday from Bro. R. H. Habenicht, as he was in the vicinity looking after business interests. He found it possible to remain in our city over Sabbath, and spoke to the church here in the forenoon and afternoon services. His earnest words were a source of encouragement and strength.

—THE tent company at Fredericksburg thought best to dismiss their meetings for a few evenings on account of a Methodist camp-meeting now in session at that place, and which had been arranged for before our tent went there. Bro. Habenicht says that this course has seemed to gain the confidence of the people, and that it may eventually prove a help to their work, rather than a hindrance. A few have signified their intention to keep all of God's commandments.

—BY request the Baccalaureate Sermon delivered before the graduating class of Union College, June 15, 1896, by Prof. C. C. Lewis has been issued in pamphlet form. The theme presented is "The Harmonious Co-operation of Reason, Revelation, and Faith in the Discovery and Application of Moral Truth;" the text, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." We will not say anything further as to the value of this publication. The leading subject as given above, together with the name of the author, is an assurance of its worth. It is sent out with the hope that it may be "helpful to young people at that critical time in their experience when many are inclined to be skeptical." Price, single copy, 15 cents; ten copies, \$1.25; twenty copies, \$2.00. Address C. C. Lewis, College View, Neb.

—THE publishers of the *Sentinel* offer to club the *Sentinel* with the WORKERS' BULLETIN, both papers to be offered for \$1.00 per year. This offer is made to new subscribers to the *Sentinel* only; but those renewing for the BULLETIN, as well as new subscribers, many take advantage of this offer. Those who have already renewed for the BULLETIN for the coming year may yet have both papers by now sending 75 cents, providing they are new subscribers to the *Sentinel*. Address orders to Iowa Tract Society.

—MR. HERVEY HENDERSON, of Goodland, Indiana, and Miss Ethel B. Morton, of Battle Creek, Michigan, were united in marriage at Battle Creek, on the evening of June 16. The ceremony was performed by the father of the groom, Eld. J. P. Henderson. The happy couple will spend the summer vacation at Goodland, Indiana, expecting to return at the opening of the fall term, as classmates, to finish their collegiate course. We wish for them true success and happiness.

—JUNE 16, at the home of Bro. R. M. Kirkham, of Nebraska City, Bro. A. J. Howard was united in marriage to Sister Orpha Arnold, of Battle Creek, Mich., Eld. Victor Thompson officiating. They are now with the tent company at Nebraska City.—*Nebraska Reporter*. Bro. Howard's Iowa Friends will unite in well wishes.

—WE are in receipt of several renewal cards for the BULLETIN with names of senders not given. One of these bears the postmark of Burlington and another Lisbon.

—PLEASE let us know if the date on paster of your paper is not changed within two weeks from the time you send in renewal.

—"LOVE works not for profit nor reward."

NOTES.

BRO. F. L. MOODY is doing a good work taking subscriptions for our papers, and finds many of our own people who need them. Why cannot our ministers everywhere do more in this line?

BRO. J. W. ADAMS reports an attendance at Shelby reaching 250. How solemn to think that we hold the bread of life in our hands to feed so many. How necessary that self be hid in Christ.

BRO. B. E. FULLMER reports donations to date, to help in their work, of over \$14.00. Brethren, do not fear to give the people a chance to assist in the burdens, and they will love the work better for having shared in it.

May God bless the dear workers, and make of every Seventh-day Adventist a worker.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

A PLEASANT OCCASION.

MONDAY evening, June 29, a very pleasant informal reception was given in the College gymnasium, by the citizens of College View, to Prof. and Mrs. J. W. Loughhead, Prof. and Mrs. C. C. Lewis, and Eld. and Mrs. E. W. Farnsworth. These friends are now leaving our State for other fields of labor, and about two hundred citizens turned out to say good-bye and wish them Godspeed. Eld. Farnsworth and wife will take the July steamer from San Francisco for Australia; Prof. C. C. Lewis goes at once to Keene, Texas, to take charge of the Biblical Department in that school, his family following in the fall; while Prof. and Mrs. Loughhead go to Mt. Vernon, Ohio, to take charge of that institution. The occasion was a very pleasant one, and long to be remembered.

Short addresses were made by these brethren, expressive of their faith in God and his work, and a willingness to go wherever duty calls, and where they can best serve the Master. The best wishes of a host of friends follow these laborers as they leave our Conference.—*Nebraska Reporter*.

WATCHES REPAIRED.

I WILL say to all needing watches or jewelry repaired that if you will send such to me by registered mail I will repair the same in a satisfactory manner, and at a sufficient reduction to pay cost of sending. References: C. A. Washburn, R. H. Habenicht, E. G. Olsen, B. L. Dieffenbacher. A. K. HATHAWAY, *Jeweler*.

Hawkeye, Iowa.

"AMERICA'S Crisis" by Eld. Uriah Smith, *Bible Students' Library* No. 138. This tract not only gives the logic of the Scriptures and the statements of history, but presents the logic of facts. A tract for the times. Price 4 cents.

THE BOOK WORK.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR WEEK
ENDING JULY 3, 1896.

PROPHECIES OF JESUS.

	Hours.	Orders.	Value.
W. L. Manfull, Knoxville...	54	26	\$46.00
E. V. Shackelford, Oskaloosa...	35	4	7.50
Louis Manfull, Albia...	38	5	8.75
D. M. Traill, "...	29	5	8.75
H. G. Miller, Traer...	53	7	12.75
R. K. Emmons, Garwin...	41	3	4.00
J. N. Pitsenberger, Bagley...	40	8	15.00
Chas. Nelson, Havelock...	47	9	9.90
Lewis Hilliard, Adel...	48	13	22.75
Chas. F. Robinson, Winterset...	32	1	1.75
Burton Church, Muscatine...	20	7	13.25
V. V. Wilson, "...	48	4	10.50
Mary E. Hannah, Waterloo...	7	1	1.75
Clara L. Whitney, "...	19	1	1.75
Minnie T. Johnson, Monticello...	26	3	5.25
Lusebia Nott, "...	29	1	1.75
L. M. Schöberg, Adel...	28	3	5.25
A. E. Brown, Grant City...	24	3	4.75
C. J. Buhalts, West Grove...	43	2	3.50
Bendine Sorensen, Carroll...	21	10	23.25
Christine Hansen, "...	11	6	11.00
L. C. Christofferson, Sharpsburg...	46	5	11.25
C. H. Miller, "...	49	5	12.75
J. Smith, "...	42	3	6.50
Albert Reiber, Hancock...	41	6	11.00
E. Russel Potter, "...	53	9	12.50
Cathinka Henriekson, Red Oak...	31	7	14.35
Christine Henriekson, "...	30	1	1.75
H. W. Shryock, "...	33	1	1.75
Andrew G. Larson, "...	33	2	3.00
M. J. Low, Corning...	37	1	1.75
G. I. Cummings, "...	54	6	11.00
Edward Johnson, Persia...	52	5	10.50

GREAT CONTROVERSY.

H. B. Tilden, Tipton...	44	5	\$11.25
Peter Lindahl, Extra...	44	7	17.75
Fred F. Johnson, Audubon...	40	3	9.00
John V. Maas, Denison...	50	10	25.25
Frank Okle, "...	61	6	15.50

CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR.

Pearl D. Bascom, Adair...	14	12	\$9.00
Mae Evans, Avery...	15	24	11.75

EYANGELIETS SENDEBUD AND HIS GLORIOUS APPEARING.

N. M. Jorgensen, Crippen...	69	15	\$18.00
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HIS GLORIOUS APPEARING.

Lulu French, Afton...	29	17	\$4.25
F. E. Lamb, "...	20	15	3.50

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

E. H. Adams, Atalissa...	39	7	\$3.90
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DELIVERIES.

	Books.	Value.	Lost.
D. B. Rineley...	13	\$33.75	0
Chris. Wildfang...	27	26.75	3
Mae Evans...	43	15.25	0
Lewis Hilliard...	2	3.50	
Mary E. Hannah...	1	1.75	
Clara L. Whitney...	2	3.50	

SUMMARY.

No. of agents	45
" " orders	288
Value of " "	\$446.00
" " helps sold	\$12.20
Total value	\$518.20
Value of deliveries	\$79.51

THE canvassers' reports must reach us by Thursday of each week in order to be published the following week. We regret that a few reports that should appear this week were received too late for publication.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

AT the first meeting of the Sabbath School Association, on the camp-ground, several questions were asked. These were given to different persons to answer, but the time was so limited that they could not be considered then. A request was made that they be answered in "our column" in the BULLETIN. So we are glad to be able to give the answers as given by those to whom the questions were assigned.

1. Are fifteen members too many for one senior class?

Ans. by Hattie M. Bowles.—There is, perhaps, no subject in which a faithful, conscientious Sabbath school teacher is more interested than that of gaining and holding the attention of the class. Every teacher knows that the progress made depends upon the degree and kind of attention given by the pupils. The desired result in this respect cannot be gained so satisfactorily where the class is large; for several reasons: First, the teacher should talk in a soft subdued tone, and could not be heard where there are more than six or eight pupils. Second, where there are so many in a class, each one does not feel as though he should take part, thinking that others can give better answers to the questions. Third, the teacher should be in such a position that her eyes can take in every pupil at a glance, in order to hold the attention; and I do not see how this can be done with fifteen members in a class. I have heard of schools where one teacher taught three classes, but I have never found such work to be a success. If you have not the talent for teachers, try to develop something out of what you have. Have the young people act as teachers, and help them to realize the responsibility of the position. It has been said that "the Sabbath school is the church at work;" therefore let there be more classes, with fewer scholars, thus developing more teachers. But no matter how few your teachers, always make it a point to spend some time each week in consultation and in seeking the Lord.

2. Is it better to study the lessons from the *Little Friend* and *Instructor* than to use "Bible Lessons" Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4?

Ans. by G. F. Watson.—Yes, by all means. While the lessons in the books are instructive and full of good things, the papers mentioned contain the truths for the present time, and the only way we, as well as the children, can keep abreast of the message, is to study the present issues. We must not think that the children are not interested in what we are, and that they will be satisfied with a book containing a year's lesson, while our lessons are fresh every Sabbath. Let us keep the children with us, and we cannot do this without uniform lessons and those up to the present time.

Each member present promised to bring, or send in, a report at the close of the quarter, and three new members were added to the society. As the members are so scattered, it was thought we could not hold weekly missionary meetings, but that we might be able to hold such a meeting on the fourth Sabbath of each month.

Several were present from Albany of those who accepted the truth under the labors of Brn. Habenicht and Frederick, and three of these were taken into the church by vote. It is hoped that good results will be seen from this meeting ere long. MRS. DELLIE GARDNER, Lib.

WEST GROVE.

THE West Grove company celebrated the ordinances July 4. Brethren from Unionville, Bloomfield, and Pulaski were present. In the social meeting nearly all took part, testifying to the goodness of God. About forty-eight participated in the ordinances. One member was added to the church. Many testified that they had been blessed, and expressed the wish that they might spend many such Sabbaths. C. J. BUHALTS.

HARTLEY.

LAST Sabbath, July 4, we held our quarterly meeting. We had the pleasure of having with us Eld. J. S. Hart. Nearly all of the members were present, and took an active part in the meeting. The presence of the Spirit of God made the occasion one of unusual interest. Sunday, 9:30 A. M., was the hour appointed for our business meeting. At eleven o'clock we had another service, and Eld. Hart gave us an able and interesting discourse, taking for his subject "Soldiers of Christ." By Divine help we intend to become true soldiers. IDA NELSON.

MORAVIA.

WE held our quarterly meeting July 4. Our company numbers thirty-two, and twenty-five were present, with a goodly number of the Unionville church. All were of good courage, and expressed their gratitude for the privilege of celebrating the Fourth of July in the house of God in love and gratitude to their Maker. The Spirit of God was present in a great measure. Several not of our faith were with us, and said they also enjoyed the privilege of spending the day with the people of God. Bro. and Sister Coulson were received into the church, having been baptized at the late camp-meeting. We held our Sabbath school and children's meeting in the forenoon, and after eating dinner all together as one family in the shade, we returned to the church and celebrated the ordinances. We felt that the day had indeed been well spent. PHEBE VOSBURG.