State Capitol
State Capitol
Capitol Historical Dept

IOWA STATE BYSTANDER.

VOL. 5. DES MOINES, IOWA, FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1899. No. 42.

Iowa State Bystander.

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY BY THE BYSTANDER PUBLISHING COMPANY, FIFTH AND LOCUST STREETS, ROOMS 210 AND 211 MARQUARDT BLOCK.

IOWA 'PHONE NO. 899.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE AFRO-AMERICAN PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION OF IOWA.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL UNITED GRAND LODGE OF IOWA, A. F. & A. M.

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION.

One year.....$1.50
Six months.....75
Three months.....50
All subscription payable in advance.

J. L. THOMPSON, EDITOR.
J. H. SHEPARD, MANAGER.

Send money by postoffice order, money order, express or draft, to THE IOWA STATE BYSTANDER Publishing Company.

Communications must be written on one side of the paper only and be of interest to the public. "Brevity is the soul of wit," remember.

We will not return rejected manuscript unless accompanied by postage stamps.

IOWA'S LEADING COLORED PAPER.

CITY NEWS

Beulah Allen has been on the sick list this week.

Mr. A. J. Vaughn was seen out again after a long sickness.

Go to the New Fashionable Millinery on 5th street.

Remember the new Millinery on 5th. street for Easter hats.

Read our great bicycle prize offering on the fourth page.

Mrs Josie Meadows left this week for a visit in Albia her mother being sick.

J. L. Thompson, made a business trip down to Oskaloosa last Tuesday.

Rev. T. A. Clark and sons have added a tonsorial shop to their store at 318 E. Locust street.

Mrs. Maud Wyatt of Hamburg is here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. Craven's on 10th. street.

Congressman J. A. T. Hull arrived in the city last Sunday for a few days visit. He returned to-day for Washington, D. C

Grand Millinery Opening Tuesday and Wednesday next, 28th and 29th at Mrs. M. FLANAGAN, 517 East Locust street.

Married at 435 W. 2nd. street Thursday evening Mr. Lee Shaw to Miss Melissa Sampson- Rev. Reeves officatiing.

The programme for the A. M. E. Sunday school for Easter evening promise to be a success.

Rev. Manuel of New Albany, Ind. is an able divine, hear him at the First Baptist church on School and B street, he will preach morning and evening Sunday.

Rev. C. M. Holmes of Omaha will preach at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Holmes is a fine speaker and all are welcome at the Burn's church.

Rev. S. C. Manuel, the evanglist from Indiana has arrived in the city and is conducting a series of meeting at the First Baptist Church on School and B. Streets.

We are very sorry that we omitted to publish The Ladies Afternoon Club for last week which met with Mrs. Comely, the notice was left in our office, but in our Friday rush it was lost.

We are glad to announce that out of the many applicants for matron at the new Union station, Mrs. Wm, Mash was the successful one. Mrs. Mash is well known and well liked in our city and will make a good matron, we congratulate Mrs, Mash.

Two more of our boys that was in the colored company enlisted last Tuesday in the regular army, Mr. W. E. Battle of Garden Grove and Robt. Lusher of this city, they go to Ft, Spokane in Washington.

We omitted to mention in our last week's issue the marriage of Mr. Andrew Stewart to Miss Mary L. Lowett they were married at the home of Mr. Mrs. C. S. Stewart on the 14, by Rev. T. Reeves, it was a very quiet wedding. We wish the happy couple a long and pleasant life.

The Men's meeting is growing very interesting, last Sunday the church was comfortably filled to hear the programme, all responded except Dr. Lawther who could not be present, Mrs. Frank Blagburn's solo was good, and the paper by Mr. Sweeney meritorious also Lieutenant McAfee's address very interesting, instructive and was loudly applauded by all, The programme for Sunday the 26th., will be paper by Mrs. A. O. Smith; paper, Oliver Roff and an address by Sergeant Thomas Brown.

Grand Millinery Opening Tuesday and Wednesday next, 28th and 29th, at Mrs. M. FLANAGAN, 517 East Locust street.

Miss Bertie Hicklin one of our energetic young ladies has entered the C. C. College and will take a complete business course. We are glad to see our young people striving to secure higher education and become qualified for any position that may be offered.

Mr. and Mrs. Erickson entertained the Ladies Afternoon Social Club and their husbands Thursday evening the 23rd. Mrs. Harrison Gould was the guest of honor, light refreshments was served they then adjourned to meet with Mrs. D. Miller on Park street March 30.

The H. B. S. met at the home of Mrs. R. A. William, the programme was very interesting. The programme for March 30, is as follows: Discussion, Should we retain the Philippine Island. Affirmative Mrs. Hamilton, Negative, Mrs. Warricks. Adjourned to meet with Mrs. E. T. Banks 1049 Enos Ave.

Hon. J. L. Thompson. My Dear Sir: Through the columns of your paper, I beg to thank all the people of your city for the kindness shown my cousin during her recent visit among you. Especially Mrs, Meadows, Mrs. Warrick, Mrs. Williamson and J. L. Thompson. When I can serve you, please call on me.

Your obedient servant,
GEORGE H. WOODSON.

The entertainment given by the King's Daughters last Thursday evening was a success their musical and literary part was splendid a number was dressed in costums to represent the King' Queens, Nuns also the Gypsy girl ect. The basement of the church was nicely decorated with the King's Daughters' colors and flowers, great credit should be given the the young ladies for their success.

Another crowd of boys join the regular army to-day, and left at once for Ft. Arapho Arizona to join the 9th Cavalry.

Mr. Joseph Geneser, the cashier of the German saving Bank, droped dead last evening while going to his home. He was a good business man and well liked by all who knew him.

The Black Man's Burden.

Pile on the Black Man's burden,
'Tis nearest at your door,
Why heed long bleeding Cuba
Or dark Hawaii's shore?
Halt ye your fearless armies
Which menace feeble folks,
Who fight with clubs and arrows
And brook your rifle smokes.

Pile on the Black Man's burden.
His wail with laughter drown,
You've sealed the Red Man's problem
And now take up the Brown.
In vain ye seek to end it
With bullets, blood or death—
Better by far defend it
With honor's holy breath.

Pile on the Black Man's burden,
His back is broad though sore,
What though the weight oppress him,
He's borne the like before.
Your Jim-Crow laws and customs,
And fiendish midnight deed,
Though winked at by the nation,
Will some time trouble breed.

Pile on the Black Man's Burden,
At length twill Heaven pierce,
Then on you or your children
Will reigns God's judgements fierce,
Your battleships and armies
May weaker one appall,
But God Almighty's justice
They'll not disturb at all.

—H. T. JOHNSON, in Christian Recorder

Keep Quiet

and use Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for all pains fo the stomach and all unnatural looseness of the bowels. It always cures.

Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of the English Baptist Church at Minersville, Pa., when suffering with rheumatism, was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: "A few applications of this linement proved of great service to me. It subdued the inflamation and relieved the pain. Should any suffer profit by giving Pain Balm a trial it please me." For sale by all Druggists

PHOTOGRAPHS of the strictly UP-TO-DATE Kind are made by

Edinger

605 Walnut street, Des Moines, Iowa.

JOHN L. THOMPSON,
ATTORNEY AT LAW
Practice in State and Federal Courts. Rooms 12, 13 West Fifth street. Iowa phone 899.

CHEERS GREET BRAVE EIGHTH.

Tears Mingle With the Welcome to Chicago's Gallant Colored Soldiers.

REGIMENT GETS HOME FROM SANTIAGO

MARCHES THROUGH STREETS TO ROAR OF HEARTY HURRAHS OF THOUSANDS.

RECEPTION AT THE ARMORY.

Beautiful Dinner Served and Laudatory Speeches Delivered—In Fine Quarters in Tattersall's.

THE boys of the Eighth Illinois Volunteers are back from Santiago and San Luis. Mid roars of cheers and shouts of praise they returned Saturday to old friends and new friends, returned to feel that Chicago was eager to acknowledge their equality in patriotism and bravery and intregrity with the other troops who represented Illinois in the Spanish war.

COMMITTE OF GREETING.

In the regimental escort were the members of the committees, including: Union League—Captain M. L. C. Funkhouser, Major E. J. Harkness, General William Scoy Smith, Major W. L. B. Jenney, Major Francis B. Riddel and Will H. Clark.

Executive committee—S, B. Turner, A. H. Roberts, George Jones, D. H. Taylor, D. S. Bailey, J. H. Harris, W. R. Cowan, J. A. Scott, Major T. Webster Brown, Beaugard F. Mosley. Representative W. L. Martin, W. H. Curd, Rev. R. C. Ranson, W. F. Taylor, D. C. Smith, Lieutenant John E. Hawkins, R. M. Mitchell, Wesley Plummer, L. W. Washington, T. T. Allain. Adam M. Beckley, Isaac J. Reed and Major J. Gray Lucas.

Reception committee—Ed H. Wright Ferdinand L Barnett, George Turley James E. Swanson, J. G. Shaw, Patric H. O'Donnell, W. C. McCord, Rev. Goerge Washington Gains, F. D. Hale, Colonel Henry L. Turner, H. T. Elby, S. H. Trude, J. W. Jope, colonel Ben F. Johnson, Frank T. Fowler, L. B. Anderson and W. Harper.

MARCH TO THE ARMORY.

Through the streets of the West Side to the Second regiment Armory the black heroes marched, and a continuous ovation was theirs west of the river east. Madison street was thronged on both sides with a cheering, enthusiastic crowd as the boys in blue came on with their flying colors. Turning into Halsted street, the men proceeded north to Washington boulevard and thence west to Curtis street and the Armory. Here a force of policemen was kept busy keeping back the surging sea of people. The mounted members of the executive committee preceded, the carriages with guests of honor were emptied, and the boys came to "order arms" and "parade rest" while the way was being cleared for their triumphial entry to the armory, where their wives brothers, sisters, sweethearts and friends awaited them in eager anticipation.

The good things which the Chicago friends had so bountifully provided weighted down the eleven tables, which completely covered the floor sdace of the armory. At the far end gathered behind the tables, which had been set across the end of the hall for the officers and guests, were gathered the 200 women, whose untiring efforts had provided so bountifully for the 1,200 men, bright-eyed and fairly dancing for joy at the return of their own soldier boys, these helpsul coadjutors at home waited, scarcely able to restrain themselves from rushing pell-mell to embrace their loved brothers and husbands and sweethearts. Among them were delegates from the following churches: Bethel, Quinn Chapel, Olivet Baptist, St, Stephen's M. E., Bethesda, Provident Baptist, Hyde Park M. E., Grace Presbyterian.

DINNER ALL PREPARED.

G. W. Dixon, D. S. Gillespie, J. E. Helmback and Wm. E. Burnham of mayor's committee had done yeoman service in arranging the detailes of the great dinner, and stood ready to see the crowning chapter of their work. Head Waiter J. G. Pegg had his forces well in hand and every plate was piled with substantial food and dainties. Everywhere the wall was decorated with the colores of the country the men had been so anxious to serve. On the tables palms and greenety added to the effect.

Then the boys marched in, first came the band playing "Marching through Georgia" louder and louder grew the music and the erect figures of Drum Major Jesse Cash led the gray-uniformed musicians single file around the rows of tables to the east, while a mighty cheer—a cheer to thrill the men and spectators through and through—made the rafters ring. In that cheer the chief element was the happy shouts of the women—the women who had not seen their boys for so long. Closely following the band came the veterans in their light blue caps cloak and service hats, their muskets at "right shoulder." At sight of them the cheers and wavings of handkerchiefs from the waiting women and men and friends in the galleries burst fourth with new emphasis. The files passed along the tables and the men of the several companies to the places assigned them. many a one there was, too, who rushed from his place when gun and haversack and canteen had been safely bestowed to clasp wife or sweetheart in his arms. Drum Major Cash was the envid of all the envious when he halted his band at the north end of the room. He was the object of all the girls' undisguised admiration as he he waved his baton and conducted his band in his bright uniform.

After the visitings and the feasting came the speeches. Edward H. Wright presided, and on the stage at the north end of the hall, and with him were the members of the executive committee, the speakers, Mayor Harrison, Lieutenant Governor Northcott, Rev. R. C. Ransom and Zina R. Carter and Mrs. F. H. Green, representing the Ladies' Camp Tanner auxiliary. Others were Colonel Henry L. Turner of the First Illinois, Colonel Edward C. Young of the First Cavalry, Colonel Marshall of the Eighth and Patrick O'Donnell.

Chairman Wright introduced Mayor Harrison as the first speaker. He said:

Colonel Marshall and officers and Men of the Eighth Regiment:—A great many pleasant duties fall to the Mayor of the City of Chicago, but none of those duties are more pleasant than that of welcoming home men who have born their share in meeting danger for the flag we all love so well. It is true that when the Eighth Regiment left Chicago the war was practically at an end, but a greater danger lay before you men when you left to take the place of the gallant First, a regiment we all remember as having come home and marching through the streets worn and stricken with disease. When the Eighth left it went to face a danger as great as can threaten any race. More courage was required to face that danger—fever—than to meet the enemy in open battle. If the boys of the Eighth should meet the Spaniards on the field of battle we know they would eat the Spaniards up Fevers cannot be met openly. They are insidious foes and no one can guard against them. Therefore I say that the heroism displayed by the Eighth in going to Cuba was as great as the performance of the gallant Tenth cavalry or the Twenty-fourth Infantry on San Juan Hill. In Egypt the greatest courage was displayed by the Soudanese under Kitchner, and as those dusky soldiers helped carry the flag of England farther on for civilization, so have the colored troops of the United States aided in the great work this nation has begun in the cause of freedom. Chicago is proud of the Eight Regiment. Chicago is proud to welcome you home with open arms. On behalf of the City of Chicago it is my pleasant duty to extend to you the welcome of eighteen hundred thousand people.

MR. NORTHCOTT'S SPEECH.

Lieutenant Governor Northcott represented the governor, said in part:

Mr. Chairman and officers and Soldiers of the Eighth:—On behalf of the governor of the great commonwealth of Illinois I welcome you. I want you all to join with me in giving three cheers for the gallant Eighth. You left your families, your friends, your sweenhearts, willing to do what you might. In the late war, amidst the hot sands of Cuba, when the gun barrels were so hot that to handle them was well neigh impossible—then came fourth the colored man and faced death on the San Juan. Worthily do they and you wear the uniform of the United States—worthily is your citizenship held when you shoulder your musket. Now can it be well said that the citizenship of this country has been well examplified in Cuba, when all sections, blue and gray, and all colors, white and black, have fought side by side and mingled their blood on the hot sands of Cuba. Soldiers, your fathers and mothers, your sisters and brothers, have good reasons to be proud of you to-day. I thank you on behalf of the State of Illinois for the service you have so nobly rendered the American Republic.

Mrs. F. H. Green on behalf of the Camp Tanner Women's Auxiliery said in part:

Our hearts have thrilled with pride at your splendid courage, and with the thought of such heroic sacrifices in our minds we have coupled the words of holy writ, "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend." Generations of downtrodden ancestors have begotten in you such pathetic understanding of misery, such ready sympathy for those who are commanded by tyrant, for you to hold back your hand would have been impossible.

REV. R. C. RANSOM'S ADDRESS.

Rev. R. C. Ransom's address, coming as it did from a member of the colored race, was full of sentiment. He said in part;

To-day we realize the goal of our ambition. A regiment in which every man, from colonel to private, is a Negro, has gone to the front and returned with record unstained and with flying colors. The heart of Chicago, of Illinois and of America rejoices. America has shown the world that she stands on the side of liberty. While she has enlarged the national domain, she has added ten millions of dusky children of the Orient to mingle with her ten million of dusky children of the Occident, to gather under the dominion of liberty and the law. The President of the United States has said that the rancors of North and South have been buried in the trenches around Santiago and Manila. Let us take one step farther and bury vilification and mob violence on account of color. Colored men have been heard of in the wars of the United States before- There were Negroes with the patriots at Concord and Lexington; there were colored men with Jackson at New Orleans; men of our race fought with Banks and with Butler and with the gallant Shaw. and they were with Grant at Appomattox. And the black patriots have left a record on the pages of American history fron Bunker Hill to San Juan Hill.

We are proud of our heritage—a heritage alike for black or white. Some wondered if the colored men could fight.

AND THEY DID FIGHT.

Our previous record ought to have told them we would. Never has a grander courage been demonstrated than by our boys of the gallant Twenty-fourth at San Juan. And those who thought that Negroes could not fight under officers of their own race had evidently forgotten Cetewayo, the gallant Zulu king, and the men who fought in Hayti and San Domingo. And our regiment, officed all by colored men, has done its work faithfully and come back without a blot upon its escutcheon.

The colored people are elbowed to a great extent from the walks of life, but you cannot eliminate us from the history of this country. If we were out of the Constitution you could not understand it. We were the incentive for speeches by the great Sumner. Webster and Calhoun. And in much of the best literature is the Negro given place. All we asked was to be given a chance. It has been given us, and we have shown what could do. And in the front ranks of industry as of battle will we go if given a chance.

ORGANIZING CONGRESS.

The 56th., Congress which has a republican working majority in each house will be called upon to vote for a bill which will be presented to reduce the representatives in Congress and the Electoral College in proportion to the number of qualified voters according to the number of male citizens permitted to vote over 21 years old thereby excluding those persons who are not qualified or elegible to vote according to their State constitution. It is true the new law would not effect the Northern; Eastern or Western States, as all of their citizens above 21 years of age are permitted to vote, while in most of the Southern states the right of sufferage is cut from the colored citizens by state laws, therefore if they are not considered a qualified elector or a voter they should not be permitted to count those persons in making up the number of Congressmen or Electors they are entitled to; if the bill should become a law the representation from the Southern states would be cut down about one-half their number. We would like to see the bill become a law, it is just fair and honest and would be one of the best lesson for the Southern states and their number is thus reduced they would loose their influence, strength in Congress, we hope New Congress will pass such a law.

GOVERNOR IS WRONG

After that horriable butchery and awful murdering of those nine colored men in Georgia last week; while of course he bitterly denounced the act as brutal, says that the colored soldiers from the North was the prime cause of it, because of putting meanness into the Southern Negro, further said that the colored soldier was a disgrace to the blue than mentioned Capt. Brandt's company.

Let me say to the Governor he is wrong about our company perticular and the Negro soldier in general is not a disgrace to the blue, they have been a credit to the blue from Bunker Hill to San Juan Hill, history bears this fact. Not the idea of a one narrow, prejudiced man saying. The governor's ideas and all men like those ideas are a disgrace to the toga of American citizenship, unworthy to be called Americans, much less loyal people, perhaps the light of reason will penetrate the cerebrellum of those Southern white people that they may know and do their duty toward all people.

MADE TO REJOICE.

Langston, Okla., the only town in the United States that is absolutely controlled by colored people, gave a banquet and reception at the A. M. University building, to the board of Regents, members of the press and other guests, in honor of the appropriations secured from the late legislature. This institution is a general territorial university for colored students It has secured from the legislature $10,000 for an additional building, $15,000 for equipments and $15.000 a year for carrying on the school.

EIGHTH ILLINOIS WELCOME HOME.

Chicago has again added another crown to her history and fame by so heartly extending her open arms to receive the colored regiment last Saturday the 18th. It is said that Chicago is the Mecca for the colored people, and that all men are treated with equal justice. That fact has been fully demonstrated by the true loyal spirit in which all the citizens irrespective of color joined in the grand triumphial welcome accorded the colored soldiers, It was perhaps the first colored regiment ever organized in America with colored officers, from Colonelcy down to corporal. The Eighth was recruited from the old Ninth battalion, formally commanded by Major Buckner, to a full regiment. On August the 4th Governor Tanner telegraphed Secretary Alger, asking that the First Illinois regiment who had engaged in the battle at Santiago be sent home, and another Illinois regiment sent in its place, as the First was fatigue with heat, sick with malarial and other deseases. The next day Governor Tanner said that the 8th Illinois, made up exclusively of colored, wanted to go and take the place of the 1st; this exchange was accepted, the journey was made in haste, and on the 16th of August the work of disembarking was begun. This act alone shows the greatest of bravery and loyalty on the part of the colored boys, because they went in the time of great excitement, and grave perils, as the hot winds and fever was at its highest. The long list of dead at the battle of Santiago was read, yet the boys left their peaceful, quiet little homes of comfort and good health, and went to the fever stricken district and battle scared fields of Cuba to fight for human liberty and protection of American homes—yes we are forced to say that some of the American's homes do not appreciate their worth—even the narrow mind, half witted governor of Georgia has so declared—but we are glad to know that a large majority of American people appreciate the brave 8th, especially the intelligent people. The 8th is a credit to our race or any race. No complaint of any kind has come from the men, neither have they had any newspaper notoriety. It has performed its duty in a soldiery way in spite of attempts to excite prejudice against a colored regiment commanded by colored officers. It has a splendid record within its nine months of service it has only lost 19 men. We would like to say more, but suffice it to say that the record of the regiment and the discipline is the best possible endorsement that can be given.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. T. L. Griffith and Miss Cora Thomas accompanied by Miss "Storm" Sheffey spent a few days of this week at the parental home.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Snoddy was made merry on last Thursday evening by the marriage of Mr. Dan Waits to Miss Hallie Hughes both of this city, Rev. Williamson officiating, only a few friends invited. They will make their future home at Hawhen Valley.

The P. L. D. Literary Society will render the following programme on next Thursday evening: Song by the club; Paper, Burt Jones; Solo, Warn Mines; Quartett by four young men; Question box conducted by Rev. Williamson: Recitation, Bud Jackson; Recitation, Willie Grayson; Duet, Fred and Fannie Parker; Recitation Myrtle Tolson; Essay Mattie Boman; Recitation, Roy Grayson; Debate Resolve, that we gain more knowledge by observation than we do by reading. Affirmative, Lewis Franklin, Negative, May Davis.

St Patrick's day was observed in grand style in our vicinity this year a very interesting programme being rendered in Perry's Opera House on that day.

We had the pleasure of attending a very interesting and instructive lecture to the young people at the Christian Church on last Tuesday evening.

SIOUX CITY ITEMS

The entertainment given by the Stewardess last Friday evening for the benefit of the Presiding Elder was well attended. The Elder preached an excellent sermon.

Mrs. H. Whitten has returned to her home at Yankton after a short visit with relatives in the city.

Mr. Richard Darr of Yankton will make this city his home in the near future.

The family of Mr. J. Askew are all on the sick list also Mesdames Herns and Washington are among the sick.

Mr. John Williams was knocked down by a snow scraper one evening last week and quite seriously hurt,

Rev, Fisher will leave for Keosauqua Friday to hold quarterly meeting at that place.

Rev. Fisher has given up his charge at Yankton and will give all his time at this place Rev. Wright will go to Yankton.

The Ladies Club met with Mrs. J. Washington last week they will meet with Mrs. A. Cason Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Carrie Brown is in the city the guest of Mrs. B. Crawfords

Mr. John Mathews has gone to Des Moines on special business.

The writer had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Chas. Williams' carpet cleaning machine in operation it is a wonderful construction, several carpets are put in at one time, they are thoroughly cleaned without hand or stick and are made to look like new, give him your carpets to clean.

THIS WEEK'S CORRESPONDENT.

The Sunday School is preparing for Easter.

The stewardesses are preparing to give Easter entertainment for the benefit of the pastor.

The ladies I. P. society met with Mrs. C. Williams, last Thursday afternoon. they will meet with Mrs. D. Downing this week.

Mrs. John Morgan is quite sick.

Those who are on the sick list are Mrs. J. Washington Messrs. Shores and W. Williams.

Mr. M. Wright is getting along nicely at the Samantha Hospital.

Mrs, M. Smith and children have gone to Yankton to visit,

The uses and abuses of the Negro and what can the Northern Negro do to help the Southern Negro was ably discussed at the A. M. E. church last Thursday evening, the best speakers of the city took part and the subject was handled intelligently and enthusiasticly, those who took part were Rev, Fisher, Messrs Brown, Shields, Washington and Patterson, after this a literary society was organized the officers are President, A. Patterson; Vice-President, Mrs. Grant; Secretary, Mr. Shores, Asst. Secretary; Mr. Morgan Treasurer and Rev. Fisher Chaplain we may expect to hear something good every Thursday evening.

MOUNT PLEASANT NEWS.

The executive board of the Iowa Baptist Association met with the Second Baptist church Wednesday morning with Rev. D. E. Muriff of Galesburg, Ill as chairman. The Board held a pleasant session which was characterized with much spiritual interest. Rev. J. W. Muse of Ft, Madison preached Wednesday evening on the suject of Ye Are God it was one of the finest sermons that has been preached in the city for sometime. Rev. S. Bates of Des Moines preached Thursday evening to a full house during which meeting fourteen bowed for prayer and three came to the altar, the board adjourned Thursday evening to meet with ithe Baptsst Sunday School Convention at Muchakinock, Ia. in June The members of the Board present were, Rev. Muriff, J. W. Muse, A. M. Coalston, S. Bates, M. J. Burton, P. Jones, J. H. Jones, Rev. Muriff preach a very fine sermon Friday evening.

Miss Anna Jones who has been visiting relatives and friends in the city left last Friday for Decatur, Ill.

Extensive preparations are being made by the A. M. E. church to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the church the Celebration will last two days Apr. 2nd. and 3rd. Rev, Alexander of Ottumwa is expected to assist in the meeting.

The Sunday School of Second Baptist church are preparing a fine programme for Easter, those who wish to hear some thing nice, come.

Miss Humphrey of Creston will address the C. E. S. at the A. M. E. church Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Spotts left for Chicago last Sunday night, she will soon make her home in Creston.

Rev. P. Jones and J. H. Jones left for their homes last week after attending the Executive Board of Second Baptist church.

Mrs. H. Clark is still lying very low.

Rev, Bates returned to his charge in Des Moines last Thursday.

Rev. M. Thornton. President of Campbell College in Jackson, Miss., is in the city visiting relatives and soliciting aid for his college.

Rev. Wm. Bates of St. David, Ill. is in the city assisting D. J. Tate with his revival meetings.

Rev. J. W. Muse of Ft. Madison Ia., returned to his home last Friday, on his way home he received the sad intelligence of the sudden death of his son in Hot Springs, Ark.

Subscribe for this Bystander.