

THE MINNESOTA WORKER.

"Whatsoever thy Hand findeth to do, do it with thy Might."

VOLUME 7.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., NOVEMBER 27, 1895.

NUMBER 3.

THE MINNESOTA WORKER,

—ISSUED WEEKLY BY THE—

MINNESOTA TRACT SOCIETY.

Subscription Price, 35 cents a year.

Send all Communications and Subscriptions to
THE EDITOR,

L. B. Losey, - - Box 989, Minneapolis, Minn.

Entered at the post-office at Minneapolis as second class mail matter.

WHAT IT COST.

"FOR ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for *your sakes* he became poor that ye through his poverty might be rich." 2 Cor. 8: 9.

In this gift is shown "The great love and condescension of God in giving his Son to die that man might find pardon and live." God and angels are intensely interested in our salvation." Angels were so interested for man's salvation that there could be found among them those who would yield their glory and give their life for perishing man. But that would avail nothing. Nothing but the death and intercession of God's Son would pay the debt and save lost man from hopeless sorrow and misery." Sup. to Early Writings. God has made man an associate in carrying on this work of salvation; and in order that he can render acceptable service, the same principle that moved Christ to make the sacrifice of himself to effect salvation, is the same that must prompt the heart of man to labor "with God" in the accomplishment of this great purpose. God so *Loved* the world that he *gave*, not lent or sold, his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." It was his love that moved the heart of Christ to give himself for us. This is the principle that moves the heart of man when he renders service that is acceptable to Him that has called him to be a co-laborer in the work of redemption.

In 2 Cor. 5: 14, 15, we read, "For the love of Christ constraineth us: because we thus judge that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live, should not live henceforth unto *themselves*, but unto him who died for them and rose again."

It cost our Saviour all that he possessed to bring us

salvation, and it will cost all we have to receive it. "So likewise whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath he cannot be my disciple. Luke 14: 33. The Corinthian brethren first gave themselves to the Lord and then their substance, and this by the will of God. 2 Cor. 8: 5, 6. Now in the very closing of the gospel work, greater liberality should, yea, will be seen in the people than ever before. At this very time the power of darkness will press powerfully. Early Writings page 128. "I saw that satan bade his angels lay their snares especially for those who are looking for Christ's second appearing, and keeping all the commandments of God. Satan told his angels that the churches were asleep. He would increase his power and lying wonders and he could hold them. "But" said he "the sect of Sabbath-keepers we hate; they are continually working against us, and taking from us our subjects, to keep the hated law of God. Go and make the possessors of land and money drunk with cares. If you can make them place their affections upon these things we shall have them yet. They may profess what they please, only make them care *more* for money than for the success of Christ's kingdom or the spread of the truths we hate. Present the world before them in the most attractive light, that they may love and idolize it. We must keep in our ranks all the means of which we can get control. The more means that the followers of Christ devote to his service, the more will they injure our kingdom by getting our subjects. As they appoint meetings in different places we are in danger. *Be very vigilant then.* Cause disturbance and confusion if possible. Destroy love for one another. Discourage and dishearten their ministers; for we hate them. Present every plausible excuse to those that have means lest they hand it out. Control the money matters if you can and drive their ministers to want and distress. This will weaken their courage and zeal. *Battle every inch of ground.* Make covetousness and love of earthly treasures the ruling traits of their character. As long as these traits rule, salvation and grace stand back. Crowd every attraction around them, and they will surely be ours. And not are we only sure of them but their hateful influence will be exercised to lead others to heaven. When any shall attempt to give, put within them a grudging disposition that it may be sparingly. I saw that Satan carries out his plans well. As the servants of God appoint meetings Satan with his angels is on the ground to hinder the work. He is constantly putting suggestions into the minds of God's people. He leads some in one way, and some in another, always taking

advantage on the evil traits in the brethren and sisters, exciting and stirring up their natural besetments. If they are disposed to be selfish and covetous, Satan takes his stand by their side, and with all his power seeks to lead them to indulge their besetting sins. The grace of God and the light of truth may melt away their covetousness, selfish feelings for a little, but if they do not obtain entire victory, Satan comes in when they are not under a saving influence and withers every noble, generous principle, and they think too much is required of them. They become weary of well doing, and forget the great sacrifice that Jesus made to redeem them from the power of Satan, and from hopeless misery."

How glad are we that the Lord in his infinite goodness, has pointed out the dangers that are around us in these perilous times and promised us grace by which the enemy is to be overcome. The precious cause of God is inviting us to contribute of our means as well as our work that the message of earth's coming King may be carried to all the nations of the world. We are cheered to see such love for the cause on the part of many of our brethren, that the specious devises of Satan to rob God's cause of means, and his people of the precious blessings are being defeated by their generosity and faithfulness in rendering to the Lord his own in tithes, and also making offerings. This year has been one of Spiritual as well as temporal blessings. Our general meetings in different parts of the State have been seasons marked by the presence of the Spirit of God and occasions of rejoicing and refreshing. We must believe that the brethren will esteem it a privilege to now remember the needs of the cause in our Conference as well as the work in other lands. Our ministers are of good courage and willing to press the battle to the gate. Hope and trust in the success of the message is the comfort of many who have been long in the way. Greater faithfulness will characterize the life of the children of God.

Dear brethren let each branch of the cause be remembered with a liberality commensurate with the rapidly closing work. We hope that the monthly pledges and offerings to pay the indebtedness will come in fully, so that we shall soon be free from debt. We must make provision for the advancement of the work for another year. If ALL will aid in the work the burden will be comparative light. We shall expect to see much accomplished in the advancement of the message in the near future.

N. W. ALLEE.

INSTRUCTION FOR CHURCH ELDERS.

At the late meeting of the Conference Committee it was decided to give some lessons of instruction especially adapted to the needs of church elders, provided a sufficient number would attend to warrant in making the effort. This instruction will be given in the form of institute work, and held in connection with the canvasser's school.

The school is to begin January seventh, and this Institute work to begin the first Tuesday in Febru-

ary, 1896, and continue for three weeks. These lessons will be given outside of the school hours, so that those attending can have the benefit of the Bible study of the school in addition to the lessons on church work. The time will be when it seems that it will be most convenient for church officers to attend. We hope that there will be some who can attend the whole school term, but we are sure that there are those who cannot attend for so long a time, but would be glad of a short term of instruction bearing on their duties as officers of the church. The Conference committee willing to supply this need so far as consistent has decided that such instruction be given if a sufficient number of officers will attend. The instruction will be free. Board and lodging will be furnished at cost with the students of the school. We desire to hear immediately from church elders whom we may expect to attend so the necessary arrangements can be made. Will our churches consider this and urge their officers to attend. Local work of the church must fall more and more upon the local officers and they should seek to qualify themselves for the responsibility. Let us hear from you brethren.

N. W. ALLEE.

MISSIONARY WORK.

THE following short extracts from letters lately received will be an encouragement to those who are using the *Signs* to be faithful and diligent in their work; and we wish that they might also be an incentive to others to engage in this most excellent line of missionary work.

"In reply to your letter of November 4, will say I have received your paper regularly, and my son, daughter, and myself enjoy reading it very much. If I understand you correctly, that you will not charge for sending the paper, I will be very glad for you to continue sending it. Owing to the death of my husband and certain financial misfortunes, I cannot pay for it at present."

"I will gladly read the paper and hand it to others. Am with you as regards the seventh day as a day of worship. I will subscribe for the *Signs* as soon as I can spare the money."

For the past two months I have received weekly a paper called the *Signs of the Times*, and I have often wondered who was kind enough to send it to me. I am very glad to know, and thank you very much indeed. It is a welcome comer in our home, not only to me, but to every member of our household, and if it will not inconvenience you, I shall certainly be pleased to have it continued."

"Your favor of the 30th at hand for which accept my thanks. I also most sincerely thank you for your kindness shown by sending me your splendid paper, the *Signs of the Times*. I cannot say anything too much in praise of the paper, as I consider it the best of its kind I have ever seen. As to keeping the Old Testament Sabbath, I have always thought it very peculiar that Sunday should be ob-

served instead of the seventh day. I even remember, when I was of the age of ten or eleven years, asking my mother what was the reason, but never got a satisfactory answer."

"I still receive the *Signs* and I find time to read it, too. I am unable to keep the Sabbath as I think it should be kept, but hope to be able to do so in the near future. God knows how hard I try to do right. I make resolves every night only to see them fail the next day. Still I do not despair, but ask Him to forgive and help me. What is the matter with me that I cannot be better? Can it be God has forsaken me? I will not believe it. You asked me if I had ever read *Steps to Christ*. No, I have not seen it. I should like the *Signs* continued, but am so sorry to have nothing with which to pay for it."

"In reply to your letter in regard to the *Signs*, can say I am well pleased with the paper, and am interested in the subjects of which it treats; especially the Sabbath, and religious persecution. In fact, am interested in all religious subjects."

"I received a letter from you last night. You ask if the *Signs* is welcome. Yes, very welcome, and a great comfort to me; and I thank you very much for your kindness in sending it."

"I feel that I ought long ago to have acknowledged the receipt of the books which you kindly sent me. I hope you will pardon my remissness in this instance, and accept my warmest thanks for your kindness. I read both books and I believe that their perusal was a benefit to me. It will be a great pleasure to me to have the *Signs* continued. I read them and some of the neighbors read them, and then pass them on to other neighbors, and several are very much interested. The books you sent me are being read by several also."

"Yours of the 30th ult. is at hand. We have enjoyed reading the *Signs* very much. We like it so well that we have decided to keep it, we will subscribe for it ourselves now. We are much obliged to you for giving us the opportunity of getting acquainted with it."

These letters show plainly that the Lord is blessing the use of our missionary paper. May we all be more actively engaged in its circulation.

A. E. E.

• NOTES FROM THE FIELD. •

SAUK CENTRE.

LEAVING Minneapolis on the 14th I came here to conduct the funeral of J. J. Getty, husband of our beloved sister who has been long and firmly identified in the present truth of the precious Word. Funeral service held in the large city hall was well attended by the sympathizing citizens and friends, who paid their last tribute to a much beloved and highly honored citizen who has lived here for many years, falling "on sleep" in the seventy-fifth year of his age. Sister Getty while suffering keenly from the loss of her life partner with whom she has walked

the way of life for many years, looks steadfastly to her Saviour who also being a life partner now sustains and comforts her soul and where human sympathy fails, the actual Love of Jesus supplies according to his promise.

Being requested to preach the gospel in our church in the evening I found a large congregation waiting though the notice of meeting had been given but a few moments before. At close of service a request was made for further meetings. About twenty people who were not Christians testified that they wanted to be, and all were greatly moved by the Spirit of God. Two meetings were held on Friday at 3 P. M. and 7.30. Well attended and great interest shown. On the Sabbath we held Sabbath-school with preaching service following; at the close one soul suffering all the agony of death cried for mercy and sought with tears and earnest repentance for rest in Jesus. She found it and was born again in the real old fashioned way. God bless her. Evening after the Sabbath another well-attended and enthusiastic meeting brought more seekers out. Three meetings on Sunday, 10.30 A. M., 3 P. M., 7.30 and we closed about midnight with the altar bathed in tears and a house full of warm hearts; some just born of God, others with their first love renewed. The Holy Spirit being poured out in great measure. The result is some are ready to be baptized and join the people of God, and many outsiders are earnestly investigating the truth. Several outsiders rose and said they wanted to become whole-hearted Christians and walk in the truth of God. I leave today to return to north-east Minneapolis to assist Sister Rose Mead in her mission work which is slowly but firmly progressing. JAY W. INGISON, the converted Evangelist.

STERLING CENTER.

TO THE WORKER:—

In accordance with instructions from the conference, I came to Sterling Center immediately after the Mankato Camp Meeting

Sterling Center is only a small place—consisting of one store, school house, hall, and five or six dwellings. The surrounding country, however, is thickly settled by farmers.

Since October 18 I have held meetings in the school house nearly every night. The attendance has increased from the first until at present the average is about forty.

Bro. Franklin and family with whom I am staying have for several years upheld the truth before this people. We now have a Sabbath-school. Twenty-one met together last Sabbath morning to feast upon the principles in the lesson, *Christ our Master*. We hope to see a number here fully established in the truth.

It is one thing to convince and another thing to convert. One soul converted is worth more than a whole world convinced. We are praying that through the deep movings of God's Spirit some may be led to repent and be converted. O. O. BERNSTEIN.

November 15.

THE BOOK WORK.

**CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR WEEK
ENDING NOV. 15, 1895.**

DELIVERIES.

	Book	No. Del.	Val.	Val. Helps.
*P. O. Johnson	G. C.	63	\$143.00	\$17.25
K. O. Sjaahem	" "	13	37.75	1.50
Gust Henrikson	P. J.	7	11.50	6.75
H. E. Sjelstad	" "	4	9.60	3.75
Eliza Hilde	Steps	27	15.60	
		114	\$217.45	\$29.25

ORDERS TAKEN.

	Book	Ord.	Hrs.	Val.	Val. Helps.
Jens Sorenson	L. C.	20	38	\$30.00	\$.75

*Bro. Johnson's report is for two weeks.

Bro. Sjaahem writes that he hopes to get through in a few days.

Bro. Henrikson reports five direct sales.

From P. O. Johnson's letter I quote as follows:—

"A Methodist minister gave me his order for the *Signs*, he is much interested. A man that bought Great Controversy from me about three weeks ago is also very much interested. He also wants the *Signs*."

Bro. H. E. Nash who has been canvassing in Minneapolis the past season has moved his family here for the winter.

Bro. Erick Peterson who started south some ten weeks ago came back sick about six weeks ago and has been having a run of typhoid fever. I was out to see him and he thinks he is on the gain.

C. M. EVEREST.

The *Dayton Republican* of November 8, than which there is no more fearless defender of religious liberty, in speaking of the trial and acquittal of our brethren at Dayton, Tennessee, pays the following tribute to the Christian character of these so called anarchists:—

"These people have gone through a fiery ordeal. They have, many of them, literally been imprisoned and made bond-slaves to the state for opinion's sake. But through it all they have maintained an evenness of faith and a serenity of temper that has challenged and won for them the admiration and respect of all classes of people. At this time we do not intend to point a moral or preach a homily on the evil effects of religious persecution. We believe, however, that the people of Rhea county have received a great light on the question. Certainly a liberal sentiment has been awakened on behalf of religious freedom: and we hope and believe that never again will the Adventists of Rhea county be disturbed in their inalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of conscience. All methods of honest worship are acceptable to God, so long as they do not conflict with its spiritual and moral laws. Conscientious differences of opinion on how to attain heaven should not set men to fighting one another."

THIS will be the last time this notice will appear, and we hope all who read these lines will consult their own interests and send in their orders now or within the next two weeks, as this will probably be the last opportunity you will ever have of purchasing these valuable works at so low a price. We have sold quite a number of these books, but still have a few left. Order quick.

Daniel and Revelation, Eng., Dan., Swed., Ger.
Full Morroco, regular price \$4.50, reduced to \$2.25.
Half " " " 3.75 " " 1.75.

Christian Secret of a Happy Life, Eng. and Ger.
Regular price 85 cents, reduced to 40 cents.

Women of Mormonism

Regular price \$2.00, reduced to 60 cents.

Laberton's New historical Atlas and General History
Regular price \$2.00, reduced to \$1.00.

Chips and Sticks, regular price \$1.00, reduced to 50c.

State Papers " " 1.25 " " 75c.

Faith of our Fathers " " .85 " " 50c.

Home Making " " 1.00 " " 50c.

Week Day Religion " " 1.00 " " 50c.

Life of Bates " " 1.00 " " 50c.

" " Miller " " 1.00 " " 50c.

" Sketches " " 1.00 " " 50c.

Remember the above prices are post paid which makes them less than half price and lower than ever offered before. If you intend to make any Christmas presents now is the time to buy and help yourself and the Tract Society at the same time.

Address Minn. Tract Soc., Box 989, Minneapolis.

ITEMS.

Bro. and Sr. Ellis who are laboring in the interests of the missionary work in the northern part of the state, report "good interest and good attendance."

* * *

Who wants a bargain in the best Encyclopedia published, consisting of fifteen volumes in library binding? For further particulars and price address, Minnesota Tract Society.

* * *

Word has just reached us from C. N. Woodward, manager of the branch office of the *Review & Herald*, at Atlanta, Ga. that a serious fire had destroyed a considerable portion of that institution. A meager report prevents us from giving further details.

* * *

The Minneapolis Gleaning Band, connected with the Minneapolis church is doing work which according to the Bible definition is pure religion. The writer just received a letter from Bro. Behrens to whom was sent two barrels of clothing for distribution in which he says: "You ought to have seen the little eyes beaming with joy when they would see a garment that would fit them."