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A Day of Prayer.

THE readers of the WORKER will remember that Oct. 24th has been set apart as a day of prayer, and a time to make special offerings to the work in our conference. Our workers' meeting will close the 17th and the laborers will again go to their fields, for a long winter's work. How very appropriate for us to spend a day in seeking for God's special blessing, to rest upon these laborers as they take up the work in new fields. The hearts of men are becoming harder year by year, more and more impenitent, and less susceptible to the truth; and as our workers meet these men and women they need to be assured of the support of our prayers. Our people would experience a greater interest in the work and receive a greater measure of the Spirit of God, if they would remember to pray for the laborers, in the closet, and at the family altar. It would also have a wholesome, spiritual effect upon the children. Then too, demands are being made on our treasury that we are not able to meet, and we need to come together and plead with God to show us our individual responsibility "in a time like this".

A note for \$1,000 is now due and the parties have asked for their money. This must be paid this fall. We have no way of raising this sum except by placing the matter before you, and asking God to show us our responsibility, and open our hearts to give of the means entrusted to us. Begin now to plan a liberal offering to our home work, Oct. 24th. The money may be collected by the librarian, and sent to L. B. Losey. We would urge the elders and librarians to council together, to make this a profitable meeting.

C. W. FLAIZ.

"Prayer is the key in the hand of faith which unlocks the store-house of the boundless treasures of heaven."

Preparation for the End.

LAST week we noticed that consecration involved a perfect surrender of everything to God; and from the case of Gideon's army, we saw how God was able to work with and through that consecrated company.

Dear brethren, God is no respecter of persons, and he has told us that the "power of God" awaits the "demand and reception" of the church. In Test. No. 31, p. 8, is this statement: "The Spirit which characterized that wonderful meeting on the day of Pentecost is waiting to manifest its power upon the men who are now standing between the living and the dead as ambassadors for God." But it cannot come without consecration. The great question then is, how is this great work to be done? How can such an experience be gained?

"Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isa. 55 : 7.

"A new heart also will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes and ye shall keep my judgments and do them." Ezek. 36 : 26, 27.

However there are certain conditions to be met; certain things which God requires of us. The first thing to do, of course, is to confess and forsake our sins, making restitution by paying the principal and twenty per cent for any robbery or defrauding of which we may have been guilty. (See 1 Jno. 1:9; Ezek. 33:15; Lev. 5:6, 7) But taking it for granted that this is done, now we are seeking a deeper work of grace,—consecration. That this is important none can deny. "Nothing less than entire consecration to his service will Christ accept. This is the lesson which every one of us must learn." No. 31, p. 38.

The secret of this great question lies in the will.

"If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land. If any man will do his will he shall know of the doctrine." This is made still clearer in "Steps" p. 48.

"Your promises and resolutions are like ropes of sand. . . . what you need to understand is the true force of the will. . . . You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections, but you can choose to serve him. You can give him your will, he will then work in you to will and to do according to his good pleasure. . . . Through the right exercise of the will, an entire change may be made in your life. . . . You will have strength from above

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to hold you steadfast, and thus through constant surrender to God you will be enabled to live the new life, even the life of faith." Again on page 5, 3. "You will to serve him....God supplies the fact."

Also in No. 33, p. 41. Pure religion has to do with the will. The will is the governing power in the nature of man, bringing *all the other faculties* under its sway. The will is not the taste or inclination, but it is the *deciding power* which works in the children of men unto obedience to God or unto disobedience. You will be in constant peril until you understand the true force of the will. You may believe and promise all things, but your promise or your faith are of no value until you put your *will* on the side of faith and action."

Thus the matter is made so clear that we may certainly obtain the blessed experience if we are willing—*will-ing*. But be assured of one thing, God will accept of no half-hearted service. No, nothing short of whole-hearted, perfect [or a perfect will], service will be acceptable to the Lord Jesus. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth; to shew himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect [in will, a oneness of purpose] toward him". 2 Chron. 16:9.

Not one single pet sin may be retained. "To spare *any* sin is to cherish a foe that only awaits an unguarded moment to cause our ruin." No. 31, p. 171. Again on page 49: "Even one wrong trait of character, one sinful desire *cherished*, will eventually *neutralize* all the power of the gospel."

Who then can be saved? "Those only who would rather *die* than perform a wrong act are the only ones who will be found faithful." *Ibid*.

When we as a people gain such an experience, the message will go with a "loud cry", the work will be speedily closed up, and the everlasting kingdom of our God will be ushered in. Haste happy day!

D. E. SCOLES.

Fraze Camp Meeting.

THIS meeting was held as appointed. The attendance was not as large as it would have been, owing to the busy season. The weather was fine all through the meeting. Fifteen small tents were pitched. The laborers were Elds. Flaiz, Nettleton, Fred Johnson, Pogue, and the writer. Owing to his health, Bro. Pogue had to go home the second day of the meeting. Bro. Johnson labored for the Scandinavians, with good interest in his meeting. He had to leave Sunday morning to look after the work at Pelican Rapids. Eld. Nettleton and the writer did the preaching in the English. The Coming of the Lord, Present Truth, The Work to be done by consecrated effort, were the themes, and the Lord did truly give freedom in speaking and blessed his people in hearing. The Spirit of God moved hearts to seek Him. A goodly number were blessed and benefited, while a few were not willing to be hewn and squared by the word, but love their old ways so much they fail to get the experience they need at this time.

Eld. Flaiz presented the condition of the Conference and its need. Also the work that could and should be done by our people in every place. \$11.42 collections and some pledges were taken to pay Conference debt. The outside attendance was good each evening, and on Sunday the tent was well filled to listen to the message. The business men favored us in different ways. One brother was baptized.

Meeting closed Sunday evening. Monday morning the camp was cleared, tents shipped, and I was on my way to Amor before noon, where I am holding meetings this week. Personally I enjoyed the meetings very much. ANDREW MEAD.

Sabbath-school at Frazee Camp-meeting.

CAMP-MEETING Sabbath-school at Frazee convened at 9:30 o'clock, Sept. 25, 1897, with Eld. C. W. Flaiz, supt. pro-tem. We are sorry that Bro. Ellis our State Sabbath-school superintendent, on account of illness, could not be with us.

The goodness of God granting us a beautiful day, with surrounding circumstances corresponding, our united voices sang, "There is Sunlight in the Heart". Bro. Mead, in prayer, plead with God to especially bless and instruct the children, also that His truth might reach the hearts of all old as well as young. Bro. Johnson, our vice-president, in the five minute exercise noticed that the tide of earth's emigration from its cradel, Asia, had drifted westward and completely encircled the earth; that the Sabbath-school arm had sent the gospel to the dark corners of the earth. Donations taken from the seven senior and two primary classes were \$2.06. Number present, 68. Primary classes contained 17, and senior 51. Before taking up the lesson study all sang, "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name", and with bowed heads asked God to specially bless the lesson of his word to-day. After singing, "Jesus my Redeemer, Bro. Mead asked some pointed review questions. The lesson tho a review, was exceedingly interesting. The two Scandinavian classes seemed especially so. School closed by singing.

W. J. GREEN, Sec'y pro-tem.

Reporting.

SEVERAL questions have lately been sent me on the subject of how to secure reports from members of the missionary society. As I try to answer these questions I am reminded of the anxious mother who asked Dr. O. W. Holmes when a child's training should begin, and of his characteristic reply, "Several generations before the child is born, madam". If members are thoroughly instructed in the real object of reporting, before they come into the society, they will seldom be troubled to know what is the right thing to do.

The most common excuse, and doubtless a conscientious one with some, is, that it is boasting of their work. A little careful thought would show that this need not be true. Of course a person can boast of his work if he wishes to, but if he does the fault is

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in his own heart, and not in the reporting system.

What is it to boast? Webster gives this definition: "To display in ostentatious language; to speak of with pride, vanity, or exultation, with a view of self-commendation." Do you report your work in this way, and for this object? Surely no one is asked to do this, but merely to write on a printed form, the amount of work and donations. The sum of the reports is read by the librarian for the encouragement of the society, and then sent on to help in making up the report of labor in the State. The names are not given, even at home, and are never sent out of the librarian's hands. No one could call this boasting, unless conscious vanity in his own heart made it such to *him*. Indeed I think this thought grows out of self-consciousness any way. If we would just leave ourselves entirely out of account and give in our reports with the unselfish thought of helping to encourage some one, gladly telling what "God has wrought by us", as did the disciples of old, the "bug-bear" of *boasting* would disappear.

But by far the greatest part of the failures in reporting arise from simple carelessness in regard to it. I think it is a great help to talk with the members frequently about their work. The librarian who is in close and cordial relation with every member of the society seldom fails to gather in a good report. To speak of one's duties in a nagging way does more harm than good, but kind reminders often accomplish much.

A. E. E.

• NOTES FROM THE FIELD. •

St. Cloud.

SINCE my last report I have been to Pople Creek, Foley, and St. Cloud. At the first place I spent but a few days on account of the busy season, and there being but little interest among outsiders. At Foley I have an invitation to the free use of a church, to hold a course of lectures, which I hope may be attended to by some one soon after the meeting at Minneapolis. At St. Cloud we had our regular quarterly meetings, Sabbath and Sunday, Sept. 25 and 26. Two dear souls were baptized, and the same number were added to the church. The Lord blessed on this occasion. Thirty, including the two who joined us were present. Six sent their letters, and twenty were not heard from. We hope that next quarter many more will respond. It may not be amiss to mention that the obligation resting upon members to write to their church, rests also upon the church to write to its members. The thought upon this point is so well expressed by one of our absent members that we will give it here for the benefit of other churches. He says: "The church expects to hear from every member who is not with them on their quarterly occasions, and every member should report, but it is rather dull work when the correspondence is all done from one end of the line. It is not a good social quarterly meeting for the absent members, when they never hear from their home church." Let church

clerks think of this and write a good interesting letter to the absent members at the end of the quarter.

The tithe collector's report showed that twenty-four members had paid tithe during the quarter amounting to \$176.25. The expenses for repairs, etc. were \$28.20. Donations to Foreign Missions \$18.07; to Home Missions \$10.53; to Gen. Relief Fund \$41.50; to Gen. Conference \$50.00. This does not include Sabbath-school donations. The Christian helpers are busy making quilts and garments for the orphans and the poor to be soon sent to them. God bless the good work, but above all give us hearts that love to do His will in all things.

J. H. BEHRENS.

Pelican Rapids.

FROM Aug. 13 to Sept. 14 I have been working in Pelican Rapids for the Scandinavians. Since then I have been attending the Fall Camp-meetings at Crow Wing, Frazee and Marshall.

The first three weeks I had the town school-house until public school began, after that the meetings were held in a private house. God's blessing has been upon the meeting from the beginning, so that prejudice has disappeared like smoke, and many have received an experience for themselves in the good word of God, which they are trying to follow.

On Sunday and Monday between the Frazee and Marshall meeting I stoped at Pelican Rapids to hear the first discourse of a series of lectures against Adventism by the Lutheran minister. The two Lutheran ministers there are being filled with the spirit of the beast as they see some of their flock turning toward the truth. That night he brought before us in a magnifying way the following three points: That we don't believe in the Holy Spirit as the third person. That Christ's death on the cross was not sufficient to atone for sins. That the doctrine of the mortality of the soul, which we believe, is *the* greatest lie. He asked those who had listened to me to pray God for forgiveness. Notwithstanding his charges and threats I had, the following evening, a good attendance and a good meeting. I only regret that I cannot stay over while the waters are troubled and meet the accusations.

My faith in the final triumph of the truth is bright.

F. JOHNSON.

Chicago.

SINCE July 9 I have been here and have taken treatment of Dr. Nelson, my son. This has been a good time for me, and my health is very much better now. I expected to come back to stay in Minnesota, but it is now decided that my wife and myself go and live with our son, and that we will stay here in Chicago this coming winter.

C. NELSON.

Philbrook.

I AM holding meetings in the Baptist church, and readings in the homes. Interest is growing better continually; two families have decided for Present

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Truth, and four more families are on the fence, looking with favor at the last message from God to his children. Others are interested, naturally for their God's message.

Yours in His name,
JAY. W. INGISON.

THE BOOK WORK.

Canvassers' Report for Week Ending Sept. 24, 1897.

ORDERS TAKEN.			
Book	Val.	Val. Helps.	Expenses
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H. E. Shelstad	" " 14.70	1.95	
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Martha Lee	G.A.&G.P. 12.00		
K. O. Shawhem	G. C. 23.00	2.20	
	\$70.95	\$14.15	

Our report is rather small, as most of our canvassers have now begun delivering, and so far as we have heard, they are meeting with good success.

J. F. POGUE.

...ITEMS...

Eld. Fred Johnson passed through the city and stopped over night on his way to Athens the fore part of the week. He will hold quarterly meeting at Cambridge next Sabbath.

We hope all the readers of the WORKER will preserve last week's paper for future reference as it contains the description and price of nearly all of Mrs. E. G. White's writings.

Last Friday Bro. J. F. Pogue was called to Pine Island in response to a telegram to preach the funeral sermon of Sister Batson of that place. He returned to Minneapolis Monday.

Julia Johnson returned to Minneapolis, Monday, from her canvassing trip this summer near Elmdale, Minn. This was her first experience in the country and, judging from her appearance and her report of the work, it was a happy one. She expects to attend the Canvassers' school this winter and further prepare for work in the wide harvest field.

We hope all our missionary societies are planning to do more missionary work this fall and winter than ever before. The officers of the Minneapolis church, Sabbath-school, and missionary society are holding monthly meetings together, and seeking God in prayer for wisdom and guidance that they may work in Christ lines, and He has helped.

Words of Truth series No. 7 is just out and is entitled, "Personal Questions and Answers concerning the Sabbath". This little tract of 56 pages is an out-growth from the tract, "How the Sabbath Came to Me" by Mrs. Henry. A great many questions have been asked Mrs. Henry about the Sabbath by her many friends in the W. C. T. U. and this tract

contains these questions selected from private letters to the author, with the answers which were returned, with but few changes. Price 1¼ cents each. Address Minnesota Tract Society.

NOTICES.

THE limited supply of the Danish tract, "Discussion between the Lutherans and the Adventists", by Eld. O. A. Johnson, has become exhausted at Battle Creek, but can be had at same rate at College View, Nebr. by sending to Eld. H. R. Johnson, Box 277. This is a very valuable tract, being a summary of both sides of the discussion held at Rushford, Minn. last winter. Brethren get the tract and circulate it among your neighbors.

It has been decided to hold a general meeting at Warren, Nov. 3 - 7, in the interest of the Scandinavian work. We hope to see a good attendance of the brethren in that vicinity. F. JOHNSON.

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