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#### Does It Mean War?

For the benefit of our readers we publish the joint resolution for the recognition of the independence of the people of Cuba and demanding that the government of Spain relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba." This resolution was passed by both houses of the Congress of the United States Monday night or early Tuesday morning after the hardest fought battle between the two houses in many years upon the most momentous questions it has had to deal with since the Civil War. The resolution reads as follows:

Joint resolution for the recognition of the independence of the people of Cuba, demanding that the government of Spain relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba, and to withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters, and directing the president of the United States to use the land and naval forces of the United States to carry these resolutions into effect.

Whereas, The abhorrent conditions which have existed for more than three years in the island of Cuba, so near our own borders, have shocked the moral sense of the people of the United States, have been a disgrace to Christian civilization, culminating as they have, in the destruction of a United States battleship, with 266 of its officers and crew, while on a friendly visit in the harbor of Havana, and cannot longer be endured, as has been set forth by the president of the United States in his message to Congress of April 11, 1898, upon which the action of Congress was invited, therefore,

Resolved, First, That the people of the island of Cuba are, and of right, ought to be free and independent. Second, that it is the duty of the United States to demand and the government of the United States does hereby demand that the government of

Spain at once relinquish its authority and government in the island of Cuba and withdraw its land and naval force from Cuba and Cuban waters.

Third—That the president of the United States be, and he hereby is, directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States and to call into actual services of the United States the militia of the several states, to such extent as may be necessary to carry these resolutions into effect.

Fourth—That the United States hereby disclaims any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction or control over said island, except for the pacification thereof, and asserts its determination, when that is accomplished, to leave the government and control of the island to its people.

#### Obituary.

DIED, at Albert Lea, Minn., Thursday, April 7, 1898, Brother Henry Peterson of Riceland; aged 24 years.

Some two months ago he was attacked by appendicitis, for which he underwent a surgical operation at home. A second operation became necessary as the only hope of saving his life. About this time his brother Arthur fell ill of the same dread disease, and both were brought to a private hospital in this city. Arthur survived his operation, and is on the road to recovery, but Henry never recovered from the second operation. The saying, "Death loves a shining mark", was illustrated in his case. He was a member of the Hartland church, and a more noble, consistent, earnest, Christian young man, I have never known. I visited him many times during his illness, and his face fairly shone as he talked of the blessed hope. From his death-bed he sent a message of hope and courage to his brethren in quarterly meeting. His aged and feeble parents, whose stay and support he was, are almost heart-broken, but are comforted by the blessed certainty that he sleeps in Jesus, and "will come again from the land of the enemy".

The funeral was conducted by Brother P. O. Johnson at the home in Riceland, where he rests till Jesus comes. W. A. SWEANY.

#### To Our Subscribers.

THERE has come to this office several complaints from our subscribers saying they do not receive the Minnesota Worker regularly. The papers are sent to every subscriber every week on Wednesday and should be received by every subscriber living in the State by Thursday or Friday of the same week.

All the papers going to the same post-office are wrapped in a single wrapper with the individual's name printed on a label and pasted on each paper with the name of the town on the wrapper. The post-master takes the wrapper from the papers and distributes them to their respective boxes. The paper being small we have thought that the papers may have gotten mixed with other mail, or two of the papers being rolled together may get into one box and only one subscriber receive it. Now if all who have not received their papers regularly each week will drop a card to the MINNESOTA WORKER, Box 989, Minneapolis, Minn., stating the fact we shall esteem it a favor. We want all our subscribers to receive their papers, and if we can find out just where the difficulty lies we can be better able to remedy it. If the trouble is with the clubs of papers going to same post-office, we will wrap each paper separately.

### \* THE SABBATH SCHOOL. \*

#### The Superintendent.

HE loves his work and wishes that he could perform it better. He would be very willing to resign if he had evidence that it would be better for the school if he should do so.

The superintendent superintends. He superintends the class work, the teacher's meeting, and looks after the children. In fact, if a true superintendent, he looks after all branches of the Sabbath-school work. *He protects* the entire school against weariness and annoyance. Long, dry speeches are never heard from his platform. He tries to improve. He subscribes for all the periodicals he can afford to take and study; he studies the lesson helps and attends institutes, conventions, and other places where he expects to get help in his line of work. He thinks that other people may know something which he has not yet learned, and that they may have good plans that he has not yet adopted, and with which he has not yet become acquainted; he knows that ideas stir him up and start ideas in himself—ideas of his own, which he can work better than any borrowed or second-hand ideas. So he puts himself where he can be stirred up by other people's experiences.

He tries to be a practical example of what he expects or desires in his school. He wants his teachers and scholars to be punctual, so he is punctual and alway on time. He loves in them good order, self-control, reverence, attention, patience; he therefore says little about what he loves, but shows his taste, preference, delight and desire in the most effective way. He tries to be

an example and pattern; he does not say so, but everybody knows it, and that makes them desire to please him. His *being* is better than bell-ringing and lecturing. The plainest proof of a doctrine is the practice of it. Thus he governs by example.

The true superintendent has the school on his mind seven days in the week. In secret prayer, at the family altar, at the table, in the shop, on the street, everywhere, the superintendent is praying, planning, practising. It makes him smile to meet one of his teachers or scholars. He is never so busy that he cannot give a hearty hand-shake when he meets any of those under his charge. He visits the absent ones, and prays with them, and encourages them to faithfulness. He visits the sick, and reads the blessed promises to them out of the Book of books. He is truly a religious man; he believes the Bible to be divine, he believes this with all his heart. He is a man of one Book; and that is not a record book, a report book or a library book—all good in their place—but the Book of books. The Sabbath-school is a Bible-school. The truth it teaches is Bible truth. He understands very well the power of home life, he therefore tries to link his school with the homes it represents, through the children reaching the hearts of the parents. He now and then asks the teachers if they have become acquainted with the parents and if they are in the habit of visiting them. A single friendly visit to inquire about how matters are getting along with the family will do more toward winning both parents and children than a score of sermons. He knows that when boys and girls are sick, a little attention will tell more than months of ordinary teaching. He knows the power of sympathy, expressed in words and little deeds of courtesy and kindness. At the close of the Sabbath-school, the secretary hands the superintendent a little slip of paper with the names of the scholar who is absent on account of sickness; and during the week, papers, pictures, choice, fragrant flowers and other reminders reach the sick one; thus sympathy and love reach the home and accomplish their work.

In Testimony Vol. 3, page 189, we read: "There should be discipline and order in the Sabbath-school. Children who attend the school should prize the privilege they enjoy, and should be required to observe the regulations of the school. And even greater care should be taken

by the parents to see that their children have the Scripture lessons learned than is taken to see that their day-school lessons are prepared. Their scripture lessons should be learned more perfectly than the lessons in the common school. If parents and children see no necessity for this interest, then the children might better remain at home; for the Sabbath-school will fail to prove a blessing to them. Parents and children should work in harmony with the superintendent and teachers, thus giving evidence that they appreciate the labor put forth for them. Parents should take special interest in the religious education of their children, that they may have a more thorough knowledge of the scriptures."

Hearty co-operation is the great necessity of the Sabbath-school work. Much more might be said on this line, but the purpose is not to exhaust the subject, but to bring out a few thoughts and open the way for further consideration.

M. H. ELLIS.

### • NOTES FROM THE FIELD. •

#### Chicago.

SINCE our last letter it has been our pleasure to witness some of the wonderful workings of the Spirit of God among the fallen men and women in this great wicked city. Easter Sunday, after morning service at the Working Mens' Home and assisting in a mission Sunday-school in which all the teachers are from the training school, we started in company with two sisters and three brothers for the worst part of the city. Two of the brethren going before, the two sisters following a few rods behind, with the other two brethren following on behind them. The sisters were armed with their Bibles and some tracts, and all six of us, with our hearts uplifted to God that some good work might be done for the Master. The brethren simply walked in silent prayer, that God would use them as angels guarding round about while the sisters talked, read the Bible, or gave the silent message in the printed pages to fallen women as they stood by their doors seeking to attract attention of passers by. On returning by another street while the sisters spoke to one of these unfortunate women she said, "You gave me one of those leaflets and I was thinking of it now".

Dear brethren and sisters in Minnesota, pray that the silent messengers thus handed out by daughters of Minnesota (and others too) may be watered by the Spirit and bring forth much precious fruit for the Master. When I commenced this letter I thought to tell of some of the results, but my letter may be too long and so will only say, in the evening meeting one precious soul testified that, attracted by us, he was drawn to the mission and there gave his soul to God, and the next morning we met him and

his face showed that he was happy in Jesus and he was already on his way restoring the pledge.

1926 Wabash Ave.

GEO. A. WRIGHT.

#### Lake Benton and Redwood Falls.

IN harmony with the request of the conference, I went to Lake Benton, March the 4th, to assist Brother Bernstein in his work at that place. I remained with him eighteen days. During that time I preached twenty-three sermons, made twenty-five family visits, gave four Bible-readings and held four other meetings. I baptized two and took steps toward organizing a church and tract and missionary society. There are a few earnest ones here, and with some of our brethren that live near, we hope to see them fully organized into a strong church.

March 23 I went to Redwood Falls. This is one of our oldest churches in the State. By removals and other causes this church has been reduced to a few in number. I remained here twenty-one days, spoke twenty-four times, and made forty-seven family visits.

That union for which Christ prayed, and by which he said all men should know we were his disciples, Satan has sought to destroy.

The same spirit that actuated James and John as recorded in Mark 10:35-38 has had a strong hold on some here. O, for more of the meek and lowly Spirit of Christ, "who made of himself no reputation". "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth."

God greatly blessed us here. Humble confessions were made, and as we drew near to God, he drew near to us.

DANIEL NETTLETON.

#### Among the Churches.

AS APPOINTED I met with the brethren at Motley, Hewitt, Wrightstown, Eagle Bend, Gutches Schoolhouse, Villard, West Union, Osakis and Alexandria. Meetings were held at these places between March 4 and April 4. Forty-one preaching services and eight other meetings were held, and made seventy-two visits; the brethren pledged \$42.50 and four acres of wheat on the Minnesota Relief Fund. Quarterly meeting was held at West Union and Alexandria, at the latter place an elder was elected and ordained. The blessing of the Lord was in all these places.

I returned home April 5th, and held the quarterly meeting at Brainerd the evening of the 6th.

April 8th I went to Motley to assist Elder Jay W. Ingison in a general meeting which was well attended. On the Sabbath, five willing souls were baptized; held four preaching services and celebrated the ordinances on Sunday evening. Elder Flaiz was with us in the closing service. The meeting was a season of refreshing and blessing.

ANDREW MEAD.

BROTHER C. H. Parker whom we mentioned in last week's WORKER as being called to the islands of the sea by the Foreign Missionary Board has the fol-

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lowing named books which he wishes to dispose of as the freight will be more than he can afford to pay on them. The prices named are about one-half of cost price. Those needing these books, will be doing good missionary work for themselves and Brother Parker by purchasing them. Address him, Box 989, Minneapolis, Minn.

Smith's New Testament History.....	\$ .75
Teachers and Teaching,—Trumbel.....	.75
Neander's Church Hist., Murdoch's Trans. 4vol.	5.00
Milman's Works:—History of Latin Christian- ity, 4 vols.....	3.00
American State Papers.....	.50
History of French Revolution, Carlyle.....	.50
White's History of French Revolution .....	.25
Geike's Life of Christ.....	.50
Two Babylons, by Rev. Hislop.....	1.00
Astronomy, Kitto's.....	.25
History of Baptist Missions.....	.25
Leckey's History of European Morals, 2 vols.	1.25
Livingstone's Travels.....	.75
Civil Government, by Young.....	.50
Young's Bible Translation.....	1.75
Zoology, Packard .....	.75
Welche's History of the English Language	2.00

### THE BOOK WORK.

#### Cavassers' Report for Week Ending April 8, 1898.

	Book	Val.	Hours	Val.	Helps
G. Henrikson	P. J.	\$17.50	28	\$	.80
H. Christianson	" "	11.25	22		1.00
Frank E. Babcock	C.K.&C.O.S.	20.75	47		1.00
Martin Hanson	" "	19.75	39		1.25
C. L. Butterfield	" "	8.00	27		1.52
Wm. Rahn	" "	25.00	45		.45
Myrtle Samson	" "	1.00	12		
Marion Christenson	" "	7.25	16½		.50
Ernestine Reichel	" "	5.25	14		
Wm. Borden	" "	1.00	4		
		\$116.75	244½		\$6.52

The following are those who have started out since this report came in: H. E. Shelstad, Fred Kjellman, David Deedon, John Tetz, Geo. St. Clair, John Lacey, Martha Lee, Rachel Mattson, Etta Peterson, Sister McGuire and Lulu Akerman. So far as heard from all are doing well, and are of good courage in the Lord.

We hope that none will feel discouraged over the unsettled weather we are having just at present, but that all will press forward in this grand and noble work, and have a good report to send in next week. If the battle goes hard we trust that none will feel like leaving the field to seek their homes, but will remember that "all things work together for good to them that love God."

J. F. POGUE.

Now that our land is threatened with war and latest reports say 70,000 volunteers will soon be called for, it is the best time in the world to sell or distrib-

ute "The Alarm of War" 2c, or "Arming of the Nations" 10c, the last of which is the two tracts, "Alarm of War" and "Christians Demand for War", combined. We have a few of each left.

#### ITEMS.

Twenty-eight Topic Cards on the Book of Acts, 5c; one card for each chapter. Very convenient for reviewing the Sabbath-school or for private study. Address Minnesota Tract Society.

For thirty days we make a special price of \$1.00 post-paid on our full Morocco hymn book with words only, same words as are in the Hymns and Tunes. Regular price is \$1.50. Address Minnesota Tract Society.

Brother A. Q. Shryock of the Battle Creek Sanitarium will meet with the Mankato church Sabbath and Sunday, April 23 and 24; and Brother T. S. Whitelock will meet with the company at Pillager during same time.

The Minneapolis church took up a collection last Sabbath in response to the call made in last week's WORKER by Brother Hilliard for the Tonga Island, and raised \$3.60. One dollar has also been received from Garden City and 25 cents from Marshall.

In the April number of our most worthy contemporary, *The Trumpet of Truth*, we notice the following statement;

"How sad that some of the ready patriotism which unanimously appropriates \$50,000,000 for national defence cannot be aroused once in a while to spread the gospel of peace in the homes perishing for want of the knowledge of a Saviour's love."

We are unable to clearly understand the above statement, Mr. Editor, in the light of what the truthful *Trumpet* has been saying about religious liberty, and its strong advocacy of the separation of church and state. Do you mean that you are made sad because there is not sufficient "patriotism" in the Congress of the United States to "appropriate" as much of the people's money "to spread the gospel of peace" as for "national defence"? We are not asking this to find fault, but that your many readers may not be lead astray as to your position. *We* have been made *sad* because Congress has been doing that very thing—appropriating money for sectarian use, contrary to the Constitution.

#### \*\*\*\*\* Wants, For Sale, Etc. \*\*\*\*\*

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