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AMONG THE CHURCHES.

(Continued.)

FRIDAY evening found us at Owatonna. We were cheered to meet friends here from Hartland, Medford, and the country, one sister coming sixteen miles alone. The services were refreshing occasions. We were glad to meet Bro. Sherrig here as he was spending a few days looking after the Scandinavian canvassers; also Bro. A. C. Anderson who came from Union College to labor among the Scandinavian people. Both of these brethren assisted in the meetings speaking in their native language. While at Dodge Center we visited the school building at Wasioja, but were not favorably impressed with the location for a school, such as is needed for our young people in Minnesota.

Our next appointment was Medford. Owing to the press of work, I spent but one evening here, leaving Prof. Lewis to hold another service and join me at Minneapolis. This quiet little village was a very pleasant place indeed and we would have been glad if we could have spent a few days here, but the work pressed us on. We hope to return some time and become better acquainted, as this was our first visit to the place.

Many of our brethren will remember that Medford was for many years the home of our beloved Father Grant. It is beautifully situated in a little valley with grand old hills on the east and the west, nicely wooded, not rough and ragged, but rising gradually, presenting a pleasant and restful view.

Hutchinson was the next place in our appointments. Prof. Lewis preceded me here as it was necessary to spend a little time at headquarters in writing and getting ready for the fall Camp-meetings. Eld. Santee having closed the tent meeting at Renville was at his home in Hutchinson and as-

sisted in the work there. Friends came from Dassel and Litchfield and the meetings seemed to be a source of encouragement to the brethren.

From this place we visited the tent company at Lone Tree. Brn. Alway and Pogue were of good courage and there is fruit of their labor. We stopped with them two days and spoke to the friends who came to the tent. We expect that there will be a good church organized here. From this place Prof. Lewis went to Redwood Falls and I visited the tent company at Marshall. Brn. Emmerson and Parker have had a very fair interest in their meetings at this place, and a number of persons have accepted the message here. I truly enjoyed my short stop with these brethren and friends.

Friday evening found us together again at Morgan, where we spent Sabbath and Sunday with the Brookville church. This church is composed of Scandinavians except a few, and we sung our hymns in both languages; and as most of these brethren could understand the English language we enjoyed our meeting with these dear brethren very much. As we met with these brethren the language of Peter in Acts 10: 34, 35, came forcibly to mind. One brother and family at this place gave \$100, to aid in building the boat for the island work, loaned the Conference \$130 without interest, and paid \$20 on the Conference debt. Will others do like-wise, especially of the last item.

Bidding the friends good-bye we were soon speeding on to the next appointment which was Kasota. Two days were pleasantly and we trust profitably spent with this little church, and if they will walk humbly with the Lord, brighter days in their experience is before them. May the dear Lord help each one to rightly appreciate the time in which we live as well as the privileges of being a light for God, and not a channel by which the enemy may diffuse darkness. Our next meeting was with the German brethren at Mountain Lake. This was our first visit with this company, and we experienced a little difficulty in talking with some of these friends as they could not understand much of the English language, yet the visit was appreciated by them and enjoyed by us. We sang our hymns in both English and German and Bro. Meilicke translated the more difficult parts of the discourses for them and the services were a source of encouragement. Some of the village people attended and expressed themselves as interested in the things presented. On our way to Worthington we stopped at Wilder to visit the Breck School buildings and grounds. We were kindly received by the Manager and showed through the

buildings and over the grounds and made acquainted with interesting items and features of the school.

We spent Sabbath together at Worthington with the few that are now there. Bro. Griffin is in Colorado and Sister Griffin had just sold their home and was transferring the title to the property when we arrived. This removal is a sad blow to the little company there as it takes away some of the most active members, and as the number was already so small the loss is more keenly felt. Prof. Lewis bade us good bye and left for his home at College View, Nebr. where he will soon resume his labor in Union College. The prayers of his many friends in Minnesota will follow him. I remained over Sunday to administer baptism to sister Baxter and daughter. They had been anxiously waiting an opportunity for over a year. In the afternoon they bravely entered the waters of the lake, the wind blowing quite strong and the waves ran high. A team was driven out into the lake until sufficient depth of water was reached, the candidates were taken out of the wagon, quickly immersed and returned to the shore, all passing off nicely and these dear sisters happy to have the privilege of following the Lord in this solemn rite. This closed our summer's work among the churches as arranged when Prof. Lewis came to labor with us for the time of his school vacation. If our brethren are faithful in the things presented from the word, we shall see an increase in spirituality and real advancement in the divine life; also if all are faithful in tithes and offerings we shall see more laborers in the field, and the interest bearing obligations of the conference all canceled before the next meeting of this body. Dear brethren, let faithfulness characterize every act of our lives and soon the conflict will end. Since returning from the work of the summer I have held one meeting each, with the churches of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Truly the message is onward in our State. With courage let us press the battle to the gate.

N. W. ALLEE.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

OWING to the fact that it was not practicable to hold a Camp-meeting for the north-western part of the State, and at the request of brethren in that section, we appoint general meetings as follows: Eunice Nov. 5 - 10; Warren Nov. 12 - 17; Artichoke Nov. 19 - 24. These meetings will accommodate quite a number who, on account of the distance and expense, could not attend the Camp-meetings. We trust there will be as general attendance as the circumstances of the brethren will admit. Those coming please prepare in the way of bedding and provisions to care for yourselves as far as you can, and the brethren living near to the place of meeting will do all they reasonably can to make those coming comfortable.

We hope that these meetings will be profitable occasions, and they will be to the extent that self is put away and the Lord humbly and earnestly sought. Angels of God will watch over these meetings and

make a faithful record of all that is said and done. We pray that they be a blessing to those that are privileged to attend and that real experiences in divine things may be realized. N. W. ALLEE.

‡ THE SABBATH SCHOOL. ‡

RELIGION IN CHINA.

(Continued.)

1. IN the central hall of a Buddhist temple you will find an image of Buddha, wearing a placid face and seated on a lotus plant. This plant forms a favorite symbol of human change. As the plant buds, expands, flowers, fades, dies and lives again, so man goes on in constant circling change unless he can reach Nirvana—that is “the blowing out of the candle flame”—“the great deathless state, which is tranquil and free from birth, decay, sickness, grief, and joy.” “The desire for life, say orthodox Buddhists, is an ignorant blunder.”

2. But the Chinese do not understand this doctrine. They long for life after death; for a happy heaven; while they dread as the reward of sin a real hell. Some modern Buddhists have invented eight divisions of hell, and a heaven in the far west with twenty even tiers or stages, only the lower ones of which can be reached by ordinary people. And these lower heavens are beyond the reach of many who, conscious of sin, expect to be born again into the spirit world, but only as a dog, or an insect, or a reptile: or if their hopes are a little higher, then the good woman thinks she may become a man in the future life, and the bad man reappears as a woman.”

3. In the Taoist temple are 72 gods. In front of each is a tablet on which is written the name of the god, with a statement of what he can do to help or protect, or it may be to harm. One sends pestilence, another wealth, another presides over death, and so on. One thinks of the words of Mathew Henry, “he who finds one God too few, will find a hundred not enough.”

4. In the main hall of the temple we see the huge idols of the place, very grim and very grimy, made grim to awe and frighten those who pray; made grimy by the worship of those who serve them. I am glad that our God is so great as to make it possible for us to come near him without defiling him with our filth. The central figure is called the, “lord of ten thousand years, ten

thousand years, ten thousand times ten thousand years." To the left and behind the central building are rooms and halls full of gods whose names and offices to it would take long to learn.

5. On the right hand is a dark den where models of the various instruments of torture used in hell are kept. The place is badly lighted and made darker by the smoke of incense. Here they have hell divided up according to the gravity of the sins, and claim to be able to say what punishment is given to each sin, and what misfortunes are reckoned as sins.

The following all recite together to close:—

"Is it nothing to you, O ye Christians,
That millions of beings today,
In the heathen darkness of China,
Are rapidly passing away?
They have never heard the story
Of the loving Lord who saves,
And "fourteen hundred every hour
Are sinking to Christless graves!"
Is it nothing to you, O ye Christians?
Can you say you have naught to do?
Millions in China are dying unsaved;
And is it nothing to you?"

A. L. L.

What the Children are Doing.

NEARLY one hundred children in our State reported that they had planted missionary gardens last spring and now many of them are gathering in their harvest and turning it into money to be used in sending the message to far off lands.

Those who could not have gardens have been busily engaged in earning money in other ways.

In the Duluth Sabbath-school lately visited the children are much interested in making holders, paper flowers, and other articles to sell and make an offering to the Lord.

Two little girls in Bro. Saunders' family belonging to the Moose Lake Sabbath-school gave me \$1.63, the proceeds from the sale of their missionary chickens. Other children in the same family will have something to give from their gardens later.

At Pine City we found a number of the children had gardens, and we noticed one little girl who could not have a garden was busily engaged in picking berries for three cents a quart to get her missionary money.

One dollar has just been received from the Junior Bank at Sauk Center, with the words, "The children had a great deal of pleasure in giving." They wish their money to go towards the purchase of the missionary boat.

Flossie Cater, a little girl ten years old, who

has a desire to be a missionary in a foreign land, sends fifty cents for the boat earned by selling vegetables.

Another sister writes me of a little missionary six years old who gives away her missionary papers and then works to bring other children to the missionary meetings. She went twice one day to get one little girl to come to meeting and succeeded in bringing two with her at last.

Some of the little folks may not have been as successful as they had hoped to be in earning money but they need not be discouraged by this, for Jesus knows when they have had a desire to work for him, and he does not look at the *amount* but at the *Spirit* in which they have given what little they had to offer. A. L. L.

I wish to say a word at this time to the officers and teachers of our Sabbath-schools. We hope you are making every reasonable effort to be present at the coming Camp-meetings. Some time will be devoted to the interests of this work and we trust you will be there with an encouraging report from your school. Come your self and bring with you if possible that unconverted member of your class for whose salvation you have labored and prayed, for months past.

W. A. ALWAY.

• NOTES FROM THE FIELD. •

LONE TREE.

SINCE our last report we have continued to labor in this place and vicinity.

The apparent results of the effort have not been very large, but we believe a good work is being accomplished by the Spirit of God.

We trust with the blessing of God there will be established in this place a little company who will hold up the light of truth in such a way as to rally others under the standard.

W. A. ALWAY,

J. F. POGUE.

As we are now considering the subject of tithing in our Sabbath-school lessons, all will be interested to know that Bible Students Library No. 135, takes up this subject and is a valuable help in the study of these lessons. Every teacher and scholar in the Sabbath-schools of Minnesota should provide themselves with a copy of this valuable pamphlet. Send all orders to Minn. Tract Soc. Price post paid 10 cents.

THE BOOK WORK.

CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 7, 1895.

	Book	Ord.	Hrs.	Val.	Val. Helps	
P. O. Johnson	G. C.	34	48	\$91.25		
K. O. Sjaahem	" "	16	48	35.50	\$.45	
W. H. Moore	" "	11	28	23.50	1.65	
C. Nelson	" "	2	24	5.00	2.90	
Clarence Patch	" "	1	30	2.00	1.00	
N. G. Henrikson	P. J.	6	54	11.00	5.65	
H. E. Sjelstad	" "	6	62	13.90	4.60	
Ida Rice	" "	6	34	11.00	2.05	
S. H. Wing	" "	19	45	38.00		
John A. Lindin	" "	3	28	5.25	.65	
H. E. Nash	D.&R.	2	24	5.00		
N. Mortenson	" "	8	31	17.75		
Othilla Johnson	B. R.	1		2.75	2.40	
May Peterson	" "	2		5.50		
		14	107	456	\$267.45	\$21.35

DELIVERIES.

	Book	No. Del.	Value	Order Lost
L. H. Christian	G. C.	35	\$76.00	2
Ida Rice	P. J.	10	17.00	3
N. Mortenson	D.&R.	9	17.75	3
		54	\$110.75	8

P. O. Johnson writes, that he is finding many who are much interested in the truth both English and Norwegians, all through their study of Bible Readings.

K. O. Sjaahem reports one lady and her daughter keeping the Sabbath from studying Bible Readings sold by Bro. Fairchild. He also mentions several others that are interested.

Thus we see that the books sold are doing their work and many will be saved in God's kingdom as a result of the faithful labor of the canvasser.

C. M. EVEREST.

"Political Speeches and Debates of Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas."

THIS is a new book just issued by the International Tract Society. Its publication was authorized by the late General Conference, in view of the fact that it treats of important principles which are of living interest at the present-day.

These speeches of Lincoln and Douglas give a fairly full history of these eventful years, and thoroughly discuss the principles involved, in a live and interesting manner. No one interested in the subject can fail to find much food for thought in this valuable book. It cannot help but broaden our view of the relations existing between the State and the individual.

The book contains 450 pages. It is printed on

laid paper, bound in buckram, and adorned with portraits of the authors and their monuments. The price is only \$1.75, which is little more than half the price of other less complete editions. The book will be sent postpaid.

Address Minnesota Tract Society as usual.

ITEMS.

Eld. J. H. Durland, superintendent of Dist. 4, expects to attend the Camp-meeting at Mankato, Oct. 8 - 14.

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Prof. C. C. Lewis and Eld. J. M. Eriksson have returned to College View, Neb. where they will resume their duties as instructors in Union College.

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Bro. Burdick's family leave for Battle Creek tonight, where they expect to locate, as Bro. Burdick has a position with the Sanitarium Health Food Co. at that place.

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Eld. Thompson has organized a church at Dexter, Minn. Three were baptized at that place last Sabbath. The brethren there are taking steps toward the erection of a church building. A lot has been purchased, and \$300.00 donated, thus far for the construction of the building.

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Eld. W. B. White and wife of College View, Neb. spent last Sabbath with the Minneapolis church, while on their way to the Sauk Centre Camp-meeting. After Sabbath-school Bro. White preached a stirring discourse, showing how the spirit of earnest work should characterize every true Christian in these last days.

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Bro. J. M. Little who, in company with Bro. J. L. House, and Bro. Ford, went down the Mississippi River with a missionary boat about a year ago, has returned to his home in Minneapolis.

He reports quite a profitable time, the three brethren selling about 2,000 copies of 'Glorious Appearing and Gospel Primer in Mississippi and Louisiana.

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Sr. Stella Colvin, who has been enjoying a vacation with her sister in Duluth, will be in Minneapolis September 19, with her mother for a short visit.

Sr. Stella has been recommended by the Foreign Mission Board to go to the island of Trinidad to do medical missionary work among the natives of that island. Believing it to be the Lord calling her through that body she will comply with the recommendation.

She sails the last of October, the Lord willing.

At the request of Dr. Kellogg she will go from Minneapolis to Chicago to have a month's practice in that city, before going to her far off field of labor.

May the prayers of God's people follow her.