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#### Laborers' Meeting.

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ON the topic "How to work for the children", Bro. Nettleton suggested that in order to help the children, we must *get into the child world*. Christ was born a child, and lived a child life. The Old Testament is full of Child Stories, and we should tell them these stories in a child-like way. Another suggested that we as ministers should be more simple and child-like in our preaching;—as the old negro expressed it—"put the cookies on the lower shelf." Bro. Flaiz read from one of the Testimonies, "Let not the youth be ignored: put work into the hands of the children."

Following this, the topic "How to Study the Sabbath-school Lesson" was taken up, and it was remarkable that the Spirit of Prophecy sustains a similar relation to us that the pillar of cloud did to the Children of Israel, and that we should study the lesson in the light of it. Next the subject of "Sabbath-school libraries" was considered, and the secretary of the Sabbath-school Association read a well prepared paper, showing the difference between good, pure, and elevating literature, and that of the opposite nature, in the formation of character. Great care must be taken, or pernicious reading will find its way into the hands of the children, and an appetite be formed for it as hard to overcome as is that of the drunkard for his cup. The thought was presented that children need, and must have, something to read, and it is ours to furnish the proper kind of reading. We have the best books in the world, and they should be placed in the hands of our children. It is not the number of books we read, but the books we read well. The ministry need to instruct the parents in regard to reading our books, and then the children will be interested to read them.

The last hour of Wednesday afternoon, and the whole of Thursday was devoted to the consideration of "Home Missionary Work", and the subject was more fully considered than it has ever before been. The limits of this report will not admit of even a cursory glance at the thoughts presented by the different speakers, and only the results of the discussion, as formulated in a somewhat definite plan of work for the future, can be given. One or two of the thoughts presented must suffice. It is a truth that missionary work is *doing something*. There is a vast difference between *talking about* work and *working*. The lines of work are laid out before us, and we must seek the guidance of the Spirit as to how to work along these lines. Again, as missionary work is *applied gospel*, when we go to work and *use* the knowledge we have, we shall be missionaries wherever we are. The Lord wants the *gospel of work to go out from this meeting*.

Wednesday evening, Bro. Scoles took up the subject of "Preparation for the Coming of the Lord", from Mark 13.

Thursday evening Bro. Phelps spoke upon "Knowing the Day of our Visitation", as set forth in Luke 19:41-44.

Friday morning was given to the consideration of Sabbath-school work, and the topics "How to get all at work," and "Map Study", were taken up and discussed. From 10.15 to the noon hour, was devoted to the consideration of plans for future labor. There were no afternoon services held, the time being given to preparation for the Sabbath.

On Sabbath Bro. Nettleton gave an impressive sermon on "all prevailing prayer," starting from Ps. 47:13,14. Evening after Sabbath, the topic "How to get our publications before the world", was taken up and considered at length, the State agent leading out, calling attention to Jer. 16:16, "Behold I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them, &c.," and read from the Testimonies, that our books should not be allowed to lie upon our shelves, but should be sent out among the people: hundreds of men should be sent out to scatter these books as canvassers; men of tact and ability, keen foresight, and business talent. God has caused gracious light to be brought out, and it should be in every home, and be read in the family, and loaned to the neighbors. Considerable discussion was elicited on the question, Should the laborers engage in selling our publications? and, if so, where should the profits of their sales go? The question was referred to a committee composed of M. H. Ellis, J. F. Pogue, Fred Johnson, D. E. Scoles, and L. H.

Christian. They reported, recommending "that the profits from the sale of literature by conference laborers, over and above the actual expense for free distribution by themselves, be used to form a tract fund for conference laborers and canvassers". On a motion to adopt the report, an amendment was offered and carried by vote, That the laborers, in their annual report to the Conference, report their book sales, and also the value of tracts given away."

On Sunday morning, after disposing of the foregoing question, the one under consideration on Friday, viz. "the relation we sustain to the missionary work" was taken up, and, after some discussion, a committee of five was appointed, to formulate a plan for future work. The committee was composed of Brethren Mead, Curtis, Phelps, Everest, and Sister Ellis. In the afternoon the report of the committee was presented as follows:

1. Co-operation upon the part of all the laborers.
2. Co-operation between church elders and librarians.
3. Have the laborers prepare readings from the Bible and the Testimonies, for the missionary work of the church, as an educational help. With these and extracts of actual experience in missionary work.
4. All these to be sent to Sister Ellis for such correction as may be necessary, and to be duplicated for the churches, copies to be furnished to both elders and librarians.
5. That Bro. Flaiz and Sr. Ellis write a joint letter to the elders, showing them their true position in the missionary work, and put with each letter a copy of the tract Home Missionary Work, and that a copy of this letter be sent to the librarian also.
6. That the elders hold council meetings, at least once a month, in which all the officers of the church, the missionary society and the Sabbath-school may seek the Lord together, and unite in their efforts not only to arouse a working interest in every member, but to so plan the work that all may have a part; the arrangements for the missionary meetings to be considered also at the same time.

The report was considered by items, and the third item was amended by adding "That the President and Corresponding Secretary prepare topics and furnish to the laborers upon which to prepare readings." Also the fifth item, "That a copy of the letter be furnished to the various laborers". With these amendments, the report was adopted. Bro. Flaiz brought up the matter of laborers' reports, and exhibited some of the reports on hand, and showed how they may be improved, and so be better and easier understood. Bro. Curtis requested that laborers give their address in each report in connection with their name at the head of the blank.

Bro. Losey called attention to the matter of ordering from the Tract Society, reading a letter received from a librarian, and pointing out some of its defects, and showed that in ordering supplies, the orders should be separate from the body of the letter, and all grouped together.

Voted that the Secretary be requested to prepare a condensed report of the meeting for the WORKER.

Voted that we extend our heartfelt thanks to the brethren and sisters of the Minneapolis church for their cordial entertainment of us during the meeting. Bro. Nettleton presented some "Good Words for the People of God" in the evening, which was followed by a parting service, and the meeting closed.

D. P. CURTIS, Sec.

#### MISSIONARY WORK.

"YOUR light must not be confined to a small compass, put under a bushel or under a bed, but on a candle stick, that it may give light to all that are in the house. The house is the world. You must take broader views of the work than you have taken."

—Special Testimony No. 7, p. 5.

"Men are now earnestly plying every art and trade in order to satisfy their desire for more gain. If they would use this tact and zeal and careful thoughtfulness in an effort to gain something for the Lord's treasury, how much would be accomplished! When men who are thoroughly selfish accept Christ, they will show that they have a new heart; and instead of grasping all they possibly can obtain to benefit themselves, instead of making little, stunted sacrifices for the Lord, they will cheerfully do all that they can to advance his work."

—Special Testimony No. 10, p. 28.

"I urge you for your souls' sake to hear my plea now for those who are missionaries in foreign countries, whose hands are tied by your ways. Satan has been working with all his powers of deception to bring matters to that pass where the way will be hedged up for want of means in the treasury.

Do you realize that every year thousands and thousands and ten times ten thousand souls are perishing, dying in their sins? The plagues and judgments of God are already doing their work, and souls are going to ruin because the light of truth has not been flashed upon their pathway. Do we fully believe that we are to carry the word of God to all the world? Who believes this? 'How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?' Who has the faith that will enable them to practice this word? Who believes in the light which God has given? . . . . The little interest that has been manifested in the work of God by our churches alarms me. I would ask all who have means, to remember that God has entrusted this means to them to be used in the advancement of the work which Christ came to our world to do."

—Special Testimony No. 10, p. 31, 32.

It is hardly necessary to say that the second Sabbath in each month is gladly used in most of our churches for the consideration of our duties and privileges in connection with the support of our missionaries in foreign fields, and the collection of offerings for the foreign work. Do not forget this blessed service. If we cannot go to distant fields, we

can, at least, hold in loving remembrance those who are already there, and second their efforts by our gifts and our prayers.

John 4 : 27.

"They marveled that the Master spoke  
With one of alien race:  
Perchance the gathering frowns were dark  
On every Jewish face,  
So little did they comprehend  
The wideness of his grace.

"Are there, alas! disciples still  
Who fail to understand  
That living waters flow from heaven,  
And reach to every land?  
Who slight thee with their little faith  
And scorn thy last command?"

A. E. E.

#### \* THE SABBATH SCHOOL. \*

##### Reports from Schools.

ROUND PRAIRIE:—"We have hardly arranged our Sabbath-school in its proper place yet, but we have a good school, and all seem to enjoy the blessing of God more and more each Sabbath. May God bless our school is my prayer."

FREEBORN:—"As the Sabbath-school has been held in my house for about a year, I can say that although small, it has been a live school, very interesting and I trust very instructive. The members have endeavored to make it a first-class school. The Bible studies have been extensive, and I trust for the good of all its members."

PALMYRA:—"Our school has improved some but it is very small, only a family of nine and we are the only Sabbath-keepers around here so we do not see how others do, but try to do our best."

AUSTIN:—"We have a very interesting school and each Sabbath when we leave, it is with the blessing of God, and truly feeling that it has been good to be there."

BLUFFTON:—"Our school is progressing some and also increasing in members, but most of the members live quite a distance away so that they are not able to be present all of the time."

OWATONNA:—"The Lord has been good and blessed us in our work in many ways, although there has been many changes. Some have gone away and more are going soon, yet we know the Lord will help those that remain. Some have been added to our number.

We like the plan of having a written review at the end of the quarter, very much and hope that much more will be accomplished in the coming year than in the past."

ST. PAUL:—"Although our membership is not as large as it was at the end of last quarter, the Lord is with us and blesses us just the same. We have moved from our chapel on Wacouta Street as it was

so cold in winter, and are now holding our services in a hall on corner of Fifth and Sixth Streets."

WINONA:—"Our Sabbath-school has taken a step forward. Last Sabbath we had our first second Sabbath meeting for the children and it was a success. One gave the life of Daniel, another the life of Joseph, and another the life of Martin Luther. Two little ones sang 'God Made the Lillies', other songs were sung by the older ones."

WELLS:—"Our school is getting along nicely. Some of the children have paid in money from their missionary gardens, others will pay theirs later. Quite often there is a birth-day offering given. Some of our scholars are very faithful in this respect. We decided some time ago, at our teachers' meeting, that as we profess to be commandment keepers, we should be able, both old and young, to repeat them. So each Sabbath after the classes are seated for recitation the teachers are given from five to ten minutes to teach their classes the commandments before beginning the study of the lesson. All seem to like the plan. I think the lessons in the *Little Friend* are very difficult for the little minds to comprehend since we have begun the study of the book of Acts."

FANNIE P. JOHNSON.

#### • NOTES FROM THE FIELD. •

##### Lake City.

I WAS with this church Oct. 22-26. During this time I held five public services, and eight other meetings, giving instruction in the various lines of work. One meeting of special interest was that of the ordinances of the Lord's house, \$17 were also donated on the Relief Fund. A new librarian and clerk were elected to fill the vacancy made by the removal of Sister E. M. Webster. The work of the librarian was divided, and all accounts of funds that might be raised in the church for work outside the church, was placed in the hands of the deacon. This will leave the librarian to devote her energies altogether to the missionary work of the church, and will greatly simplify her accounts, rendering them less liable of confusion. It will place some of the responsibilities upon the deacon, where they rightly belong. All seemed to drink in the instruction given, and it was an occasion to be remembered, on account of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

##### Red Wing.

AS THERE are a few believers in this city, I concluded it was best to spend a couple of days here. Four parlor meetings were held during this time giving instruction in regard to the times in which we are even now living, and the work for this time. All seemed to be encouraged by the visit, and appreciated the instruction given. Bro. Baldwin of this city gave \$5.00 on the Relief Fund. Personally I enjoyed my visit at both these places. From this place I go to Zumbrota.

H. F. PHELPS.

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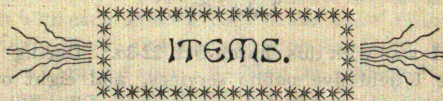
## Bluffton.

THE meetings at this place, Oct. 30, 31, were of special interest. The Lord came near by his Spirit. An elder and deacon were elected and ordained to their respective offices. Two were baptized and united with the church, A Tract and Missionary society was organized, and a librarian elected. The ordinances were celebrated for the first time with the church, and a collection of \$2.09 for the Relief Fund with promise of more soon, one brother will give the proceeds of two acres of wheat as soon as it is thrashed. All are united in perfect harmony with a desire to work for the Lord. Our trust is in God, and we labor on.

ANDREW MEAD.

### There will be General Meetings Held at the following named time and places.

Sauk Centre.....	Nov. 16 - 21
Hutchinson.....	" 23 - 28
Good Thunder.....	Nov. 30-Dec.5
Austin.....	Dec. 7 - 12
Stewartville.....	" 14-19
Pine Island.....	" 21-26
Artichoke.....	Nov. 30-Dec.5
Athens.....	Dec. 21 - 26
Mountain Lake.....	Nov. 23 - 28
Winona.....	Dec. 7 - 12



Eld. C. W. Flaiz and Eld. Fred Johnson passed through the city the first of the week on their way to the Warren general meeting.

Bro. D. A. Deedon returned to Minneapolis yesterday and will continue in the canvassing work till the Canvassers' School begins the first of January when he expects to attend.

In our first page article last week in the last line of the first column the word "discussing" was used where the word discoursing should have been. This was a mistake of the type-setter and overlooked by the proof-reader.

A new stock of Testimonies for the church, Vols. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, has just been received from the publishers. Also of "Gospel Workers". You cannot afford to be without a copy of these valuable works. The price of the Testimonies has been reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.00 per volume, and Gospel Worker is also \$1.00 post-paid.

About \$600 has come in during the past month on the Gen. Relief Fund to pay on the \$1,000 obligation past due. The most of this amount was donated Oct. 24, the day set apart for this purpose. We thank the Lord and our dear brethren who have so nobly come up to the help of the Lord. Next week we will give an itemized report by the churches of the various amounts received. So send in what you have at

once and it will appear in next week's WORKER. We expect it will nearly reach the \$1,000 mark.

Mr. Henry George, the great single tax advocate and candidate for mayor of New York City died last week after a brief illness of one-half hour. In one of the last speeches he made to a vast crowd on the day of his death he uttered the following memorable words which if written in the heart of every human being would forever preclude the possibility of persecuting any one for his religious or non-religious scruples. This principal of equal rights to all and special favors to none, and of allowing God to "take care of his own laws", is the principle upon which the fundamental law of our land is founded—the constitution of the United States. Mr. George's last words were;

I believe that all the needed reforms are summed up in that philosophy—the right of every man to eat, to drink, to speak as he sees fit, so long as he does not trench on the rights of any other man. I believe that God the Father can take care of his own laws—there is no need for us to gain trouble trying to meddle with God's laws, to enforce them.

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