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JESSIE V. BOSWORTH, }

TERMS: 25 CENTS A YEAR, IN ADVANCE.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE IOWA SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST ASSOCIATION.

WE, the undersigned, C. A. Washburn, C. F. Stevens, Jacob Shively, A. A. John, and S. M. Jacobs, in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Iowa Conference of Seventh-day Adventists held at Des Moines, Iowa, June 2, 1893, hereby incorporate an Association under Chapter 2 of Title 9, of the Code of Iowa.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Association shall be "The Iowa Seventh-day Adventist Association."

ARTICLE II.—LOCATION OF OFFICE.

The principle office of this Association is located in the city of Des Moines, Iowa.

ARTICLE III.—OBJECT.

The object of this Association is to receive and hold in trust, title to all real and personal property owned by the Iowa Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists, or the general membership of the religious denomination known as the Seventh-day Adventists, within the State of Iowa; and to receive and hold in trust, title to all real or personal property belonging to the different local societies and church organizations of the Seventh-day Adventists, within the State of Iowa; with power to sell, exchange, deed, or convey any property belonging to the Iowa Conference or general membership, aforesaid. In the event of the abandonment for any cause, of the prop-

erty held in trust for any local society, this Association shall have power to sell and dispose of such property, for the use and benefit of said State Conference. This Association shall also have power to take, hold, and receive property by virtue of any devise or bequest contained in any last will or testament of any person whosoever, subject to any restrictions prescribed by the statute; and shall have power to take, hold, and receive any gift or donation of any person whatever.

ARTICLE IV.—MANAGEMENT.

The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of seven Trustees, who shall be elected annually by the members of the Iowa Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists at the time the State Officers of such annual Conference are elected.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS.

Section 1. The Trustees shall upon their election, hold a meeting at once, or as soon thereafter as they can be called together, and choose from among their number a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Trustees and the officers selected by them, shall hold their respective offices for one year, and until their successors are elected and appear, to enter upon their duties.

Section 2. The duties of said officers shall be such as usually pertain to such offices. The Board of Trustees shall have general power to manage the affairs of the Association, but may by resolution authorize any one or more of the officers chosen by them, to act on behalf of the Association.

Section 3. The President and Secretary shall sign all instruments and obligations of the Association, when duly authorized by the Board of Trustees. The official signature of the legally elected President and Secretary of this Association, when attached

with the signature of the Association, to any written instrument, together with the seal of this Association, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the verity of such instrument, and that it is executed in pursuance of the authority of the Board of Trustees.

Section 4. The Board of Trustees, through its Secretary, shall, at each session of the Iowa Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, make to said Conference, or a duly appointed committee thereof, a complete written statement of the affairs and business of this Association.

Section 5. In case of vacancy in said Board of Trustees caused by death or removal, the remaining Trustees are authorized to fill such vacancy by appointment until the meeting of the next annual Conference.

Section 6. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than four Trustees.

ARTICLE VI.—MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

The Board of Trustees shall meet immediately upon their election by the annual Conference, or as soon thereafter as they can get together, and elect officers as provided by ARTICLE V. Any special meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of said Board of Trustees by giving five days written notice thereof to each member of said Board by mailing said notice regularly through the mail.

ARTICLE VII.—SEAL.

The Board of Trustees shall provide a seal of ordinary size inscribed as follows: "The Iowa Seventh-day Advent Association;" said words to form an outer circle enclosing the word "Seal."

ARTICLE VIII.—DURATION.

This Association shall endure for fifty years with the right of re-incorporating in accordance with the laws of Iowa.

ARTICLE IX.—BY-LAWS.

The Board of Trustees may from time to time make and adopt such by-laws as may be necessary for the transaction of the business of this Association and not inconsistent with these articles.

ARTICLE X.—AMENDMENTS.

These articles may be amended at any time by the vote of the members of the Iowa State Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

We have asked the editors of the WORKERS' BULLETIN to republish the above Articles of Incorporation, for the following reasons:—

First, There are new companies and individuals embracing the truth from time to time, who do not understand about this plan of holding church property. As it has been many times in the past, so it is liable to occur in the future that lots are purchased, meeting houses are built on them, and the property deeded to trustees. The membership may be small, some may move away, some die, others give up the truth, and the house be sold and the proceeds go back to the surviving donors or heirs. Thus the property once given to the cause of God, and solemnly dedicated to the service of God, goes back to the world again. This does not seem right, and it certainly does not carry out the design and wish of the donors.

Second, There are some who seem to think that when the property is deeded to the Association that the Association *owns* the church property, and therefore, should pay the indebtedness, if there be any, on the property. Some also have the idea that the Association should keep up the repairs on the house, fences, sidewalks, etc. The facts are that the Association only holds the property "in trust", and the only benefit to the Association is that in case the house "should be abandoned for any cause" (which we hope never may happen), it will *then* fall into the hands of the Association, and be saved to the cause of God to which it was donated.

We desire to call the attention of the reader to Article 3, in which the object is stated, and it will be noticed that the expression "in trust" is used three times. We believe that all who will take time to study these Articles of Incorporation, and think about the matter of how to hold church property so that it will be safe to the cause of God to which it has been given, will want to take advantage of this plan,

and have their church property deeded over to the Association without delay.

We have asked the secretary of the Iowa S. D. A. Association to furnish us with some items showing the workings of the Association. We find that there are fifty-nine church buildings in the State, and only about one-half of them (twenty-nine) are deeded to the Association. Any one desiring to make further inquiries about the workings of the Association, may correspond with the secretary, C. W. Smouse, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, or with the writer. Address as below.

C. A. WASHBURN.

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

THE CLINTON MISSION.

Up to March 15, we have received at "Good Cheer" Mission, Clinton, the following supplies: Sack of beans, Des Moines; sack of beans and clothing, Echo; package of peas, lady in Clinton; barrel of clothing, Parkersburg; 75 pounds oatmeal and \$10.00, Bro. Whitney, Nevada; 8 sacks of beans, Modale; 3 bbl, clothing and groceries, Iowa City; 2 bundles, Sheldon; box, Dayton; barrel, Winterset; box, Marshalltown; bbl. of beans, Lake City; sack dried apples, Mrs. Newton, Ticonic; barrel, Libertyville; box, Fairfield; 2 boxes, Sandyville; barrel, Eddyville; barrel, Beaman; box, Benton; bundle, Atalissa; \$5.00 worth of groceries, wealthy ladies in Clinton; box, Ladoga; one-half ton of coal, a local dealer; \$1.00, Mrs. W. L. Johnson, Brooklyn; \$1.00 by May Chitty; 50 cents, a sister in Davenport; \$1.00, R. M. High, Olin; \$1.00, Mrs. A. C. Clauges, Dayton; \$2.40, Burlington; \$1.00, Mrs. Whistler, Bloomfield; \$4.00, Mrs. Lois Patterson, Des Moines; 25 cents, F. A. Washburn; \$7.00 Bro. and Sister Moore, Pulaski; \$10.40, Ruthven; \$2.50, Milford; \$1.00, Sandyville; \$1.50 by Chas. Pelmulder; \$67.00 by Clarence Santee. The total amount of money received in this way is \$111.55. Donations received here in Clinton and the income from the lunch counter has been \$61.96. Grand total of money receipts, \$173.51.

This amount has nearly all been spent for stoves, fuel, cooking utensils, chairs, and repairs. With a few little things we must have yet, we can get along now for quite awhile without much outlay, except for fitting up our bath room. That part of the building will soon be vacated for us, and we

hope that it will run itself financially when it is once fitted up.

I shall not say much about our experiences this time, but will only drop this word. It would do many of our brethren good to see the appreciation expressed on many a hardened face when I hand a clean shirt to those who have none. Many have taken my address, saying they would write me when they got better fixed. We may hear from some of these. A good many of the citizens are deeply interested in the work. We hope and pray that some of these may be in the kingdom of God.

JOHN HOFFMAN.

COLLECTION FOR THE HASKELL HOME AND THE JAMES WHITE MEMORIAL HOME.

THE friends of the humanitarian work carried on by the Haskell Home and the James White Memorial Home, are requested to remember as generously as possible these important enterprises at the regular semi-annual collection, which is to be taken up April 2. The work of these institutions is constantly growing, hence there is an increased need of the financial support. The work is conducted in the most economical manner possible, nearly all the persons connected with these Homes, including the superintendent and matron, give their services without salary or any other compensation than simply food and lodging. Nearly two hundred persons are sheltered in these Homes, and a grand work is being done not only in receiving the outcast, homeless, and friendless into a Christian place of refuge, but in the education and training of children for lives of usefulness, and in the training of Christian women to go out as missionaries and engage in rescue work for children in all parts of the world. This is a work which everywhere calls loudly for attention, and which should have the sympathy and support of Christian people everywhere.

The amount raised at the last collection has been just enough to keep the work going during the last six months. Quite a number more of old people have been received since the last collection, and a considerable number of children, so that the expense is increased; hence, we feel it necessary to call for a generous consideration of the needs of these enterprises.

J. H. KELLOGG.

"A FRUITLESS life is a wasted life."

OBITUARY.

EIDE.—Died at her home in Des Moines, Iowa, March 9, 1908, Mrs. Annie Eide, aged 48 years, and 15 days.

Sister Anna Rasmussen was born in Norway, Europe, Feb. 24, 1850. She was married in Norway to Henry Eide in 1877. They came to America in 1881, and she with her husband accepted the present truth in June, 1886. After a long and painful illness, Sister Eide now rests in Jesus, awaiting the trump of God to call her forth to immortality. She bore her affliction with remarkable patience. Speaking of her suffering, she would say, "Oh, I cannot suffer anything like my Saviour suffered." She often spoke of the soon-coming of Jesus. It was the writer's privilege to visit her often during her sickness. No matter how much she was suffering, she would desire a season of prayer, and would apparently for the time be lifted above her sufferings. Her faith in God remained strong and unwavering unto the end. She leaves a husband, an aged mother, and a brother and sister to mourn, but not as those who have no hope. The funeral services were held in the S. D. A. church at Des Moines. Words of comfort were spoken from the great storehouse of God's Word. Bro. C. H. Parsons, elder of the church, assisted in the services.

J. W. ADAMS.

FIELD REPORTS.

ATALISSA.

WE were glad to have the help of Bro. J. W. Dorcas again for a few days. Four evening meetings were held, and also meetings on Sabbath and Sunday. The roads were bad, and the attendance from the country was not so good as it would otherwise have been; but we enjoyed the meetings, and had a good time together. On Sunday our attention was called to the missionary work. Our hearts were touched as Bro. Dorcas related some experiences that he and others have had. It is plainly seen that the Lord is leading his people, and we all want a part in the work. A club of *Signs* was ordered and some more tracts. Some of our company have been doing quite a good deal of Christian Help work. We are of good courage, and better appreciate the willingness and ability of God to make each individual a worker for him in saving souls.

Our Sabbath school convention will be held April 3. We invite neighboring schools to meet with us and take part. May we all be more zealous and faithful.

M. L. ADAMS.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

SINCE my last report, I have attended the District meeting at College View, Neb., and spent a few days with my family. I am now in the field again, visiting the churches. I held one meeting with the Blencoe church, and we all enjoyed it very much. One week was spent at Onawa. They have a fine little church building, all paid for. The sermons were of a practical nature, and we trust that the meetings were a blessing to all. Two new ones covenanted to keep all the commandments of God, and they were found in the house of worship the next Sabbath.

From Onawa I went to Smithland and stayed one week. The meetings were quite well attended considering the circumstances. The brethren and sisters desired them continued longer.

J. S. HART.

SMITHLAND.

THE Smithland church was encouraged by a visit from Eld. J. S. Hart, who held meetings here March 11—16. We praise God for sending his servant to us, and we feel that one more call has been made for us to arouse and seek the Lord with all our hearts. The message from our dear heavenly Father to us in these meetings, was the necessity of true conversion and entire consecration. I believe that he knows just what his children need, and through pity and love sends us these timely messages. We hope that these precious truths found a lodgment in honest hearts, and will arouse us to see our true condition before God.

MRS. M. E. MERIDA.

FROM LOCAL WORKERS.

MRS. S. A. FITCH, THAYER: "Our last missionary meeting was a good one. We all felt the blessing of the Lord. We are of good courage although our numbers are few. We are glad to have a part in this work. We are very thankful for the helps. They have been 'helps' indeed. Our hearts have been stirred to the very depths in reading the letters from the needy fields, where so many are perishing without Christ. We are asking the Lord to give us means that we may help in this cause. We desire to consecrate all to him before it is too late."

H. MORLAN, ORIENT: "We held our missionary meeting Sabbath, and although we are few in number, we had a good meeting. Our donations to foreign missions amounted to 65 cents. There seems to be a growing interest in our Sabbath school. One lady came last Sabbath who had never been there before. She seemed to be interested, and desired some reading matter, so we gave her a good supply. She is a member of the W. C. T. U., and seems to be interested in Sister Henry's tracts."

THE BOOK WORK.

GOD SPEED THE CANVASSERS.

THE closing hours of the school are busy ones for those who are preparing to go out into the field that is already white unto the harvest. For a few weeks past, these dear workers have been "tarrying" "with one accord in one place." The universal testimony is that God has been with them. His Holy Spirit has touched and tendered hearts. Many have renewed their vows of consecration, and it seems that a deeper work of grace has been wrought in every heart.

This week these workers separate and begin their work. As it is often the case that after a season of rich blessing, comes greater trials, so may it be with some who have enjoyed the blessings of this school. The enemy is ever at hand to overcome the effects of these special blessings. But there is an armor provided whereby each one may be fully protected from all the fiery darts which may assail him. Those who venture forth without this armor, will be hopelessly defenseless in the conflict. But the armor is for every one. May each one be kept faithful; not only for the sake of each one, but also because of the souls to whom each one is sent. There are hearts waiting to receive the message, and these "hunters" and "fishers" must search them out. May each one be strong and of good courage; for the Lord goes before. May no difficulties nor obstacles turn any aside; for it is a question of life or death to those who are waiting for the truth. Then, dear canvassers,

"Speed away, speed away
With the message of rest,
To the souls by the tempter
In bondage oppressed;
For the Saviour has purchased
Their ransom for sin,
And the banquet is ready,
O gather them in;
To the rescue make haste,
There's no time for delay,
Speed away, speed away, speed away.

MRS. L. F. P.

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DES MOINES, IOWA, March 29, 1898.

—MRS. ANNIS C. THOMPSON, of Waukon, is at the Sanitarium at Chicago.

—The meetings at Davenport have been brought to a close unexpectedly by the illness of Bro. B. E. Fullmer, who was conducting them.

—Bro. J. S. Fry, who has been at the College View Sanitarium since last December, has returned to his home near Oskaloosa, in improved health.

—Bro. J. L. KILGORE, of Washington, Iowa, sends \$12.00 for tracts and says: "Our numbers here are very few, but we aim to place some seeds of truth in every home."

—The meetings at Sandyville have now closed, and Bro. Willis M. Adams returned to Des Moines Monday. He and Sister Adams go to Fontanelle the latter part of the week, in the interests of the work.

—Bro. C. T. ADAMS will meet with the friends at Glenwood April 2 and 3, in connection with his father's appointment at that place, and expects to go from there to College View, Neb., for a visit with home friends.

—Eld. J. W. ADAMS held meetings with the friends at Levey last Sabbath, and Bro. W. A. Gosmer conducted the morning services at Des Moines. In the afternoon the ordinances were celebrated, one week earlier than the regular time, in order that the canvassers might be with us upon that occasion.

—MR. CHARLIE SIMMONS and Miss Eva Kinnaman were united in marriage March 15, 1898, at the home of the bride's parents at Darbyville, the resident Christian minister officiating. They are the recipients of many useful and valuable presents, and also of the good wishes of all who know them. They are now visiting friends and relatives at Blakesburg and Ottumwa.

—Bro. HENRY JOHNSON writes from Rockwell: "We are having an interesting time here. A few have expressed their desire to keep the Sabbath, and they are talking the truth to their pastors. This week a preacher from abroad is coming to show me where I am wrong, the resident pastors being unable to find any argument against the truth. I trust the Lord will bless his word to the good of the people here."

—At the present writing we have received orders for 10,842 copies of the new tract, "The Alarm of War," and orders are still coming in every day. The demand for it has been so great that the publishers have been unable to keep up with their orders; hence there has been more or less delay in filling the orders we have received. We trust this has not been a source of discouragement to any. We are so glad to know that so many thousands of pages bearing the truth of God, have been scattered in our State. We trust that much more may yet be done with it. Some of the societies have found it necessary to increase their first order. Some are selling the tracts with good success.

—Bro. B. L. DIEFFENBACHER is still holding meetings at Osage. Bro. R. W. Harper, of that place, writes concerning the work there: "The attendance and interest is good. Some have decided to obey, and others are almost persuaded. The Free-will Baptist minister reviewed Bro. D. at the courthouse last Sunday, and next Sunday Bro. D. will answer his arguments, at the same place."

—Bro. R. H. HABENICHT, who is just completing the physician's course at the university at Iowa City, writes that he and his family expect to go to Clinton, to connect with the mission work there, early in April. Bro. Habenicht will receive his diploma conferring upon him the title M. D., at the close of the series of examinations now being held.

—In the marriage notice given last week the name of the bride groom should have been given as Mr. Mark E. Brown, instead of E. Brown.

—MRS. M. L. FIELD, who has been connected with the school, returned to her home in Cedar Rapids last Friday, called there unexpectedly by the sickness of relatives. On Monday, Bro. Field was also called to Cedar Rapids.

—Bro. LEWIS HILLIARD has been delivering books at Spencer, and reports as follows: 7 books delivered, \$12.00; number of orders lost, 5; value of helps sold, \$.25.

—EVERY person has two educations, —one which he receives from others, and one more important which he gives himself.—Gibbon.

—REMEMBER the collection for the Orphan's Home, to be taken next Sabbath.

—Miss CALLIE CHARLTON, of Des Moines, is visiting at Pilot Mound.

AN APPEAL.

Dear BULLETIN: Among the interested ones attending our meetings is a man who never made any profession of religion, but now desires to live the life of a Christian. His wife had gone from him and his home, before the meetings began. They have a family of five little children. The wife is trying to obtain possession of the children, but ought not to have them for various reasons.

Now, my object in writing: Who will give two of these little boys a home? A home is desired where the religion of Christ will be taught, and Christian love thrown round about them. Their ages are three and seven. The older child is religiously inclined, and seemed to get more out of the meetings than some who are older. We ask you to think of this matter, also the following scriptures: Isa. 58:7; Matt. 25:40; and 19:14.

Address all correspondence to T. F. Kendall, 1533 Main St., Davenport, Iowa. MRS. B. E. FULLMER.

APPOINTMENTS.

ALGONA,	April, 1—6,	1898.
	J. S. HART.	
BLENCOE,	April 2, 3,	1898.
Albaton,	" 9,	" "
	N. L. McCLINTOCK.	

THE Smithland Sabbath school will hold a convention April 2. Neighboring schools are invited.

FRED. E. BARBER.

THE Lord willing, I will meet with the churches as follows:—

Sharpsburg,	March 31—Apr. 2,	1898.
Benton,	April 4—7,	" "
Moravia,	" 9—11,	" "
Unionville,	" 12—14,	" "
Pulaski,	" 15—18,	" "

Quarterly meeting services will be conducted where practicable. Meetings will begin the evening of first date.

E. E. GARDNER.

NOTHING preventing, I will meet with the company at Lima, April 8—10, 1898. The quarterly meeting of the West Union church will be held in connection with this meeting. I hope also to meet the Hawkeye church, and the companies from Wadena and Fayette, at this place. I will have only a few days to spend, so take this means to meet all at once. I hope all may plan to be present, and receive a rich blessing. Bro. C. J. Buhalts will be with us also. First meeting Friday evening. R. H. HABENICHT.