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Fall Camp Meetings.

AS ANNOUNCED last week there will be four fall Camp-meetings in our State.

Frazee.....	Sept. 1 - 5
Hewitt.....	" 8 - 12
Crow Wing.....	" 15 - 19
Marshall.....	Sept. 28 - Oct. 3.

The State Camp-meeting has for many years been held in Minneapolis, for the reason, first, that it is most convenient because of the railroads centering here, and second, because more people, not of our faith, can be reached than perhaps in any other place in the State. Our brethren in the north and south-west parts of the State find it difficult to attend this general gathering because of the expense, and it is to accommodate these brethren that these local meetings have been appointed. The meetings will in each case begin on Wednesday evening and close Sunday evening. It will be noticed that the time is short—only four days. Matters of importance will be presented from the first, and we desire very much to see a full attendance from the beginning. Do not think the matter over and conclude to come on Friday and remain until Sunday afternoon. Plan to be present at every meeting—from beginning to end. We are told by the Spirit of God that Satan plans to keep us away from such meetings. Shall we not pray God to thwart all such plans this year. Let all elders and leaders of companies keep this matter before their flock and urge a good attendance.

C. W. FLAIZ.

Among the Churches.

AUGUST 24, we met with the Dassel church, they having arranged for their Quarterly meeting services at this time. It was a good meeting; but the mem-

bers of this church should come a little closer to the Lord in practical religion, else their light will go out. A few came over from East Hutchinson, and Bro. Comer took us to his home.

On Sunday we went to Hutchinson in response to an invitation to our Sabbath-school at that place, to attend a Sunday-school rally, held under the auspices of the M. E. church. The singing of two songs by trained voices, and a talk of ten minutes by Eld. Phelps, constituted our part of the exercises. Our response to their invitation seemed to be appreciated, and we all felt that it was not a lost opportunity. Three public services were held, which were well attended by the citizens. Judging from this and from visits made, we conclude that there are some interested ones in this place. There was a good attendance of the brethren, and we left them much encouraged. Wednesday evening we held services at the church in East Hutchinson. The house was nearly full of attentive listeners. Thursday evening we held services with a few of the church at the home of the members of the church. As far as possible we visited all the members at their homes, and in public and private set before them the work for this time, and their relation to the work of God at this time.

We now go to visit the church at Litchfield.

H. F. PHELPS, J. F. POGUE.

Opportunities.

THE issue of the WORKER of July 21, contained a report of my meeting with the Social Science club of Minneapolis. But this was not all there was of that occasion. Another opportunity grew out of that.

Of course the morning papers gave a report of the meeting. As the members of the Club are awake to the value of "printer's ink"; and they have a press reporter of their own. Much of the space occupied by the reporter was devoted to what a "Count" from Sweden had to say about Theosophy. In mentioning the fact that several addresses were given, the reporter said that Elder Phelps of St. Paul was present, "who spoke for the Seventh-day Adventists, who also thought that God should do his own reforming."

This would indicate that this people were very indifferent in regard to needed reform, and gave a wrong impression concerning our people. Just previous to the meeting I had made a call on the managing editor of the Minneapolis Times, and on parting he gave me a cordial invitation to give them an opportunity, if we ever had anything we wanted published. With this door opened before me, on read-

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ing what the reporter had said, I concluded that here was another opportunity. I wrote out an article for the paper, and the next Monday morning it was in the hands of the 29,000 subscribers, or 100,000 readers, at a low estimate. It was over half a column long and contained gems of truth.

H. F. PHELPS.

It would be a matter of interest to me, if our laborers who have access to, and who use the local papers, would send me marked copies of such papers. And those who have access to papers, but do not use them, I would ask: Why not? To such I would call attention to what the Spirit of God says concerning its importance, in recent Special Testimonies. Brethren, seize upon your opportunities! Let them not pass unimproved, for they will never return.

H. F. PHELPS.

Some Ways in which you may Help the Missionary Cause.

In the July number of *The Gospel in All Lands*, I find a list of 134 ways in which one may help in missionary lines, and have adapted a few of them for our own members.

1. Be interested in it.
2. Join the missionary society, and join it to *work*, not to look on.
3. Attend every meeting of the society when possible.
4. When it is impossible to attend, send a written reason, and a passage of scripture which shall bespeak interest in the meeting.
5. Invite your friends to attend the meeting with you.
6. Be willing to do whatever is asked of you in the meeting, modestly and cheerfully.
7. Gladly take any work assigned you during the week, and do it faithfully as unto the Lord.
8. Ask your librarian for a member's report blank, fill it out each week and return it, without being urged.
9. Be prompt in payment of dues and offerings.
10. Have an offering box and use it.
11. Place it on the dinner table every day, and let its presence suggest the topic of conversation during the meal.
12. If members are absent from any meeting, call on them the next day and learn the cause of their absence.
13. If any members of the society are invalids, ask that the meeting be held occasionally at their homes, then be sure not to excuse yourself from going.

14. Ask the privilege of holding a meeting at the home of some member who is not much in earnest in the work, or at the home of some one in the church who is not yet a member of the missionary society, whom you wish to interest. Then be sure to take the Spirit of God with you to the meeting.

15. Spend less money for the non-essentials of life, and more in the purchase of missionary literature.

16. Distribute this literature whenever and wherever you have opportunity.

17. Subscribe for your own missionary journal, and for some other missionary magazine containing general missionary intelligence.

18. Lend your missionary papers when done with them.

19. Take one afternoon each month to canvass for missionary periodicals and tracts.

20. Suggest in the missionary meeting anything which has been a help to you in your work.

21. Save all missionary clippings you find, and paste them in a scrap book for use at missionary meetings or other places.

22. Encourage your children to make a missionary scrap book and help them about arranging it.

23. Write on cards or slips of paper, or in a little blank book, any scriptural quotations, or remarks of any author concerning missions, to refer to when needed.

24. Make out a list of names of those who do not belong to the missionary society. Pray for them daily, and try to interest them in the work.

25. Show your interest in the second and fourth Sabbath meetings. If you are blessed by them, *say so*, and thus encourage your elder and librarian.

26. Pray for the success of all mission work.

27. Read all available missionary literature.

28. Commit to memory all passages of scripture in the interests of mission work which you find in your daily Bible-reading.

29. Have an occasional missionary Bible-reading at family worship.

30. Make a collection of pictures representing heathen lands and customs, etc., and use them in interesting children in mission work.

31. Make for the children geographical puzzles of heathen lands by pasting maps of such countries on pasteboard and then cutting them up into various shapes and sizes. See that the children learn some interesting things about these countries besides simply how to put the maps together.

32. Think up other ways of helping the missionary work than those mentioned here, and pass them in to the librarian so they can be read for the help of others.

33. Ask the Lord daily to give you more of his own Spirit, which is the SPIRIT OF MISSIONS.

If you do not find here something which you can do, it will be strange indeed. If every missionary member should take this list, study it and try by the grace of God to help in these ways, what effect do you think it would have on our work?
A. E. E.

* THE SABBATH SCHOOL. *

FROM one of our Camp-meeting children.—“I have taken good care of my seeds and have watered them every day and they have grown very tall.” I planted them in a good place where they get plenty of sun and rain. I have given them strings and they are growing nicely.

I have planted the seed in my heart and it is growing bigger and bigger every day. As I have nothing very new to tell, I must close my letter for this time hoping to hear from you soon. I wish you health and strength from God every day.”

“From your friend and scholar.”

Princeton reports:—“I feel that a few words spoken in favor of the good work done in our Sabbath-school, might be of some interest to the many readers of our good little WORKER.

I believe that I can say of ‘our faithful few’, that we are all interested in our Sabbath-school and are so glad to note somewhat of its progress. Nearly all took part in the written review and the questions were answered in a creditable manner, so much as to draw from the superintendent the two little words, ‘very good’, which were written on each paper. When a child does anything deserving of praise, he should have it. It increases his desire to do something more in that line, and as all of us are but ‘children grown tall’ praise is commendable to us if done in the spirit of the Master. My plan was to copy the questions off on paper for each scholar, with room left under each question for the answer, as it seemed difficult for all to keep in mind the question when read. Of course this plan can more easily be carried out in a small school than in a large one. The papers were handed to the superintendent, corrected and returned the next Sabbath. I think the written review plan a very good one, as it requires more earnest study in order to remember what is gone over, and it increases our love for the Word which is so needful.”

The 17th of July I visited the Sabbath-school at Wells, and found it in a very prosperous condition. This school has a membership of forty, quite a num-

ber of which are youth and children. A library has been started containing over fifty good books.

One interesting feature of the school was the secretary’s report, which contained a brief synopsis of the preceding lesson, and was read with such earnestness and clearness as to impress all who were present, with the importance of the truths learned.

An interesting teachers’ meeting was held on Sabbath afternoon, in which the good of the school was talked over and the lesson for the coming Sabbath studied together. In Proverbs 11:14, we read, “Where no counsel is the people fall”. This being true, can any Sabbath-school afford to be without a weekly teachers’ meeting where officers and teachers may counsel together?

The following week was spent in visiting among the officers and members of the schools at Albert Lea, Austin, Owatonna and Waseca. Although no meetings could be held during the week, it being the busy season, yet an experience in the work was gained, for which I am thankful. I returned feeling that the time had been well spent.

FANNIE BURGESS.

• NOTES FROM THE FIELD. •

Lake Benton.

THE Baptists of this place sent for a minister to present the Sunday side of the Sabbath question. We told the people to go and hear, and the two evenings, Wednesday and Thursday, he held services, we discontinued ours and were present.

He had forgotten to bring his notes on the Sabbath question, the first night and he explained the situation. He spoke on the “Nature of Man”. The next night he came with his manuscript and read to us what he had written. We reviewed his position on the Sabbath Friday night. We presented the Bible Sabbath and the first day and compared his position with the facts of Scripture. The result is a deeper and more extensive interest.

Collection last night \$3.28.

A. MEAD, C. H. PARKER, O. O. BERNSTEIN.

Fulda.

WE have reached a very critical time in the work here. The soul-stirring truths of the Third Angel’s Message have been presented and the result is the people are stirred also. Yet we fail to see the spirit of obedience, so needful these days. Two who were keeping the Sabbath were baptized last Sabbath and the Lord was very near by his tender Spirit, melting hearts as these souls followed the Lord in baptism. One has fully decided to obey the Lord’s requirements and we hope others will follow. Bro. Voth left us last week and is at Mountain Lake, but we hope he will soon return.

Pray for the work and workers here, dear brethren and sisters.

J. H. BEHRENS, A. W. KUEHL.

THE BOOK WORK.

**Canvassers' Report for Week
Ending July 23, 1897.**

	ORDERS TAKEN.			
	Book	Val.	Val. Helps.	Expenses
P. O. Johnson	G. C.	\$ 8.00	\$.60	\$. 0
Erik Peterson	" "	17.25	3.75	.35
Jacob Skadsem	P. J.	12.90	1.25	.75
Louis Skadsem	" "	8.60		
A. Hawley	" "	7.55	2.15	
G. Henrikson	" "	13.75	2.25	.75
J. M. Little	" "	44.75	1.30	
H. Shelstad	" "	33.60	1.90	1.55
I. T. Andrus	C. O. S.	3.75	1.15	1.55
John Tetz	" "	7.75	.25	
Ida Johnson	" "	8.70		1.00
Julia Johnson	" "	8.45		1.00
F. E. Rew	D. & R.	2.25	1.00	100.
		\$177.30	\$15.60	\$7.95

As I have been out in the field the past week I do not think all my reports have reached me.

Brethren, although harvest time is here, let us not stop, but press forward in God's work, gathering in the sheaves for the great harvest of God that is just before us.

J. F. POGUE.

No preventing providence, I will meet with the church at Lake City, the Sabbath and Sunday in August; Aug. 14, 15.

H. F. PHELPS.

Why not save money by ordering your groceries of Winchell and Nash, 506 W. Lake St., Minneapolis, Minn.

.....SPECIAL.....

Until Aug. 15, we will fill orders for our \$2.00 nut mill for \$1.50 when accompanied by an order for not less than 25 lbs. of peanuts. Shelled peanuts in 25 lb lots 7c., 100 lb lots 6½c., Full sack lots about 140 lbs., 6 c.,

A full line of HEALTH FOODS at Reasonable Prices.

Whole wheat flour at 2½ c. per lb. in quantities to suit.

Canned Corn as good as is usually sold for 10 c. for 7c. per can. Per case (24 cans) \$1.50. Sanitarium canned peaches, regular 20 c. goods, for 15 c.

Extra fine California prunes in 25 lb. boxes, \$1.75 per box.

Other goods at equally reasonable rates. Our prices are f. o. b. in Minneapolis. Cash should accompany all orders.

WINCHELL & NASH.

.....ITEMS.....

J. F. Pogue returned to Minneapolis, Sunday, from his trip among the churches.

C. M. Everest who went home last Thursday returned this week Tuesday to resume his duties as treasurer of the Minnesota Conference.

With regret the WORKER has to say that Bro. Flaiz is not so well as last reported, and he has been obliged to go home. Pray for him, brethren, that his health may be restored.

The readers of this paper have undoubtedly missed the good missionary contributions from the pen of Mrs. A. E. Ellis, and it is proper to state that their omission is due to the illness of M. H. Ellis.

Tents will be furnished at the fall Camp-meetings at the usual price of \$2.00 for 10x12, \$2.50 for 12x14, \$2.75 for 12x16. Please send in your orders three weeks ahead of the dates of the meeting, that we may know how many to ship. Minn. Tract Soc.

We were pleased to receive an order from the president of one of our sister conferences of the Map of the Eastern Question as advertised in last week's WORKER. There are a few left and at this extremely low price they will soon go. \$1.10 takes one post-paid.

The secretary of the Minn. Sabbath-school Association writes that inquiries have come to her in reference to maps to use in connection with the study of the book of Acts. The Minn. Tract Soc. has just one cloth map illustrating the travels of the apostles which they will sell for \$1.25 post-paid; or they can get a radial pocket map of Paul's travels for 10 cents.

Eld. Andrew Mead stopped over Monday night in Minneapolis on his way from Lake Benton to Brainerd where he goes to attend to some business matters. He reports that the work was so far developed at Lake Benton that Brethren Bernstein and Parker could finish it up. Two precious souls had come out fully for the truth, and others were interested but not yet decided.

Field Echoes is the latest addition to our literature, which is a bright, interesting weekly paper of four pages, devoted to the interests of the missionary work, and is published by the Michigan Tract Society at the nominal sum of 25 cents per year. May this new light echo the glad tidings through the hills and valleys of old Michigan, so dear to the heart of the writer whose happy childhood days were spent there.

It was stated in the items of last week's WORKER from what was supposed to be reliable authority that Brother Ellis was improving in health and strength and hoped soon to be able to resume his labors. We have just received word from his son, Ellie, who is assisting in caring for him, that the report was not altogether true; especially in reference to his soon being able to resume his labors, as he is still very weak and reduced in flesh, and the report says he will not be able to enter the work again for a long time.

This family has our sympathy and prayers in this trial of sickness; and we hope the friends of the WORKER who know these facts that would be interesting to the readers will send them to us, as that is the only means we have of learning about the work and workers in the field.