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"SEALING THE SAINTS."

OUR dear Jesus soon will come
In the clouds, to take us home.
Soon he will, with mighty power,
Proclaim the awful judgement hour.

Calling to his saints below,
That their time has come to go;
Now the waiting time has come,
Christ is sealing,—one by one.

Soon the sealing will be o'er,
Then probation holds no more.
This will close the world of sin,
Christ will thrust his sickle in,

Garnering his faithful, here below,
Who have yielded not to foe.
They will go to reign above,
Where there's joy, and peace, and love.

There to live for ever more,
On that bright eternal shore;
There to praise their Saviour, dear,
For his untold suffering here.

The following is an editorial from the *Chicago Daily Inter Ocean* of Apr. 23, 1895, and from the reading of it I should judge the editor had been reading S. D. A. literature. It is re-produced in the WORKER not because there is any new thought or idea in reference to the Sabbath question, but to show to the world that thinking minds are waking up to the truth as to which day is the Sabbath. Thus the truth is being sown broad-cast over the land through the secular press.

L. B. L.

SUNDAY SERMONS AND NEWSPAPERS.

The season being dull, Rev. J. M. Caldwell, of the South Park Avenue M. E. Church, took for his Sun-

day morning text "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," and meandered into a denunciation of the Sunday newspapers. The Sunday newspaper is not published or read on the Sabbath day. The Saturday newspaper is published on the Sabbath. "The seventh day" is that on which Israel was commanded to "do no work, thou, nor thy sons, nor thy daughters, nor thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, nor the stranger that is within thy gates." We believe Mr. Caldwell reads the Sabbath, i.e., the Saturday, papers with commendable regularity. Once for all, this clerical juggling with words should cease. Sunday is not the Sabbath of the Bible, and every preacher knows that it is not.

Not only is Sunday not the Sabbath, but it is not a holiday observed for or because of the reasons that bound Israel to Sabbath observance. Of the Sabbath—our Saturday—it was written, "thou shalt keep it holy, for in six days God created the heavens and the earth, and rested on the seventh, wherefore he hallowed it." ~~The Sabbath was instituted wholly, and solely for commemoration of the ending of the creative work of God, and for inculcation of the need of rest.~~ The Sabbath was not so much a day of spiritual meditation as of physical rest. There is not a passage of scripture, not one, in which commandment is given for change of the Sabbath from the seventh to the first. The fourth commandment is one of those that Christ came not "to destroy, but to fulfill." His life and death changed the central idea of man. The end of the creation became an unimportant fact, the regeneration became the central thought of the world. Hence the Sabbath fell into desuetude. It is observed now only by a part of the Jews, and by a smaller part of the Christians. The observance of Sunday is customary with Christians, but, as we conceive, by habit of reverence only. We know of no divine command for the observance of Sunday. We make bold to say that there is no direct divine command for its usage.

We admit the abiding force of the spirit of the Mosaic law, that one-seventh of each man's time shall be restful. The spirit of the fourth commandment survives, though its letter has become inoperative. But we plead that the Sunday newspaper abridges no man's rest. We contend that it makes the rest of many more pleasant and more ennobling. We protest against the utterance that the Sunday newspaper "militates against spirituality." We dislike to use the word, but twaddle is the only word applicable to such utterance. Excepting a very few there are no human minds capable of enduring twelve consecutive hours of intense spiritual exaltation; and it is well

that it is thus. Where is the preacher who lives from daylight to dark of any Sunday without appreciation of, or remark upon, the pleasures of food, sky, air, or other physical occurrence? Who lives, or can live, a Sunday's length without thought of aught save what is scriptural? The wise law of Moses put no such commandment upon men as some of our preachers would enforce. It did not forbid cheerful converse, nor pleasant journeying into the country; it forbade toil; just that and nothing more.

Sunday should be a glorious day, a day in which the mind frees itself from sordid care, a day of spiritual exaltation, a day of high thought. Wherefore, sermons are good, when they are not bad, and books are good, when they are not bad, and the like is true of newspapers.—*Daily Inter Ocean. Apr. 23 '95*

**REPORT OF WORKERS' INSTITUTE HELD
IN MPLS. APRIL 10 - 24.**

THE meetings increased in interest to their close. The Spirit of the Lord was present all the time, but at times in a more marked way than at others, or some of us were more susceptible to its influence at some times than at others.

Bro. C. Santee, formerly of the Missouri Conference, was welcomed among us during the institute. We trust Bro. Santee will feel at home with us here and that he will, through the blessing of the Lord, be a help in this conference. We truly believe it will be so.

Bro. E. A. Curtis passed through Mpls. on his way to his new field of labor in Illinois on the 23^d. He remained with us a few hours, and gave us an interesting and important lesson from the Lord's letter to us. We are loth to part with Bro. Curtis, but the one who "worketh all things after the counsel of his own will" knows what is best. What we lose, Illinois will gain. We all certainly wish Bro. Curtis real success in his new field of labor.

Bro. H. R. Johnson gave us some very instructive lessons on the Law, during the latter days of the institute. Bro. Santee gave us some good lessons also. Bro. Durland left us before the institute closed and Eld. W. B. Hill gave us our last evening lesson from the text, "Seest thou a man diligent in his business; he shall not stand before mean men." The lesson was truly helpful as it impressed upon each soul the importance of diligence.

Among other things which were discussed with interest was the extension of the circulation of the *Signs of the Times*. Prices have been made so reasonable since the paper has been taken by the General Conference that the paper ought certainly receive a very wide circulation. As we know the

object of this paper is to do pioneer missionary work, but as none of us wish to work without knowing what we are doing, we each ought to have this paper ourselves, both that we might know what we are scattering, and because it contains so much real practical matter which we need. The price for single subscriptions is \$1.00 per year; twenty-five copies to one address 60c per year, fifty copies 55c; one hundred copies 50c; two hundred fifty copies 45c.

These prices are so incredibly cheap that many may be inclined to immediately get very large clubs. This we trust will be done; but, brethren, if you have let your smaller clubs lie on your hands what is the object of getting more to do nothing with? Really we are anxious to have all of these taken that can be used but no more. It was decided after due consideration to leave the work of advising societies concerning the number of papers to be taken and the best way of disposing of them, principally to the Corresponding sec'y. of the state tract society. But before that instruction arrives we trust all our brethren will do their best to supply themselves with this excellent sheet at \$1.00 per year.

Another thing which we felt especially interested in was the financial condition of the conference. Bro. Allee read a report something like the following to us. I give a copy as it is very encouraging. Interest bearing obligations disposed of during the year \$5,650., of which \$4,450. was actually paid. \$7,200. of interest bearing obligations have been disposed of during the last two years, and \$6,000. of this amount has been paid. Interest bearing obligations yet to pay \$3,500. Non-interest bearing obligations to pay \$3,400. By carefully noting the above we see that if we are faithful to do all we can, we can soon have the conference out of debt. Let us take courage and go forward.

Many reason if each one pays so much, stating some small amount, we will get out this year, and perhaps their estimate is all correct, but the great trouble with the reasoning is that there is a good share who can do so very little that not more than one-third of their estimate holds good. Let each of us do the best we can to raise this debt even though we are working for the master in many ways, and the Lord will bless our efforts.

The institute closed on Tuesday night and those who were in attendance were, in a short time, on their way to their allotted fields carrying the blessing of the Lord with them.

C. L. EMERSON.

✧ MISSIONARY WORK. ✧

REPORT OF LABOR OF MINN. TRACT SOC.
FOR QUARTER ENDING MAR. 31, 1895.

Membership	890.
Letters Written	789.
Letters Rec'd.....	505.
Bible Readings held	653.
Subscriptions obtained for per.....	152.
Missionary Visits.....	550.
Per. Dist.....	17,212.
Pages books and tracts dist.....	219,505.
No. Societies reporting.....	57.

The letters accompanying the reports show that an active spirit of missionary labor has been manifested during the last quarter in nearly all our societies.

Work has been carried on in nearly every line of Christian effort.

Personal distribution of papers and tracts, work by correspondence, caring for the sick and the poor, visiting from house to house, all have been engaged in, with encouraging results. A commendable interest is shown in missionary meetings, and the many inquiries on different points show an increasing desire to find and use the best methods possible in our work.

Attention has been called to the librarians' meetings to be held in connection with the Camp-meeting. These have been appointed during the last week of the meeting in order to accomodate those who wish to attend, but who could not spend two weeks on the ground. We hope that every society may be represented.

A. E. E.

‡ THE SABBATH SCHOOL. ‡

BUCK'S MILLS.

I am glad to say that God has been with us through the past quarter with his blessings, and we have received much benefit from the study of the lessons, and also from the Bible studies in the MINN. WORKER by Eld Allee. I have translated them into the Swedish and used them in our Sabbath-school.

F. L. JOHNSON.

LAKE CITY.

WE have had a good interesting school. I would like to see more interest in some, but as some of the members of the Sabbath-school are not converted, we cannot expect too much of them. As for the reviews I think they have been good; how could they be otherwise with such good lessons? I tried to make them as simple and plain as possible for the children, and whenever I could, I had an illustration for the black-board. The children like such exercises. I have found many ways to interest them in the five minute exercise. We are all of good courage, and hope our school will grow in interest and numbers.

H. B.

OSNABROCK, N. D. (SUNDAY SCHOOL.)

I am thankful to say the interest is increasing in our school. One family, especially the mother, is interested in our reading. She says she will read anything, when last summer she would not say anything or read anything. I think the *Little Friend* and Gospel Primer with the teaching have touched the parents hearts. One who is a very worldly woman seems glad to have her children study the Bible, and understand it.

MRS. J. C. G—

• NOTES FROM THE FIELD. •

I take the liberty of quoting a few words from a personal letter just received from one of our old and time tried laborers who is now canvassing in Mississippi. His many friends will be interested to hear of his faithfulness and courage in the good work.

The letter also gives a hint as to what all may expect sooner or later who "live Godly in Christ Jesus."

Can we not say with Paul that "I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake?"

Amory, Miss. May 2nd '95

I have been putting in a small corn crop to spend Sundays and recreation days in. Grand place to recruit up.

I have been threatened some for Sunday work, but the Devil has got to howl about some-thing. I heard they had got out a warrant for me, but I haven't seen any thing of it as yet.

I am of good courage in the work here.

Yours in the work

R. T. Nash.

HAVE YOU SUBSCRIBED?

FOR what? For the *Minneapolis Tribune*. Have you sent in the names of your friends yet? Have you given your next door neighbor, who will not attend the Camp-meeting, an opportunity to subscribe? If you have done all this, it is well, but if you have not done so, why not? Is there a good reason? By the time this reaches the reader, more than one week of this month will be past; and only a little more than two weeks before the Camp-meeting will remain. The reports will begin the very first day of the meeting; and all should have the first issue of the paper. During the first week, the principles of religious liberty will be presented; and all will want these reports.

Remember: Now is the time to act. Let us have a good list, right at the start; for the publishers must have the names before the meeting begins. Send all names and 20 cents each to L. B. Losey, Minneapolis, Box 989; or else order through the librarian. H. F. PHELPS.

THE BOOK WORK.

CANVASSERS REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 26, 1895.

	Book	Ord.	Hrs.	Val.	Val.	Holps.
F. A. Detamore	B. R.	25	48	\$44.75	\$	2.50
A. E. Just	"	6	37	10.50		1.30
Geo. W. Weise	"	23	38	53.75		16.05
Iver Hilda	P. J.	18	54	23.00		1.00
Albert Nelson	"	2	51	3.00		1.35
N. G. Henrikson	"	18	53	37.00		3.46
H. E. Sjelstad	"	12	45	22.50		1.97
P. O. Johnson	G. C.	16	55	36.00		1.75
Christine Hanson	"	6	24	12.75		2.10
S. J. Johnson	"		35			
H. E. Nash	Dan. & Rev.		26			3.40
N. Mortenson	"	4	35	10.00		4.45
S. H. Wing	Glo. App.	17	12	4.40		
J. F. Emmerson	"	13	12	3.85		
Ida M. Rice	"	21	14	7.45		.50
Emma Hanson	"	16	9	7.65		
Rachel Budd	"	20	13	6.25		
Mollie Boyer	"	17	12	5.45		
Maggie Walde	"	20	21	5.75		
Segrid Lovedahl	"	18	23	4.85		
John A. Lindin	"	23	23	6.95		
				295	640	\$315.85 \$39.83

C. M. EVEREST.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

We cannot send any more of the Apr. 11th number of the *Sentinel* at 50c per hundred as the number we had on hand have been disposed of. We have quite a number of the Jan. 17th and March 21st special numbers that will continue to sell at 50c per hundred which is about half what they cost us. If any wish more of the Apr. 11th numbers we will send your order to the publishers and have the papers sent direct to you.

MINN. TRACT SOC.

We have just received 400 copies of the new edition of the Gospel Primer, and it is much more attractive in appearance, and has 32 pages of new

matter added which will add very materially to its selling quality. While the price remains the same, twenty five cents, the value of the book is very much enhanced. If you have not seen a copy send 25c in stamps or money order for sample copy to Minnesota Tract Society.

Minnesota Tract Soc.

THE annual session of the Minnesota Tract Soc. of Seventh Day Adventists will be held in connection with the Camp-meeting June 4 - 11. First meeting at 3 o'clock p. m. Tuesday June 4th. Election of officers for the ensuing year and other business pertaining to the work of the society will be done.

N. W. ALLEE.

Straw Ticks.

THE mattresses formerly supplied by the conference are entirely worn out and useless, so there will be none for rent this year. It will be necessary for those coming to bring straw ticks with them. Please do not depend on mattresses as there are none. One word more in regard to tents. Please send in your orders immediately so we can arrange to supply you.

N. W. ALLEE.

Minnesota Conference.

THE next annual session of the Minnesota Conference will be held in connection with the Camp-meeting at Merrian Park, St. Paul, June 4 - 11. First meeting at 9 o'clock a. m. Tuesday June 4. We trust that there will be a full representation of delegates from each church in the conference. The annual election of conference officers and their important business will be transacted.

N. W. ALLEE.

Reports, Reports.

WILL each laborer of the conference please remember to have his annual report ready for the auditing committee by May 29th, so there need be no delay, as it is desired to have all such business finished during the Workers-meeting. The first meeting of the auditing committee is appointed at 9 o'clock Wednesday May 29th. Brethren and sisters please don't delay the committee in their work by not having your reports ready.

N. W. ALLEE.

WE have just received news that Bro. E. G. Burdick who has been employed in the Minneapolis Post-office department for the past few years, received notice from the post master that he would be given till Friday night to make up his mind whether he will give up his position and salary or give up the Sabbath. Further particulars next week.

L. B. L.

Would you sell the Sabbath for \$1,000 per year?