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#### LEAVE THE PAST WITH GOD.

How often when some work is done,  
A short hour passed, a dear friend met,  
Or at the setting of the sun,  
We do in mind the past regret.

We wish some word unsaid had been,  
Or, one expressed that stayed in thought,  
Some foolish actions, never seen,  
As they to others evil brought.

We are tempted then to worry, fret,  
And bitterly our selves accuse,  
That we no better did, and yet  
Such worrying never is of use.

Remember this: we simply live  
Just what we are, no less, no more;  
If we to others good would give  
Our HEARTS must be made right before.

'Tis only as we daily yield  
Our souls to God, reserving nought,  
When His own life in us is sealed  
That we can do the things we ought.

And having placed all in his care,  
We should not for the past repine;  
But like the small birds of the air  
Be joyful in the love divine.

L. H. CHRISTIAN.

#### TO OUR CANVASSERS.

As the time has arrived when our canvassers will begin to send in their orders for books, I thought a few words would be in order.

If you have not sent in for order blanks please do so at once, and be sure to get your order in to the Minnesota Tract Society at least two weeks before you expect to have them shipped; otherwise we cannot guarantee your books to arrive on time.

If you order books sent by express, which you will not need to do unless you are in a hurry for small lots in closing up your delivery, be sure there is an express office at the place named, Do not order

books sent by freight to a place not on the rail-road.

Always check up the contents of each box of books as soon as you open it and see that it agrees with the bill we send, and if any difference or error occurs, have some person check off all the contents with you, and send us a report at once, giving full information of the nature of the error. We will use every precaution to prevent mistakes, but they sometimes occur. They are a part of the heritage that Satan brought when he came to this world.

Keep a copy of all orders for books you send to us.

If you have not the money to pay for your books until they are delivered, we will send you the first box free of collection and send the second box C. O. D. and collect the amount due on both boxes. If you wish to order on the two box plan, order 60 per cent of your books in first lot or box a, and 40 per cent in box b. Or if you order on the three box plan, order 40 per cent in first box, 35 per cent in second, and 25 per cent in third box. We send the first box in your name and the others in the name of the Minnesota Tract Society, and if there is a bank at the place where your books are sent, we draw on you through the bank, or in other words the bank collects from you what is due us, and upon settlement the bank delivers to you the bill of landing which enables you to get the books at the freight office by paying the freight. If there is no bank at the place where the collection is made, we send the C. O. D. to the express office, and they make the collection instead of the bank, but it is cheaper where practicable to make the collection at a bank.

We also have printed notification postal cards which it would be well for you to order and send out to your subscribers, notifying them when their books will be delivered and requesting them to have the cash ready when the books are delivered.

By observing the above regulations you will accommodate yourselves and oblige the Minnesota Tract Society.  
L. B. LOSEY, Sec. and Treas.

#### FAMILY TENTS FOR CAMP MEETING.

THE time for the Camp-meetings is near and, please brethren, shall we hear from you *immediately* in regard to this matter? Please write to L. B. Losey stating size of tents desired, so we may know how to accommodate you. We do not wish to ship more than are needed as the expense will be a loss to the conference on those not used. We ask you to write without delay so we can ship the number needed and the size desired.  
N. W. ALLEE.

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‡ THE SABBATH SCHOOL. ‡

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DOING OUR DUTY.

We are in this world and life brings its responsibilities, yet how few of us, if we are to judge by outward appearance, have any just estimate of the responsibility laid upon us. If we are to believe our Saviour's words we are momentarily gathering souls and bringing them nearer to Christ, or we are causing them to wander from Him. I am sure, both from words of inspiration and from what I have seen, that we influence souls to leave the warmth of God's love and the joy there is in surrendering self and giving all to him when we associate with them, and lack that complete surrender ourselves. When we are not completely given to Christ, when we have not forgotten self, I mean just that "forgotten self," we cannot really perceive the depths of the voice when God speaks to us; hence, we are not really led by Him.

Now if this is true that we must have a vital connection with God, be entirely swallowed up in His will, before we can in any measure impart that Spirit to others, I wish to ask our Sabbath-school teachers, have we this vital connection? Our Sabbath-schools are the nurseries of the church. They should bring souls to Christ, yes, *clear to him*, not part way, and not only bring them to Him but help them to grow strong. Are they doing that? Are the pupils in your classes tender and susceptible to the influence of the Spirit? If not, is your heart tender? It is absolutely necessary for a Christian to be thus; in fact that is what it means to be a Christian, to be in a condition so we can hear God speak. Now honestly, can we expect those whom we teach to have tender hearts or more living experiences than those who teach them? True they may have but not by the teacher's influence. The pupil will be drawn to Christ in proportion as Christ is lifted up and the teacher is dead to sin.

As I have been thinking this matter over I have come to the conclusion that our schools do not need better plans so much as the deep moving of the Spirit of God. It scarcely seems possible that a scholar can sit under the deep moving of the Spirit—that is where they should sit if in our classes—and not be moved to action in six months.

I do not see how they could occupy such a position for a year. I am of the opinion that if I

have taught a class for a year and the majority of them have not a living Christian experience, the fault is with me. But in many Sabbath-schools there is neither conversion nor growth. Teachers, is it so in yours? If so will you seek the reason at the throne above? Let us wake up; our schools should be alive and active. They do give to those attending them a good mental knowledge of the word, but do they give as much as they ought of that knowledge which is life eternal? I fear they do not, and I am afraid the great reason is, we as teachers, have not as much of that life as we ought to have. Let us examine ourselves whether we be in the faith for if Christ is not in us we are not saved and so of course cannot save others. We will speak more of this at another time. In the mean time carefully think this over. C. L. EMMERSON.

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Review Exercise on the Chinese Mission Field.

Let each draw and bring to the school a map of China, locating on it the principal rivers and mountain ranges and the great desert, (or point these out on the large map.)

2. How does China compare with the United States in size, climate and products?
3. Describe the people of China.
4. What is "China's great curse?"
5. How commonly is it used?
6. Will the Chinese ever hear the gospel? Matt. 24 : 14, Psa. 22 : 27.
7. How will they hear it? Rom. 10 : 14, 15.
8. How can a preacher be sent to them?

A. L. L.

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• NOTES FROM THE FIELD. •

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WASECA.

I am always glad to read the reports from workers in the State, or out of the State, so I consider it my duty to make a brief report of our work.

To begin with I will mention some matters which will make us think that we are pilgrims and strangers on earth.

On the 9th inst. I was called to Hutchinson, to see the aged mother of Sr. John Hom to her last resting place. On Sunday the 11th inst. the funeral took place in quite a large Methodist Church about 5 or 6 miles west from Hutchinson. The church was well filled, and the good Lord blessed in presenting the truth as it is in Jesus, in regard to man's hope for life beyond the grave. 1 Cor. 15, 22, was the base of the discourse. I never had a more attentive audience.

While this was an aged lady, and had seen over 70 years pass by, a report came that a two year old child of Bro. and Sr. Garlapp was dead; the next day

this matter had to be seen to: on this occasion the subject of the remarks were based on Matt. 18, 3.

On the 22nd inst I was called to Lake Crystal to attend to Sr. Bertha Cookson's funeral, which took place on the 23rd inst in a nice and large Methodist Church. The church was well filled with attentive hearers. Job 14, 14 was used for the opening of the remarks. The facts that man has no hope beyond the grave, outside of Christ, were dwelt upon, and the fact that eternal life is given on condition of faith in Christ only, the Lord made plain.

I am glad to say that this Sr. Cookson passed away reconciled, without the least struggle. She had only reached the middle of her 22nd year. Those from whom she was separated, do not grieve like others who have no hope; thanks be to the Lord for that.

Now in regard to our work hear at Waseca, I wish to say a few words. As reported before our attendance has been quite small from the beginning. Yet I am glad to report that five have already begun, and others will, we hope, soon begin to keep the Sabbath of the Lord.

We have thought of moving our tent this week, but we see such evidences of the working of God's Spirit, that we have been obliged to put it off; even individuals who have not attended the meetings, are showing a deep interest in the truth, both among Germans and English people. Surely the Lord will lead out those people who are honest.

We have sold nearly 225 copies of the extra *Sentinel* and 50 *Sigus* per week for the last three weeks. We hope they may awake some honest souls. At any rate it affords a good opportunity to meet the people, and in many cases present the truth to them.

We have had very bitter opposition. We have been called so bad that the devil in hell refuses to have us. That however does not make us feel bad at all, for if that is so we are fully persuaded, the dear Lord will take pity on us and take us into his kingdom.

We are all of good courage in the Lord.

J. J. GRAF.

#### MINNEAPOLIS.

WE moved our tent the 29th of July, as was stated in our last report, nine blocks nearer the center of the city, and pitched the tents on 21st St. and 10th Ave. South.

The people around here are mostly Scandinavians and appear friendly toward us.

We hold meetings every night except Mondays, and the attendance has been very good from the first.

We have tried to set the truth before the people, plain and pointed, as it is in Jesus, and we begin to see fruit of our efforts. At present a goodly number are interested. We trust that these dear souls may make the right decision, and while we labor for them we ask all the readers of the *WORKER* to remember us and the work at the throne of grace.

One interesting feature of our meetings, are the Saturday night meetings, when we answer questions that have been written and sent in.

The 9th of Sept. Eld. Eriksson leaves for the school at College View, and Eld. H. Johnson will take his

place in the tent, and the meetings will continue as long as the weather will permit.

Yours in the Work,

J. M. ERIKSSON,  
F. JOHNSON,  
G. HOFFMAN.

#### HUTCHINSON.

SINCE reading Eld. Allee's article in the last *WORKER* on our local Camp-meetings, I have thought seriously of the question. How many will appreciate these blessed privileges? Brethren and sisters, the Lord says, "New light and power is descending upon his people," but in the same "Special testimony," he tells us that many are "now dead." Have you felt the "new light and power?" Are you certain that you have? It will not do to be uncertain. There is too much at stake. In the days of Noah, "a multitude at first apparently received the warnings of Noah," but as "the period of their probation was drawing near its close," they failed to endure the trial,—Sp. of Proph. vol. 1, p. 71.

"As the days of Noah were so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Brethren come to these meetings. Come to seek God for this light and power. You will see by every paper that the clouds are gathering closer about the "little flock." Let us not delay and thus give Satan more time to invent means to persecute the people of God. Let us arise, and in the power of God do *our part* in closing this message, that we all may the more quickly regain the kingdom.

CLARENCE SANTEE.

#### MAHTOWA AND ATKINSON.

SINCE my report in the *WORKER* which should have been headed Mahtowa instead of Barnum, I have commenced meetings at Atkinson four miles north of Mahtowa. I still hold an occasional service at Mahtowa and am following up what interest has developed there by personal work. The interest at Atkinson is much better than at any time at Mahtowa. Our attendance is not large as there is only a small settlement of Americans in this vicinity. A few attend regularly and give good attention to the word.

I am of good courage in the work and hope to so relate myself to the Lord that he can use me to forward the work in this new field.

Brethren remember us in your prayers.

M. A. WINCHELL.

DEAR WORKER:—

Last Sabbath and Sunday was spent with the brethren at Hewitt. The Lord was present to bless our meeting together and the brothers and sisters were much encouraged in the work of the Lord. The Sabbath-school occupied quite a prominent place in the instructions given, especially was the early inculcation of reverence for God and his worship dwelt upon.

A goodly number of Sunday people were out to hear on the Two Covenants and most of them seemed very much interested although it was discovered that Sunday had no place in the New Covenant. Good meetings were held at Eastern and Gordon on our return.

When I arrived at home I found two of the children quite sick. Pray for us. W. B. HILL.

✓ WARREN AND EUNICE.

DEAR brethren and sisters, the light of truth is growing brighter and brighter, and this is as it ought to be. At Warren we had good meetings and enjoyed much of God's Love, although the times were very busy. The crop is splendid this year. Yes, as good as they ever had in this country.

Sabbath, Aug. 17, three souls followed their Lord in baptism.

I came to Eunice Aug. 23, and stayed there till the 29th. We had good meetings and as the love of God was dwelt upon, we were made to see our own smallness as never before. Sabbath, Aug. 24, a young sister was baptized, and Wednesday, we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's House. Some were out in the harvest and could not be present.

JOHN HOFFMAN.

I received an urgent invitation to go to Annandale the 16th, to assist a little in the tent work at that place. It was not so that I could go till Sunday the 18th. It was thought that all would have been ready for work the Friday previous; but for several reasons the tent was not ready for meetings till the Monday evening following. Since that time meetings have been held each evening, with an encouraging attendance of from 40 to 60, old and young. The people seem very friendly, and we all most earnestly hope that good may be accomplished.

Bro. Thos. Whitelock and wife reached the place the middle of the week. This gives a full force with the tent, so that as it will not be necessary that the writer should remain, he will return to St. Paul, to push the work with the public press.

H. F. PHELPS.

ITEMS.

Eld. N. W. Allee returned home Monday morning looking somewhat wearied from his arduous labors among the churches this summer.

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Ye editor has just received a very interesting communication from Eld. G. B. Tripp, written from the interior of Africa, on his way to Matabeleland. He was within two weeks travel of the end of his journey, traveling in company with other brethren overland having two wagons and a two wheeled cart drawn by 17 yoke of oxen. As there was not space in this week's WORKER the article will appear next week, and we are sure the readers of this paper will be interested in these articles that are appearing

from week to week from our dear brethren who have sacrificed their homes and native land to go and carry the Gospel of peace and light to those who are sitting in darkness. We hope our delinquent subscribers will remember that 35 cents is due the publishers, and send it in before their names are dropped from our list. For the small sum of 35 cents can you afford to miss these interesting experiences of our brethren who have gone to foreign lands, besides keeping pace with the work in our own State?

Let us hear from you at once; three ten cent stamps and one five cent is all we ask.

THE BOOK WORK.

CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR WEEK  
ENDING AUG. 23 1895.

	Book	Ord.	Hrs.	Val.	Val. Helps
P. O. Johnson	G. C.	10	39	\$21.50	\$1.25
K. O. Sjaahem	" "	24	52	52.00	.95
L. H. Christian	" "	12	30	26.25	
Clarence Patch	" "	2	37	4.00	
C. Nelson	" "	15	43	44.00	5.25
F. E. Rew	" "	11	50	24.50	1.55
Iver Hilda	P. J.	34	48	52.50	2.00
Albert Nelson	" "	1	14	2.00	
N. G. Henrikson	" "	11	60	18.25	4.30
H. E. Sjelstad	" "	11	64	23.20	4.68
S. H. Wing	" "	23	36	52.35	1.30
Amos Ritchey	" "	3	14	5.25	
C. E. Burgeson	" "	5	33	9.50	5.20
David Quinn	B. R.	22	23	45.25	
May Peterson B.R. & Steps	7	10	4.65		
Othilla Johnson	" "	4	8	2.40	
H. E. Nash	B.&R.	7		13.00	2.00
N. Mortenson	D.&R.	5	38	9.75	2.25
Totals	18	232	619	\$474.35	\$29.83

DELIVERIES.

H. E. Nash	1 Bible Reading	value \$ 1.75
Othilla Johnson	8 " "	" 15.50
May Peterson	7 " "	" 14.25
N. Mortenson	8 Dan. and Rev.	" 16.00
	24	47.50

Bro. Quinn canvassed among the business men of Mankato the past week, and you will notice by his report he has done well. He reports that he took 4 orders in one house.

Bro. P. O. Johnson and K. O. Sjaahem canvassing in Cavalier Co. N. Dak. both report that they find many who are deeply interested in the truth of God's word for this time.

L. H. Christian writes of canvassing a family that were not at home when he called the first time; he found the lady keeping the Sabbath as the result of reading our papers, and he took two orders for his book as others of her relatives are interested.

Truly it is encouraging to learn of how God's Spirit is working upon the hearts of the people through the printed pages of truth that are being scattered.

C. M. EVEREST.