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"Minneapolis Mission".

FROM letters received from time to time, we are led to the conclusion that there is a false impression abroad in the State in reference to the "Minneapolis Mission". It will be remembered that in every instance where the writer has spoken of this matter in the WORKER, the mission has been *prospective*. From the first we have been unalterably opposed to starting such a work unless it could be done without incurring a debt. The least estimate that has appeared in the WORKER, as necessary to start such an institution was \$800. From all the light we can gather, we see no reason to lower this estimate, as it may cost much more. A number of appeals have appeared for the necessary means, but after all that has been said, we have only about half the amount needed.

After much prayer and careful consideration the Committee have decided that they can see no light in starting with this amount, and thus add to the debt we have so long been struggling with. Hence we have no *Minneapolis Mission* or *Workingmen's Home*. We are exhorted to start with what we have, and exercise faith for the balance. It occurs to us that we have a large amount of that kind of faith laying around in the shape of unpaid debts. It is just as easy to exercise faith beforehand and thus avoid the trouble that has followed so many of our enterprises. A call was sent out to the brethren to send provisions, clothing, etc. to be distributed among the poor, by the Minneapolis church. Some have responded by sending goods to "The Minneapolis Mission" or "Workingmen's Home". Now, unless objections are raised, these donations will be used as indicated in the call, and judiciously distributed to the poor as they have need. As to the Mission, it is now growing so late in the season, that it is thought advisable to refer it to the action of the assembled Conference.

Do not from this gather the impression that nothing is being done in Minneapolis. The church

is doing a noble work in searching out the poor and needy. Many are the touching experiences related, and the judgement alone will reveal the good done.

C. W. FLAIZ.

District Conference at College View, Nebr.

THERE is a call for a District Conference to convene in College View, Feb. 14 to 23. Many matters of importance will be considered, and it is desired that there shall be a full attendance from our State. Experience has taught us that such gatherings may be made very profitable to our laborers, and hence to the cause by giving them broader, and personal knowledge of the various lines of work.

Personal contact and acquaintance with workers of other conferences, helps to unify the work. At a recent meeting of the Conference Committee it was decided to ask our ministers and licentiates to go if they possibly can. We know that our workers are not situated so that they can be to the necessary expense. We have therefore decided that full time will be allowed just the same as though they were in the field, and the R. R. fare will be allowed one way. We think this a liberal offer, and trust that all will avail themselves of this opportunity.

It will be necessary for us to know who will go as soon as possible, that arrangements may be made for them. Write to me at your earliest convenience and let us know if we may depend upon you to go.

C. W. FLAIZ.

Wells Institute.

AN institute in the interests of the Sabbath-school work and in the interest of missionary work, both home and foreign, was held at Wells from January 7 to 9.

Bro. Ellis and Sr. Fannie P. Johnson were present especially in the interests of the Sabbath-school, and Sr. Ellis in the interest of the missionary work.

In the sessions of the Institute devoted to the Sabbath-school work quite a large range of subjects were presented in papers or talks by different ones, and afterwards discussed by those in attendance. The needs of all, officers, teachers, and students, including the little children, were considered. The instruction given was plain, simple, practical, and easily applied.

In the presentation of the subject, "How to study the Sabbath-school lesson", the importance of a proper attitude of mind and proper methods of study were shown. Also that our study should be deep and

thorough. "Child Study" and "Kindergarten Work" were considered, and the importance of dealing carefully and discreetly with the youthful mind was impressed; and the best methods of developing character and instilling sacred truths were brought out. In a paper on "How to get all at work", it was shown that it can only be done by all getting the spirit of work from Him who always worked unselfishly for others because he loved them. The subject of reviews was considered and the sentiment seemed to be in favor of short reviews bringing out clearly and distinctly the main points in the portion of scripture reviewed. The necessity of officers and teachers having regular weekly meetings for the purpose of seeking wisdom from God, who giveth to all liberally, and studying and counseling together was shown, and the benefits derived from such a course were pointed out. The subject of teaching and what it really comprehends, also received some attention, and the importance of correct principles and well defined methods in making clear and impressing sacred truth were considered.

On the Sabbath Sister Ellis led out in the study of the Bible-reading prepared for this date and in the evening after showed the leading and guiding hand of God in foreign work, and how this gospel of the kingdom is beginning to be carried "to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people".

The necessity of a union with Christ, the source of all wisdom, as a preparation of all work in church or Sabbath-school or elsewhere prevailed all the instruction, relying wholly upon the Lord, exhibiting a tender and loving spirit, and in short, becoming like the great Missionary and Teacher, in character, was shown to be the qualifications without which all our efforts to instruct or benefit others will fail. "Every man to the work, each one to do his best" was inculcated.

The instruction seemed to be well received and it is hoped will be a benefit to all who attended.

P. S. OLSEN.

* THE SABBATH SCHOOL. *

OUR most encouraging reports the past quarter have come from the small schools. We are so glad to know that the Lord is blessing the "little flocks" all over the State. If there is a single family in the State without Sabbath-school privileges who reads these reports, may they be encouraged to start one at once. The following report shows the blessing which was gained in this work.

Mora Sabbath-school reports,—“Our school is so small that we thought it hardly worth reporting. We have been accustomed to attending the Sabbath-school in Hutchinson and at first seemed very discouraging work to try to keep up a school of six members, but we were not willing that our children should be deprived of such privileges, so we have tried to do our best and I must say that our children have taken more interest in the lessons and learned them better than when they were in the large school.

Our five year old baby girl is often able to answer nearly all of the questions both in the review and the lesson for the day.”

The Sabbath-school at Amor reports.—“Our little school is progressing finely. I have been in schools much larger but no more interesting, if as much so. Our lessons have all been so good that we can not help being interested in them. The workers here are so faithful that it must tell for good sooner or later. Our number must be increased.”

Stewartville reports,—“During the past quarter our school has not been quite so large as usual, but with the beginning of the new year it has increased in numbers somewhat, and as soon as we can get our new church building finished so that we can hold our meetings there we shall have at least six classes in the school. On account of having to hold our meetings in a private house this quarter we can have but three classes.”

The Scandinavian school at Eunice reports,—“We have reason to praise the Lord for his blessing in the Sabbath-school.

The Sabbath-school Worker is a great help to me. I wish that we could get it in our own language, it would be of so much more value to us but I am trying to do the best that I can. Our membership is now fifteen but the number is much larger in the summer time. It has been two years since any minister or worker has visited this place. I join with you in seeking the Lord with all my heart and mind.”

FANNIE P. JOHNSON.

• NOTES FROM THE FIELD. •

Litchfield.

SABBATH, Jan. 1, we held our quarterly meeting. There was only a few of us but we had a good season. The Lord blessed us. We were all strengthened and encouraged.

On Sunday the treasurer read the financial report which showed that during the past year this little company has contributed for various purposes over seven hundred dollars (\$700). The Christmas offerings were \$42.17.

There are no special developments in our work here. I am delivering fifty copies of the *Signs of the Times* each week. Have collected about twelve dollars for the same and received five dollars donation for the *Signs* work. The subscriptions are for three months. I have now delivered four numbers and will commence tomorrow (Friday) to deliver the first number for 1898. What a beautiful paper it is! I am so glad we have such a good and beautiful paper to take to the people, and the people are well pleased with their paper, and I hope to secure many yearly subscribers. I am thoroughly convinced that after careful study and actual experience in the work, that canvassing for the *Signs* is the work of God. I know it is one of the best ways to bring the Present Truth before the people. You see they get all the message in the *Signs*. If a family read the *Signs* for three

months, they will know more about the Coming of the Lord, the State of the dead, the Resurrection, the Sabbath Question, and the Glorious Gospel of Christ, than if they had attended meetings and simply heard a sermon each week on those questions. You see they can study the subjects, and their teacher never gets red in the face, or becomes excited, and says things that ought not to be said. It simply states the truth and says it the same way every time; and don't you know that the simple statement of the simple truth is impressive? "Truth crushed to earth will rise again, the eternal years of God are hers. While wounded error sinks in pain, and dies among her worshippers." O I am so glad for the truth. I am so happy as I go from home to home taking them the precious truth of God. I tell you, I am not ashamed of "that Advent paper", the *Signs of the Times*. Nor am I ashamed to go to the homes of the people and urge them to buy and read it. But do they read it? you may ask. Yes, they do. I know they do, for they speak to me about certain articles they have read in the paper and ask me questions about certain Bible subjects, and about what S. D. Adventists believe. So last week I put a little tract in the paper, entitled: "What we believe and what we do not believe". So you see I am happy and I am making others happy, for a lady said to me when I delivered her paper, "I am so glad to get a paper to read on the coming of our Lord".

Say, my brother, do you know that there are many dear hearts that are longing for the coming of Jesus? Well there are, and may God help you and I to tell them. Let us all take up the cry! "Behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him." Now my brother, my sister, do you want to be happy and make others happy too? Well I will tell you how; You take No. 1 of Vol. 24 *Signs of the Times*, go and show it to your neighbors, urge them to subscribe at least for three months. Many of them you will not have to urge; all you will have to do is to simply show it to them and they will take it. O my brother, what are you doing to save your neighbors. I beseech you to make an effort. Do something. "Throw out the Life line". God bless you. May you save some, for Jesus sake. "Soon will the season of rescue be over", let us be faithful now. My dear brethren, you can save souls from death. God says so. I believe it. Let us all go to work, and finish the work He has given us to do. Let us do something and do it now.

If any of our brethren are passing through the town and wish to see me, we will be glad to have you come to our home. Our "hired house" is near the high school building, just across the street, N. W.

DANIEL NETTLETON.

Lake Benton.

TWO WEEKS ago I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and consequently was obliged to discontinue my work for the time being. I am well again for which I am thankful. It is my present in-

tention to begin a special series of discourses the 21st of this month and trust there will be an ingathering of souls as a result of this effort. We still have some outside interest which I hope to be able with the Lord's help to develop. Our little company here is growing strong and all seem full of courage. It is comforting to know that the prayers of the faithful follow us.

Our Christmas offering was \$11.50.

O. O. BERNSTEIN.

CANVASSERS' REPORT

	DELIVERING.		Val. Helps.
	Book	Val.	
Louis Skadsem	C. O. S.	\$20.00	
D. A. Deedon	" " "	63.85	\$1.50
Martha Lee	" " "	6.25	6.00
I. T. Andrus	" " "	4.50	.50
Ernestine Richel	" " "	2.50	
Mrs. H. Truesdell	" " "	4.70	
H. E. Shelsted	" " "	10.10	
K. O. Shawham	G. C.	11.50	.50
		\$123.40	\$8.50

This report is for the past few weeks, and is rather small, as a large number of the canvassers are attending the school. There are others who will begin canvassing soon, so we hope to get a good report from them later on.

Those who are attending school are enjoying much of God's blessing, and many are planning to enter the field of labor another year. We praise God for what he is doing for us and only regret that many others are not present to feast upon the good things we enjoy, and thus prepare themselves for the work of God. Are there not others who will join us soon?

J. F. POGUE.

St. Paul.

THE work has opened up here with every indication that the Lord is guiding. We could find no satisfactory place at first, so were led to ask the city counsel to donate us the use of the Market Hall, with a capacity of 2,000, for three nights. It seemed almost presumptuous, but we moved by faith and the Lord met us more than half way. Our request was granted upon condition that we pay for the lights, only about \$2.50 per night. This we did gladly, the donations more than covering the expense. We advertised extensively and had intelligent audiences of from 200 to 300. We then secured a smaller hall in the same building at a very reasonable rent. Our meetings are in progress with good interest. Eld. Phelps assists in the meetings; and the church lifts nobly in the burden-bearing. To the Lord be all the praise.

D. E. SCOLDS.

Alexandria.

ACCORDING to the appointment in the Minnesota WORKER I met with the company at Alexandria during the Week of Prayer.

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Meetings commenced Wednesday evening, and the Lord came near with his good Spirit. A social meeting followed each Reading, and the interest increased as the meetings advanced. As we met on the Sabbath the Lord met with us and we all felt that it was good to be there. The dear ones there gave good testimonies and resolved to live out the precious truths that we had been studying. They all praised the Lord for giving them the instruction in how to live out the truths for today, and promised the Lord to live nearer to him in the future than in the past.

There are honest souls there that are holding up the light and if faithful till Jesus comes, will hear the "well done".

The offerings were not all paid in, so will let the church report that.

W. C. EMMERSON.



Eld. A. J. Stone was a pleasant caller at the office the first of the week, he having just returned from a very successful meeting at Artichoke, a report of which will appear in next weeks WORKER.

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Bro. Geo. E. Kelly of Donnellson, Iowa, writes that he would be glad to correspond with a Seventh-day Adventist farmer living in Minnesota, with a view to hiring out to work on a farm. He has a wife and one child. Address as above.

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Brethren P. O. Johnson, Gust Henrikson, H. E. Shelstad, H. E. Nash, F. E. Rew, five of our most successful canvassers, started out from Minneapolis last week to do colporter work among the people whom they have canvassed during the summer.

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While a minister of the gospel was preaching to his congregation last Sunday in the city of Bourbon, Indiana, on the subject of Satan, in walked the minister's son in disguise, just for a joke, representing himself as the evil one, and walking down the aisle saying, "I am the Devil, I want you all". A panic ensued, and the people rushed out of the building, knocking over the stove, and setting the house on fire. It seems the boy knew too much about the works and ways of satan. Moral, preach Christ.

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In a private letter from Eld. Grant of College View, Nebraska, we learn that some very interesting meetings have been held in that place during and since the Week of Prayer. He says there are about 200 young people and children there outside of the college, and such a convicting power and turning to the Lord he has never seen since 1844 as he has seen in the last few days with the young people and children. Truly, he thinks the latter rain is falling there. He closes with the admonition to his many friends in Minnesota to "Get ready, get ready, get ready".

Those who were acquainted with Bro. Robert Nash while a resident of Minnesota will be interested to read the following from an eastern correspondent, which shows that the good seed sown is bearing fruit. The communication reads as follows:

"We have received a communication from Bro. Owen, who is now in Mississippi, in which he mentions an interesting incident in connection with his meetings held recently in Amory. You may remember that it was in this town that Bro. Robert Nash was arrested in the spring of 1895. Justice —, who himself instigated the arrest, on the occasion of his trial, gave evidence of the deepest prejudice against our brother and his principles. Greatly to our surprise, Bro. Owen states that Justice — of his own accord, announced from this same school-house where the trial was held, on a recent public occasion, the meetings which Bro. Owen had appointed to be held there, and he has been regular in his attendance on the same, taking a part in them by speaking and by prayer. He seems heartily sorry for the part he took in that trial, and it seems wonderful how his feelings have been changed. Unquestionably the Spirit of God is striving with the hearts of men, and it certainly behoves us to enter into co-operation with him for the enlightenment of precious souls."

OUR goods sell best when known. Last week we sent one mill and 100 lbs. peanuts to a man and now comes an order for six mills and 100 lbs. more, No. 1 Spanish shelled peanuts from the same party.

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ARTHUR MOON, Eagle Lake, Minn.

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