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COURAGE

TO THE MINNESOTA LABGERS.

YE workers in the Master's harvest field
And soldiers in the forefront of the fight,
Toil on a little longer, as you wield
The sickle, and the sword of truth and right—
And often tho' the battle may go hard,
While foes are lurking near on every hand,
"Take courage and go forward" for the Lord,
The mightiest of Captains has command.

The Saviour toiled throughout the live-long day ;
As hard as his, your lot can never be.
He knows the conflicts that beset your way.
His promise is your constant help to be.
He was beset with foes on every side,
But with his Father's help he conquered all.
So, with the faithful ones he will abide,
And those who hold his hand will never fall.

Yes, toil on a little longer for the Lord,
Tho' rough and long may seem the weary way.
'Tis not far distant to your rich reward,—
But just ahead will end the toilsome fray ;
For soon your absent Lord will come again
To carry home the sheaves you've garnered in ;
With all the ransomed ones together then
We'll leave this world of sorrow, toil, and sin.

T. A. ZOLLER.

Minneapolis, Minn.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

PLEASANT GROVE AND AUSTIN.

WE left Pine Island Monday July 13, and reached Stewartville the same evening, going by stage from Rochester. Here we were welcomed by the elder, Bro. Albert Churchill, at the home of his mother, Sr. Howard. Bro. Churchill has formed a partnership with Bro. Charles Presnell of Eagle Lake. They have a carpenter shop with power, and are having all the work they can do. Stewartville is a lively country village, surrounded by some of the finest

farming country we have ever seen, and a good deal of building is going forward. The majority of the church live here, and hold missionary meeting on Wednesday evening and prayer meeting on Friday evening of each week in private houses. We were unable to hold evening meetings with the church, as it was in the height of harvest and all but one or two families live from six to eight miles away from the church at Pleasant Grove. There is talk of moving the church to Stewartville, or of selling, and building at the latter place. It certainly seems as though such a change would be an advantage to the cause.

We held meetings forenoon and afternoon both Sabbath and Sunday, and there was evidence that the Holy Spirit was present to bless the word spoken, and make hearts tender. A harmonious business meeting was held Sunday afternoon, and at its close, Bro. Charles Kendall was ordained as elder to assist Bro. Churchill in the duties of that office.

Monday night we stopped at Bro. Harper's in Spring Valley, and Tuesday we went to Austin. Held meetings that evening and twice on Wednesday, with good attendance from the outside at the evening meetings. Harvesting and other matters prevented some of our brethren from attending as much as they desired, but we believe the meetings were productive of good. There is quite an interest to read and hear in Austin, and if the brethren are faithful in missionary work and in daily living, they will doubtless have frequent accessions.

Thursday, Sr. Della Burdick, one of our Bible workers, met us at Albert Lea, and took us to her parents' home about two miles from the station. We were sorry to find Bro. and Sr. Burdick quite feeble, though Bro. Burdick is recovering slowly from a severe attack of rheumatism last winter. After a pleasant visit with this dear family, all of whom have been Sabbatharians during their entire lives, we went on to Wells, arriving there Thursday evening. We were not expected 'till Friday ; but on our arrival Bro. Kelsey sent out an appointment, and with only about an hour's notice twenty-five or thirty gathered to hear the Word spoken. We look for a profitable meeting here.

N. W. ALLEE.

C. C. LEWIS.

NOT HEARD YET.

ANYTHING in answer to our inquiry in regard to the minds of the brethren as to the propriety of holding some fall Camp-meetings. Dear brethren, let us hear the mind of your churches just as soon as you can ascertain. Suppose you take an expression of

your churches next Sabbath and write me immediately so we can better decide. It is time to begin arrangements if we are to hold them. N. W. A.

‡ THE SABBATH SCHOOL. ‡

WE have just received a letter from Eld. F. M. Wilcox, our Foreign Mission Secretary, containing some very interesting items in regard to our new missionary boat and the people for whom the workers will labor. Although we have learned something about the people there, you will readily understand that in such a large field there are many different classes of people. We feel sure our schools will be interested in the study of those described in the letter which reads as follows:—

If we can purchase a boat of 35 or 40 tons, we shall be able to visit any island in the sea or Gulf. Scattered all along the coast of Mexico and Central America, and the northern coast of South America, as well as on a great many islands, are people to whom we never could gain access only by a boat of our own. The people along this coast line are sadly in need of the gospel of our Lord. In a letter just received from Elder F. J. Hutchins, superintendant of that field, he says that he has found a new boat which will answer the purposes of our work, that can be bought for about three thousand dollars. Our workers will be brought into contact not only with those who are sunken in the darkness and superstition of Roman Catholicism, but also of those who know nothing of the true God, and are still worshipping idols. To show you the character of some of the people for whom our workers will labor, I will give you a few items with reference to the Caribs. (The Caribs are the original tribes who have inhabited this country for hundreds of years.)

At the present time they live especially along the Spanish Honduras coast. Some writers claim that they originally descended from the Jews and Tartars. They have a tradition among themselves that they came into existence as a result of sowing the earth with stones or with the fruit of the palm tree. They live in low mud houses, thatched with grass and the palm leaves, with no floor but the ground. They sleep in hammocks. It is their custom to carry their burdens on their heads, and it is not an uncommon sight to see women walking along with burdens of from fifty to one hundred pounds weight poised upon the head. In washing they pound their clothes clean upon the rocks by the seaside. Continued.

At the last session of the Minnesota Sabbath-school Association it was recommended in view of the difficulty experienced by many in obtaining suitable material for the five minute exercise, that the State Association provide a series of lessons to be published in the WORKER upon the various mission fields to which the donations of our Sabbath-school have been given during the past few years. These lessons are now being published, and we trust that every Sabbath-school in the State is using them.

It requires not a small amount of time and labor to glean from the past and present history of these mission fields, the interesting points embodied in these lessons. Their publication consumes a considerable portion of the valuable space in our State paper and if these lessons are only looked upon by our Sabbath-school workers in the light of good reading matter to be glanced over hastily on receipt of the WORKER and no further use made of them, then the object of this publication is not in any sense realized, and it would be better to discontinue their publication. I am persuaded however that if superintendents and teachers unite their efforts in this matter, that they will be rewarded with the most satisfactory results.

We all know that we are most deeply interested in these things with which we are most intimately acquainted. Are you acquainted with our mission fields? Are the young people and children of your school acquainted with these fields? The object of the lessons is to make every member of the school familiar with foreign fields of labor, so that the liberality of all will be based upon an intelligent knowledge of the magnitude and needs of the work of God. This knowledge will not only be found helpful to the Sabbath-school and its donations, but will be of great advantage to the missionary society, and will especially influence the yearly Christmas offerings. Will not our laborers who are in the field and workers in our local schools, especially the superintendents unite in making these studies, with the blessing of God, at once a success and a blessing to our schools?
W. A. ALWAY.

• NOTES FROM THE FIELD. •

DASSEL.

It was my privilege to be with the church at Dassel over Sabbath and Sunday, July 29 and 31. The Lord came very near by his Spirit, and hearts were encouraged in the good work. One was baptized and three admitted to the church. There seems to be a spirit of friendship among the members of the different churches in that place. A union prayer meeting has been in progress for some time in the past; and at our first meeting the pastor of the M. E. Church attended and assisted in the opening exercises, and seemed well pleased with what he heard.

The minister of the Christian Church came in Sabbath morning and also assisted in the opening exercises. He also attended the baptism, and in the afternoon when we attended the ordinances of the Lord's house, he was present, and said that he should study into these things.

Our people had not felt free to announce any meetings for the evening after the Sabbath, nor Sunday evening on account of previous meetings announced in these churches. Whether this was just the best thing that could have been done, the future alone can tell; but some of us attended the meeting of the Christian minister, and he gave me an invitation to

assist, which I did. The minister of the M. E. Church said that he could not well take up his appointment, but he would do the best thing that he could under the circumstances, and that was to invite me to fill his pulpit on Sunday evening. And the other minister said that he would not have any meeting so as to give all an opportunity to attend the meeting at the Methodist Church. This gave me a full house, and the Spirit of the Lord witnessed to the word spoken. My subject was, "The eternal purpose of God." After the discourse, the minister said that he often did things that he felt it to be his duty to repent of; but that he had done one thing that he never would be sorry for; and that was the invitation he had given to the brother to speak at that hour; and publicly invited me to fill his pulpit at any time I should come into the place. I am sure that I have hopes that I may do this again in the future.

While I felt that our own people needed a deeper experience, and more instruction upon the present issues, I trust that good will come out of all this. I think that I can say that all were encouraged.

H. F. PHELPS.

EAGLE LAKE.

As we read the various reports in the WORKER from different parts of the field, we have been led to wish our society had something of general interest to report. However we will venture to give a little of our experience hoping if any are discouraged it may help to give them new energy.

About two months ago, the members of our church met and reorganized our society. There having been no missionary meetings held for some time previous to that time. There were a number of discouraging circumstances to be met, among them were quite a large indebtedness to the State society, and the fact that several times previous to this meetings had been commenced only to die down in a few weeks. However, we asked God to give us renewed courage, and then put our shoulders to the wheel, and so far have had good results, instead of a decreasing, we have had an increasing interest. We are getting out of debt each week as our weekly collection together with the regular fourth Sabbath donation more than pays the regular expenses. We are now taking 25 copies of the *Signs of the Times* and have just increased our club of *Sentinels* from 20 to 30 copies.

We have been taking up the studies found in the *Home Missionary* and find them very interesting and instructive. We now hold weekly prayer meetings and devote a portion of that time to different lines of Bible study, and we are all becoming interested in doing work for the Master. There is no place in God's truth for the idle and, if we wish to reach the plain where God would have us, we must be constantly growing in knowledge and grace.

When we see the events that are transpiring around us, it seems to me that all *should arouse* and take a hand in spreading the message, that God may pronounce the, "Well done" upon us.

May God bless all the efforts put forth in his name for the advancement of his cause.

Yours in the work,
M. B. Van Kirk.

DEAR brethren the Lord is good and greatly to be praised.

I left Minneapolis July 3, for a trip through the north-western part of the State. My first stop was Verndale where I visited our Scandinavian brethren, and also spoke a few times to our English brethren. 'The Fourth' was spent in the green woods where the brethren had a celebration by themselves. Sabbath, July 6, was spent with the brethren at Hewitt in quarterly meeting.

Next I visited Sabin where I held a few meetings, and with these brethren who belong to Fargo Church spent the Sabbath, July 13, at Fargo in quarterly meeting. The following Sunday I had the privilege of baptising two dear souls in a creek not far from the school-house where we had the meetings at Sabin. In the afternoon we met at Bro. Steward's house where a little church was organized with six members, called Nevan S. D. A. Church. A few more would have been present, but were prevented by rain and other hindrances.

July 16 and 17 I visited the tent company at Red Lake Falls and spoke once to the Scandinavian friends of that place. I found the brethren of good courage in the Lord, and with a good audience.

I am now at Warren. JOHN HOFFMAN.

LONE TREE.

We arrived at this place about four weeks ago. We selected a place near the public highway for the tent. The location is quite pleasant and well protected from wind and storm by a beautiful grove of native timber.

After waiting two weeks for the top of our large tent which was to be sent from the factory, we advertised our meetings to begin Sabbath evening July 6, hoping our tent would be there, but we were obliged to hold our meeting under the canopy of the blue sky. This delay was a very tedious one and we feared would be fatal to the interest at this place, as this is a farming community and by this time all were busily engaged in mowing their hay and reaping their grain. Notwithstanding the unfavorable outlook the attendance has been good, and as we have endeavored to present the word of God as the only way of life, we believe that word has been taken in by some and is working effectually to the salvation of their souls. Pray for the work and workers here.

W. A. ALWAY.
J. F. POGUE.
P. S. OLSEN.

BARNUM, MINN.

I began meetings at this place July 7. There is but little religious interest in the community. Our congregations are quite small, yet a few attend regularly and give good attention to the word spoken.

We have enjoyed much of the blessing of God since coming to this field, and praise him for his goodness towards us. We are pleasantly located at Barnum. We hope to be remembered in the prayers of God's people. M. A. WINCHELL.

THE BOOK WORK.

**CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR WEEK
ENDING JULY 19th 1895.**

	Book	Ord.	Hrs.	Val.	Val. Hlps	
L. H. Christian	G. C.	30	49	\$62.25	\$1.30	
W. H. Moore	" "	19	56	41.50	2.92	
P. O. Johnson	" "	23	48	57.50	1.15	
C. Nelson	" "	2	32	5.25	4.00	
N. G. Henrikson	P. J.	10	53	20.75	3.25	
H. E. Sjelstad	" "	17	54	33.35	3.70	
S. H. Wing	" "	22	30	52.00	1.40	
Iver Hilda	" "	5	9	8.25	.25	
Albert Nelson	" "	4	25	6.50	.50	
C. E. Burgeson	" "	12	34	23.50	5.55	
Ida M. Rice	" "	6	25	11.50	1.50	
May Peterson	B. R.	1		1.75		
Othilla Johnson	" "	3	4	5.25		
H. E. Nash	D. R.	4	17	9.25		
N. Mortenson	" "	5	24	10.00	4.70	
Mark Comer	S. S.	9	21	10.25	1.85	
Victor Brickey	" "	8	20	9.75	.75	
C. Edwardson	Steps	9		5.70	3.75	
John A. Lindin	Glo. App.	26	36	7.75		
Maggie Walde	" "	12	15	4.20	1.00	
David Quinn	B. R.	22		38.75		
Harry Pettis	" "			15.25		
		22	256	545	\$439.25	\$36.57

July 20 and 21, I spent at Owatonna, and had the privilege of meeting Brn. Sherrig, C. Nelson, Iver Hilda, Albert Nelson, and C. Edwardson. These brethren are all earnest in the work and desire to go forward.

I also arranged with Sr. Mattie Christian to canvass Owatonna for Great Controversy.

Bro. Sherrig is now visiting canvassers in northwest part of the State. C. M. EVEREST.

APPOINTMENTS.

PROF. LEWIS and myself will meet with churches as follows:

Mankato	Aug 2 - 4
Eagle Lake	" 5 - 6
Dodge Centre	" 7 - 8
Owatonna	" 9 - 11

Medford	" 12 - 13
Hutchinson	" 15 - 18
Redwood Falls	" 21 - 22
Brookville	" 23 - 25
Kasota	" 26 - 27
Mountain Lake	" 28 - 29
Worthington	" 30 - 31.

Brethren from Dassel, Litchfield, New Auburn, and others are invited to meet with us at Hutchinson.

Nothing preventing, we will be with the Minneapolis church Wedne sday evening, Aug. 14th.

N. W. ALLEE.
C. C. LEWIS.

ITEMS.

We have received the fifth annual calender of the Union College, and are requested to say that those wishing one may send to Prof. J. W. Loughhead, College View, Nebr.

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We are receiving new subscriptions to the WORKER in nearly every mail, which encourages us to believe that the paper will soon be self sustaining. There are quite a number of subscriptions which expired in June and July and we have been sending the paper since hoping that you would renew. We are sending out renewal blanks to such this week and hope those receiving them will esteem it a privilege to assist in supporting the WORKER by renewing your subscription.

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We are glad to know that some friend of the WORKER has been doing practical missionary work with it, as the following communication received from a new subscriber living in Ft. Benton, Montana will show.

"A friend of mine sent me a few copies of the Minnesota WORKER, and you will find enclosed 35 cents for which you may send the paper to me for one year. If you have other good papers I will be thankful to receive them to give to my friends, for Ft. Benton is a dark place, and I want to do something for their salvation."

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In a letter just received from Bro. A. O. Tait he says that Bro. Whaley of Maryland has been arrested again, and that there is a threat that there may be a general wholesale arrest in the near future of all our people in Maryland. Also that Bro. Horton, secretary of the Atlantic Tract Society, who resides in Maryland has been notified that the Law and Order League (a so called Christian organization) will take a hand in their Camp-meeting this year and see that they do not violate the Sunday law by selling provisions from the stand, and that they will otherwise devise to keep Seventh Day Adventists straight.

On account of lack of space we are obliged to omit from our columns some valuable communications, but will endeavor to make room next week. We wish to thank the friends of the WORKER who have so generously contributed to its columns.