

out a tract or a paper, or written a letter? This is what they virtually say. The efforts made to instruct and encourage all in both the missionary and Sabbath-school work seemed to be appreciated.

I was with the Burnside church Jan. 17-22. This church is weak and much scattered, and not having had ministerial help for some time, they had become discouraged, and let their meetings go down, though they had kept up the Sabbath-school. The preaching seemed to be meat in due season to them, and all seemed to be encouraged to take hold anew in the different branches of the work. I shall be in the northwestern portion of the State for some time, and would be glad to hear from any in this part respecting the work in their respective neighborhoods. Address me at Madison, Wis.

Jan. 30.

W. W. SHARP.

INDIANA.

AKRON AND PLYMOUTH.—I met with the Akron church during their quarterly meeting services, Jan. 4-7. On the Sabbath the ordinances were celebrated. Nearly all took part, and in the social service spirited testimonies were given. All seemed to be rejoicing in the light of present truth. On Sunday a tract and missionary meeting was held. Interesting reports were read, and some practical remarks were made in regard to the progress of the missionary work. The Spirit of the Lord was present, and there was a good degree of faith and courage manifested on the part of all the members present.

From Jan. 11 to 14, I attended the district quarterly meeting at Plymouth. The North Liberty, Walkerton, and Bourbon churches were represented. The meetings were good from the beginning, and increased in interest until the close. The ordinances were celebrated on the Sabbath, and tract and missionary meetings held on first day. There was a good interest manifested in this part of the work. The blessing of God came in, and during the religious services many were in tears. All felt it was good to be there, and separated in good courage in the Lord.

W. ILL.

BROOKSTON.—I was with the church at this place, Jan. 18-21. The quarterly meeting of Dist. No. 4 was held at this time. The companies in this district have had but little ministerial help for the past three years, and many of them had become discouraged, some having given up entirely. The district secretary being absent, we did not have a full report of the tract and missionary work done in the district the past quarter; but after listening to a discourse from Matt. 9:37, all promised to engage in this work in the future more heartily than they have ever done in the past. The Spirit of God came into our meetings; the courage of the brethren and sisters was revived, and we had some precious seasons together.

On Sunday, Jan. 20, their new meeting-house was dedicated to God and his service. The company here have but little of this world's goods, yet they have sacrificed and worked very hard to erect the building; and now it is done and nicely finished, and, best of all, paid for. Prejudice here is not so strong as in many places, and the house was well filled at each service. One united with the church, and some who had backslidden promised that they would return to their Father's house. Here, as in other places where I have visited, the brethren showed a willingness to bear their part of the burden in helping to pay off the indebtedness of our Conference. It is good evidence that men's hearts are in the work, when they are willing to help with their means.

J. M. REES.

Jan. 29.

IOWA.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.—During the past few weeks I have visited the following churches: Fairfield, Salina, Bonaparte, Croton, Rome, and Mt. Pleasant. At all these places we had excellent meetings. The preaching was mostly of a practical nature, showing the importance of true repentance, which will lead to a taking hold in all branches of this good work, the paying of our tithes not excepted. In no other way, can we so fully secure the blessing. The meetings were well attended, and some interest was manifested by those not of our faith. Our social meetings were of a very cheering nature. Testimonies mingled with confessions brought the Spirit of God into our midst, and all were encouraged to press on in the good work.

One was added to the church at Croton, and five at Mt. Pleasant. One at Rome decided to keep all the commandments of God.

Several new ones are engaging in the canvassing work with good success. I was glad to have Bro. C. A. Washburn spend some time with me at some of the places above named. Some time was spent in showing the tract and missionary and church officers how to keep their books. They now have more courage in this part of the work. The ordinances were celebrated at each place, and the Spirit of the Lord came in. The meeting at Mt. Pleasant was of special interest. My prayer is that the good work may go on in all these churches.

J. S. HART.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.—After our most excellent meeting at Des Moines, Dec. 7, I met with the little company at Moravia, who have recently finished a neat house of worship, which was dedicated to God at that time. There seemed to be some interest manifested by those not of our faith.

The first part of the week of prayer, I met with the brethren and sisters at Sandyville. They were trying to observe the season as suggested, and seemed to realize its importance. The Lord came very near and touched all hearts. From there I went to Storm Lake, where we had a most refreshing time, as all testified. Some backslidden ones were reclaimed, and all seemed cheered and encouraged.

I then went to Council Bluffs, where they had just spent the week of prayer in trying to draw near to God. This church is still growing in grace, I trust, as well as in numbers. They have bought a church house in a very good part of the city. I feel that the labor bestowed at this place is not lost. This church seems to practice as well as in-dorse the tithing system, as the last quarter's report shows. I then went to Confidence, where there was also a church to be dedicated. This is where Bro. Larson has labored for some time in the past. I next met with the company at Grinnell, and the following Sabbath and Sunday I attended the quarterly meeting at Atalissa. This church is in a growing condition. All seemed to feel much encouraged.

We had good meetings at all these places. The brethren were working with considerable zeal and good success with the petitions. In some localities it was the subject of much discussion among the people. Many will doubtless become interested in the truth in this way, who never would in any other. The work in our State is moving on slowly, but, we trust, surely. We are trying to take advance steps in all branches of the work. Favorable reports are coming in from the week of prayer from all parts of the Conference.

J. H. MORRISON.

ARKANSAS.

THE work in this State is not being established without some difficulties. Unforeseen obstacles have arisen of such a nature as to greatly discourage some branches, but I trust that God, in his own good time, will remove them. Nearly one year has passed since I entered the State, and almost my entire time has been spent in organizing and systematizing the various branches of the work. We have endeavored to systematize the business transactions of the tract society so as to open communication with every church and isolated Sabbath-keeper in the State, and to have the arrangement so perfected that all orders, letters, and other communications will receive immediate attention and prompt answers.

As our work is to reach the entire State, it became necessary to locate the depository in the most convenient place for all. In this matter providence has greatly favored us. A sister living in Argenta, a suburban village of Little Rock, and within easy access of the post-office, freight depots, etc., has opened her hospitable home, furnished a room for the depository, and board for the attendant, with very little cost to the Society. The wisdom of this move has manifested itself in the great increase of business that has resulted, more than three times the amount being transacted during the same time, than heretofore. Our churches and scattered members are manifesting a zeal far exceeding our expectations. During the six months previous to Jan. 1, nearly \$1,500 worth of our publications, at wholesale rates, had been scattered over the State. Considering that our work has but just begun, we feel this is no discouraging report to bring.

A sister who has been educated in the work, and who has made herself familiar with the new system of book-keeping, has been secured to take charge of the depository. She will spend her entire time in this work, so that all orders, letters, and other communications will receive prompt attention; and it will afford her pleasure to give any desired information. All communications addressed to the Arkansas Tract Society, Box 249, Little Rock, Ark., will reach the proper destination.

To secure agents in the canvassing field has also been a matter of no little anxiety. We have many men and women who desire to work in the cause, but without proper system and drill, discouragements soon defeat their work. Efforts have been made to organize companies, to secure efficient leaders, and to assist our brethren and sisters financially, that this branch of the work might be an assured success.

Some success has attended our efforts in this direction. A number are in the field, we trust permanently, and are now taking orders aggregating from \$100 to \$200 per week, although it is the inclement season of the year. Our State offers so diversified a field, with its fruit, cotton, and lumbering industries, that we think it will provide territory for the canvasser the year round.

I am glad to know that many of our members and church elders have gone to work in earnest. One elder in Boon County writes me that one was baptized, and four joined the church during the week of prayer, and he calls for ministerial work in a new field where an interest has been aroused by missionary labor. Several other additions were made to various churches during the week of prayer and the quarterly meetings, so that our numbers are gradually increasing. One family in Cleyburn County report an organized Sabbath-school of fifteen or more Sabbath-keepers; another reports from Fulton County that an entire neighborhood is stirred on the Sabbath question, and call for a minister. A good sister in Bradley County reports an interest to hear, and requests ministerial help.

The same comes from Howard, Pike, Lawrence, and other counties. Many of these calls are brought about by the tract work. We need and must have more ministers. It is hoped our brethren and sisters will heed the article in last week's REVIEW on tithing, that we may be able to answer your calls in this direction.

J. P. HENDERSON.

THE SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY.

ACCORDING to appointment, the fifth annual session of the stockholders of South Lancaster Academy convened in the S. D. Adventist church in South Lancaster, Jan. 11, 1889, at 9 o'clock, A. M. The President, Eld S. N. Haskell, being temporarily absent, the meeting was called to order by the Secretary. Prayer was offered by Bro. C. W. Comings. Prof. G. W. Caviness was chosen temporary chairman. On calling the roll of membership, it was ascertained that 219 shares were represented by members present, and forty-eight by proxy. At a subsequent meeting, the amount of stock represented was increased to 324 shares. The report of the last annual meeting being called for, was read and approved. Prof. Caviness then made interesting remarks relative to the present condition of the school, noting the fact that there has been a constantly growing interest in spirituality among the students in attendance during the last term. He also referred to the present financial condition of the Academy, and expressed the hope that the friends of the school will rally around it in its present embarrassment.

On motion, it was voted that the President be empowered to appoint the usual committees, which were subsequently announced as follows: On Nominations, F. B. Reed, F. W. Mace, and J. C. Tucker; on Resolutions, Elds. W. C. White, G. W. Caviness, A. T. Robinson.

The meeting then adjourned to call of Chair.

SECOND MEETING, MONDAY, JAN. 14, AT 9 A. M.—President S. N. Haskell in the chair. The committees not being ready to report, Eld. Haskell made stirring remarks in reference to the work of education, and the place that it should occupy among us as a people. The chairman of the Committee on Resolutions then presented the following report:—

Whereas, The warning message of Revelation 14 must be carried to all classes of people, and those who bear it, will need, more and more, a special fitting up for the work; and,—

Whereas, The spiritual growth of those who have heard the truth, and especially of the young, depends upon activity in the cause of God; therefore,—