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

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## CAMP MEETING.

THE Spirit of God tells us that, "These yearly gatherings may be seasons of special blessing, or they may be a great injury to spirituality." Which shall they be to you, dear reader? It remains for each to decide for himself. A gracious promise, a solemn warning, a searching question, a sacred responsibility, are *all* presented in this testimony. No doubt the brethren and sisters all over the state are already thinking of, and planning to attend our annual Camp Meeting and Conference, May 28th to June 11. This is right, and we are glad that it is so, and we earnestly desire to see a large representation of the brethren from different parts of the state present.

Dear brethren, let us, as we are preparing for the meeting, think seriously of the *object* of it, and of the  *motive* we have in desiring to attend. The meeting is appointed in the interests of the cause of God. There is much necessary business that must be attended to; conference laborers' accounts audited, credentials and licenses granted to them for another year, election of officers for the various associations and organizations, plans to be considered and adopted to further the Lord's work in our conference, and not least much valuable instruction will be given in regard to the Christian life; and as I am a Christian, a member of the Lord's family, I desire to attend the meeting, not only to get help, but in some way to be helpful in the work. That is good, you understand the object of the meeting and also the motive that prompts you to go. Now we are in the condition of mind to receive instruction *how* that we may get the most benefit from the meeting. How thankful we are that the Lord is ever ready to supply every need. Let us turn to Testimony for the Church No. 31; page 158. Article "Our Camp Meetings," read carefully and make a personal application of the instruction. Per-

mit me to place a few extracts here. Page 159. "While preparing for the meeting, each individual should closely and critically examine his own heart before God. If there have been unpleasant feelings, discord or strife in families, it should be one of the first acts of preparation, to confess these faults one to another, and pray with, and for one another. Humble yourselves before God, and make an earnest effort to empty the soul temple of all rubbish—all envyings, all jealousies, all suspicions, all faultfindings." \* \* \* \* "Make a covenant with God to yield yourselves and all your powers to his service. Do not carry this undone work to the camp-meeting. If it is not done at home, your own soul will suffer and others will be greatly injured by your coldness, your stupor, your spiritual lethargy." \* \* \* \* "At home is the place to find Jesus, then take him with you to the meeting and how precious will be the hours there. \* \* \* Prepare for this occasion. Teach them that it is not of so much consequence that they appear with fine clothes, as that they appear before God with clean hands and pure hearts" "I have been shown that for want of this preparation these yearly meetings have accomplished but little". Read the whole article, brethren, and meditate upon it, and let us be admonished by the kindness of the Lord in his instruction. The providence of the Lord has opened the way in many respects for the meeting. We believe it will afford a favorable opportunity to present the gracious truths of the message. The owners of the grounds, Rail Road, and Street Car managers have shown us unusual kindness and favor in some respects.

Now let our brethren take extra pains in preparing baggage for checking, that trunks and satchels be securely fastened and each piece be carefully *marked with the owners name and address*. These simple precautions followed will aid in avoiding mistakes and be very helpful in finding misplaced articles. Try it. A hammer and small saw are tools you often need on the camp-ground and hard to borrow, it would be well to bring them. Above all come with the heart *full* of the love of God, and a faith that will firmly rest on the promises of His word.

Send in the names of your delegates, also orders for your tents immediately. N. W. ALLEE.

## LIBRARIANS' MEETINGS. ✓

DURING the last week of the camp-meeting special instruction will be given to the librarians of the Tract Societies. We trust that no reasonable effort will be spared to have them attend. Let each church encourage their presence by such assistance as may

be necessary. It sometimes occurs that a good faithful librarian's husband is not in the message, and financial aid is quite necessary to secure the attendance. Will the officers and members of the church give the matter proper consideration? N. W. A.

## THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

### IN THE WORKERS' INSTITUTE

IN accordance with the promise made a few weeks ago, we give a synopsis of the talks on the Sabbath School work in the Institute now in progress. At the first meeting, held Apr. 11, Eld. W. A. Alway spoke with reference to the opportunity the Sabbath School affords for the study of the Bible. He said that while we recognize the blessing of God which has been over the work in the past, and are thankful for all that has been accomplished in the work, we cannot rest satisfied with what has been done. "Our Sabbath Schools are nothing less than Bible Societies, and they may embrace much more than they have hitherto done in the sacred work." Conf. Bulletin, P. 206.

Our young people are now forming habits of study, and it is very important that they form correct ones. The object of the Sabbath School work is to bring souls to Christ, but as it is the word of God alone that is able to make us wise unto salvation, the Sabbath School is to call our minds to the word. We do not realize the importance of Bible study as we should. We have been falling away—back sliding—from study so that at the present time we do not study the Bible as much as we did twenty years ago. It is impossible to study to advantage without a system of some kind. In the Sabbath School we have a complete system for Bible study. We have carefully prepared lessons, a plan for the daily study of these lessons, a place and time appointed for recitation, and a teacher to whom we can recite.

He emphasized the importance of the daily study of the lessons and spoke of the program for such study sent out by the Association, based on the words of the testimony which says, "Parents, set apart a little time each day for the study of the Sabbath School lesson with your children." Also of the plan of studying the chapters by topic, as no one can correctly study the book of Daniel, or any other book, without forming an outline of the chapters in his mind.

At the second meeting, held Apr. 12, Eld. Holser gave some practical thoughts on the "Relation of the Gospel Worker to the Sabbath School Work." He showed that the vital part of the work of the minister was to teach people how to study the word for themselves, and as this is just what the Sabbath School is organized for, the connection between the Sabbath School work and that of the minister is very close. The ministers' chief work is to teach the word. The work of the Sabbath School is to teach the word, therefore the minister ought to be able to help Sabbath School teachers in their work, to show them how to study, and how to teach. In order to work successfully in this line he must understand the best methods.

He must study the use of illustrations in order to make the truth plain.

On entering a new field the minister will find it to his advantage to organize the Sabbath School early and hold meetings for the children. In Germany they have followed the plan of starting a Sunday School for the children in their new fields. He will find it necessary to select teachers and instruct them in the best methods of work, holding teachers meetings with them and thus getting the Sabbath School work on a good footing long before the church is organized. In visiting schools the minister can see where they are weak and can often help them, not by telling them of their weakness, but by making helpful suggestions, taking a lively interest in the work, and showing them how to do it in the best way.

The donations to missions are an important feature in our schools, and although a good work has been done in this direction, we have not reached the climax yet. The minister is just the one to help in this. The schools will not be impoverished by giving, they are better off for giving than they were fifteen years ago.

He encouraged the idea of holding meetings with the children, and told of the success they had in children's meetings in Russia. We should study to simplify the truth, and bring it down to the simplicity of the children. They will understand much, and this will help the teachers to know how to do this work.

(TO BE CONTINUED) A. E. L.

### WORKERS' INSTITUTE IN MINNEAPOLIS.

THE Institute began at 7:30 Wednesday evening, Apr. 10. The evening service was conducted by Eld. H. P. Holser who was one of the workers in our State a few years since; but was removed to the Central European Field about seven years ago. The discourse tended to show that the work of God was far ahead of our conception of it's present standing. The three things, the image of the beast, the warning of all the world, and the latter rain, which we, as a people, have been looking forward to, are here upon us. Though this is true, few realize it's truthfulness, and so are looking for some remarkable thing to yet transpire. There is danger in this, for many have their eyes on something that will not come. They, therefore, stand a good chance of being deceived. This was illustrated by the work in Switzerland. Brethren, it is time to awake and become acquainted with God that he may lead us every day. We must know the voice of the true Shepherd, or we will certainly be deceived.

We have not space to notice the discourses separately, and will simply mention the different lines, and notice such under each as seem especially appropriate.

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The program of the meetings runs something like this: 9 - 9:45 A. M. Prayer and Social meeting; 10 - 11, The consideration of some subject relative to the work. These meetings are especially helpful to the workers as workers- 11. 15 - 12, Bible Study, generally led by one of our brethren from abroad, as are the evening studies- 3 - 4 Missionary Work; 4.15 - 5 Sabbath-school work; 7.30 - 8.30 Bible Study.

The prayer and social meetings are very helpful to us, as the blessing of the Lord is always with us. The consideration of the work as it relates to the worker need not be very fully reported as most of those directly engaged in the work have the privilege of hearing the instruction. But while we are not able to report the meetings very fully, I trust it will be reported in the work of every laborer as he enters the field again.

Our Bible study which was conducted by Eld. Holser till Saturday night, has been very interesting and helpful. When Bro. Holser left us Eld. Durland took his place, but our interest has not abated, nor are the studies of less help to us. But it is entirely impossible for us to give anything of a report of these seasons, so we forbear the attempt.

Sr. Alberta L. Little, our State Sabbath School Secretary, has kindly taken the responsibility of reporting on this special line of the work, and so you will find the Sabbath-school report in its proper place.

Our first lesson on Home Missionary Work conducted by Sr. A. E. Ellis on Thursday afternoon. The subject for this day was, "The Duties of the Librarian as Related to the Duties of the other officers in the Church;" and as these duties have been told in the last number of the WORKER, I refer all to that, and ask a careful reading of the same. I am sure this subject is not understood by all. Perhaps the librarians understand it better than some of the other members of the church; therefore, we especially ask all to read the article named. During the lesson the suggestion was given that since the duties of all the officers in the church and missionary society are so closely related it would be a real good plan for the librarian, elder, and other officers, to constitute a counsel board, that each might help the others by advice. Besides this, brethren, if you have the chance of counseling, you will take much greater interest in everything you counsel about.

C. L. EMMERSON.

## THE CANVASSERS.

LAST Tuesday was a busy day for the canvassers, as they were leaving and preparing to leave for their fields of labor.

Below I give the territory assigned to each.  
Great Controversey.

P. O. Johnson and K. O. Sjaahem, Kittson Co. Minn.

W. H. Moore, L. H. Christian and A. E. Clyde, Fillmore and Houston Co's. Minn.

Erick Peterson, Clarence Patch, and S. J. Johnson, Kandiyohi Co. Minn.

F. E. Rew, Mower Co. Minn.

Maggie Walde and Segrid Lobdahl, North Minneapolis,

John Lyndin, West Duluth,

Christine Hanson, Renville Co. Minn.

Prophecies of Jesus.

Iver Hilde and Albert Nelson, Goodhue Co. Minn.

Gust Henrikson and H. E. Sjelstad, Grand Forks Co. N. D.

S. H. Wing and Henry Nash, Pembina Co. N. D.

C. E. Burgeson and Wm Layland, Otter Tail Co. Minn.

Nels Hanson and James Jacobson, Nicollet Co. Minn.

C. Nelson, Rice Co. Minn.

Ida Rice and Emma Hanson, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mollie Boyer and Rachel Budd, N. E. Minneapolis  
Bible Readings.

F. A. Detamore, R. E. Campbell and A. Just, McLeod Co. Minn.

David Quinn and Wm. Melicke, Waseca Co. Minn.

Othilla Johnson and Mary Peterson, towns or St. Louis R. R. between Minneapolis and Waterville, Minn.

Thoughts on Dan. and Rev.

H. E. Nash and N. Mortenson, South Minneapolis.  
Sunshine at Home.

Victor Brickey, Mark Comer and F. G. Olson, Polk Co. Minn.

Steps to Christ.

Eliza Hilde, Swift Co. Minn. At present S. H. Wing, A. L. Whitelock and Joseph Emmerson are working on Glorious Appearing in Minneapolis with good success.

Just received a letter from F. A. Detamore stating that he and Bro. A. Just, expect to be in their field ready for work April 16th

P. O. Johnson, Gust Henrikson and H. E. Sjelstad leave April 14th for their field of Labor.

