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FOREIGN MISSIONS INVESTMENT FUND

Special Rally Day, Sabbath, April 15

The following resolution was considered and unanimously voted at each Church Officers' Institute held in the conference this spring:

That we approve of the Foreign Missions Investment Fund, and pledge our hearty support to the same.

An Excellent Plan

The Foreign Missions Investment Fund should be made a permanent institution. The results of every year should be greater than the previous one. It seems to me that no greater influence could be brought to bear upon our children to give them an interest in this great closing work. We know that "Where our treasure is there will our hearts be" and we do want our children's hearts in this great closing work. And so from this point alone what a blessing this work may become to us if we rightly encourage it. Then, of course, there is the great good to the cause to be considered and from these two points I consider the Foreign Mission Investment Fund proposition one of the best plans launched this year.

G. M. ALWAY.

The Foreign Missions Investment Fund

It has been decided to use the third Sabbath in April for the presentation of the Foreign Missions Investment Fund in all the churches of this conference. As stated in the last issue of the ECHOES, the means thus raised this year is to be applied on the \$300,000 Fund.

Dear brethren and sisters, do not the many urgent calls from the needy fields appeal loudly to us to raise our share of this much needed fund as quickly as possible? We have frequently been asked, "How much do you want us to invest in this fund?" This, we think best to leave for each one to decide for himself. I feel quite sure that if we ask the Lord as did the Apostle Paul, "What wilt thou have me to do?" that He will make duty plain to us.

Dear parents, let us set apart a corner in the garden, or some part of the field, where our children can raise whatever is thought best for this fund. Our hearts will be made to rejoice as we see the *missionary spirit growing in their hearts*, while caring for their missionary investments. Some may not have the ground to let the children have for this purpose, but there are various other ways whereby all can do something.

A little blind colored girl, whose parents were too poor to buy her dolls and other playthings, had three ears of corn

given her to play with to pass away the lonely hours; these she called her doll babies, and they were very dear to her. They were the idols of her heart.

She heard the other children planning how they could help raise money to send the gospel to poor heathen children that never heard of Jesus, and she was very anxious to give something too; but what could a poor little blind girl like her do to earn the money, and her parents were too poor to give it to her. When the time came for the children to present their offerings, this little blind girl brought those three ears of corn, the dearest of all earthly treasures to her, and placed them with the other offerings. These were sent to the Southern field accompanied by a note stating who gave them.

A gentleman there was so deeply touched when he learned of the sacrifice this poor blind girl made when she gave them, that he agreed to furnish enough ground to plant them on, with the understanding that all the proceeds for a number of years was to be used for missionary purposes only. The Lord greatly blessed this missionary enterprise, and the judgment alone will reveal the number of precious souls saved as the result of this little blind colored girl's gift.

I believe that Jesus would have said of this little girl, as He did of the widow

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of old, "She hath cast in more than they all."

Another instance where a small investment was greatly blessed of the Lord was the giving of sixteen cents to some children, with the understanding that they were to invest this in whatever they thought best, and at the close of the year give all the proceeds to the Foreign Missions Fund. The result was that the children made those sixteen cents earn \$14.95. This greatly pleased the older members of the church, and they doubled this amount, thus \$29.90 was raised from the small investment of sixteen cents.

We hope to be able to raise at least \$1,000 this year in this conference for the Foreign Missions Investment Fund. Now is the time to lay up our treasures "where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."

The Lord has greatly blessed, and wonderfully increased the investments for this fund, as scores of both old and young can testify. Shall we not all plan to have a part in this good work, and help bring health and happiness to our careworn and heavily burdened missionaries, who have left home and friends to carry the last message of mercy to a perishing world.

The success that has attended the different methods of raising means for the Foreign Missions Investment Fund is an evidence that the Lord will help us if we do our part. Let us not wait to be personally asked to take part in this good work, but now, while the matter is fresh in our minds decide what we will do.

Don't forget the date for collecting the pledges for this fund—April 15. Printed blanks for this purpose will be furnished to all the churches, and to any others who may desire them.

W. H. Cox,
Missionary Secretary.

Grover and Vicinity

"He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap. As thou knowest not what is the way of the Spirit * * * * even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all. In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

God's words are a source of comfort

to us and the more is this true when we find them fulfilled in our experience and work.

In the natural world there are seasons in which to sow; in the spiritual world it is never too early nor too late so long as probation's door is not closed. The Lord says, "Go work in my vineyard today." At the eleventh hour the Lord hires help, and bids go, with the assurance to pay whatever is right. How glad we can be when after we have gone we can come at the close of day and report the work done.

In this report to the ECHOES family I want to say that the Lord always pays the work we do for Him.

On Sabbath, March 18, it was the writer's privilege to baptize two dear souls, and organize a Sabbath school consisting of four families. This was the first fruits among the Germans in the vicinity of Grover. Some three years ago Brother Valentiner and the writer visited the home of this family and sowed seed. During this present winter this brother (Solomon Werner by name) heard Bro. Gaede preach, first at Loveland, then fifteen miles from Grover where he lives, which helped to water the seed sown. On March 7 we went across the country from Ault by wagon, a distance of thirty miles, commencing with public meetings on the 8th. Of the six families living near enough to the school house, four attended regularly, one occasionally, and one, filled with prejudice, kept away and did what they could to keep others away. Of the four families, one received baptism, another family of the four is keeping the Sabbath and will receive baptism a little later, and we have hope of seeing the other two families take their stand with God's people for present truth. Bro. Gaede remains another week to further instruct, then he will go to Keota where there is a large settlement of Germans to whom we owe the message. God is good and to Him be all the praise.

H. A. AUFDERDAR.

Ministry of Healing Work

This work has been presented in most of our churches throughout the conference. And in most places it met with a hearty response. Some of the members took two a month for a year, others one a month for a specified time. We were made glad to see how the members took hold of the work by pledging for so many books. Now, brethren, we have pledged for these books, the next thing

is to get out and dispose of them. The Lord will help us do this.

In Vol. 9, page 46, is found this statement, "Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents—the members of the church—to co-operate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting for you. So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power." Brethren, the question is, have heavenly angels been waiting on us to go to work? If so, how much longer will we let these messengers wait? The time has come when we should wait no longer, but press into service. Are not these angels waiting to help us? I hear you answer, yes. Then with an angel by our side, is there such a thing as failure? No, never.

We trust that the elders of our churches will keep this work and the importance of each one taking their quota before the members. We, in Colorado, want to do our part in this grand work, do we not? So let us be of good courage and take hold with a determination, by the Lord's help, to do our part, and by so doing we will receive the blessing the Lord has in it for us.

C. B. SUTTON.

Debt

"Every one that was in *distress*, and every one that was in *debt*, and every one that was *discontented*, gathered themselves unto him." I Sam. 22:2.

So, you see *distress* and *discontent* go right along with *debt*. The devil well knows that the easiest and quickest way to get a man in *distress* and *discontented* with his work, himself, and every one else, is to get him in *debt*. He cannot get a man in *debt*, however, without his co-operation; neither can Christ get him out without it.

After about ten years' actual experience in the canvassing work, we are thoroughly convinced that, of all the causes of failure, *debt* is one of the most prolific. I have also observed that, as a rule, the individual who has been prompt in meeting his obligations with his neighbors and friends, will also meet them promptly when he enters the canvassing work. And vice versa.

Every one who has had an experience with *debt*, knows that the following words are true: "The loose way in which canvassers have performed their work, shows that they have important lessons to learn. The tract and missionary societies have been deeply involved

in debt through the failure of canvassers to meet their indebtedness. Canvassers have felt that they were ill treated if required to pay promptly for the books received from the publishing house. Yet to require prompt remittance is the only way in which to carry on business. When men cannot by canvassing bring into the treasury every dollar that belongs to it rightly, let them stop just where they are. They should not engage in canvassing unless they can bring means into the treasury, instead of robbing it."—Manual for Canvassers, Pages 62, 63.

We know how easy it is for the canvasser to get in debt, and we also know how he can carry on his work on a paying basis. Fellow canvassers, let's pay as we go or not go. Christ told his disciples to "Gather up the fragments that nothing be lost." Not that he or they needed the fragments, but to teach a valuable lesson in economy.

Elisha advised the poor widow, "Pay thy creditor, and live." So in Rom. 13:8. "Owe no man anything." Brethren, we should not only pay our debts because it is right, but for the good of the cause, and our own peace and happiness. In delivering, you know that the individual who does not pay for his book never feels as free and happy as the one who does. We tell them, "Right is right, and will wrong no one." How about it in settling our own accounts?

Many have allowed helps to help them out of the field, rather than to remain in it. If you use helps at all, the best way is to pay cash in advance for them. But if this is impossible, and you owe for them, be sure you pay for them as fast as they are sold. The habit of waiting until we sell five or ten dollars worth before paying, is a trick of the enemy, and in nine times out of ten will bring defeat. The tract society will not consider it a bother if you send in a dollar at a time, or even less. "This door of temptation must be closed and barred. However honest a canvasser may be, circumstances will arise in his work which will be a sore temptation to him." Manual, Page 61.

No other book concern that I know of gives as large a per cent. to the canvasser, or deals as gently and liberally with him, as our publishing houses. Most companies require cash in advance, or good security. Then certainly in the work of God, we ought to appreciate these kindnesses by promptly paying all our bills.

C. G. BELLAH.

"They that Did the King's Business, Helped the Jews"

This is the translation of the Hebrew text, found in Esther 9:3, as given in the Revised Version. And the Lord blessed the people of the realm of Medo-Persia for the help they gave the Jews. It is evident that our work of proclaiming the gospel to all nations peoples, kindred and tongues, must include the Jew. It is true that the Jews have been very hard to reach with the gospel, but we must go to them with this truth, and we are sure the Lord will impress them by His Holy Spirit to give heed to the warning message of God for these last days.

We are glad to tell the reader that we see a great change coming over the hearts of many of the Jews, and there are among them those who are inquiring the way of life and salvation. The literature which has been prepared for them, and which in many places has been circulated, has accomplished something in breaking down the prejudices of these people, and arousing in the hearts of many of them the spirit of inquiry.

A great many letters are being received at the office at Concord, Mass. from Jews who have read our literature. Many of them write for more. There are many Jews who write for New Testaments. Some of them are even asking us to send them a worker to teach the way of the Lord more perfectly. In one city the call has come to preach in their temple. This is conclusive evidence that the Lord is going before us, and is preparing the way for a great work to be done among these people.

Shall we not do our part in making it possible for their hearts to be reached? The Jews are a reading people, and in this country where at the present time there are more than two millions of them, they are quite up to date, and generally keep in touch with the times. What better can we do than to place in their hands some of the messages of present truth? The Spirit of Prophecy has repeatedly said that there will yet be many of the Jews who will take their stand for the truth; but we must give them the opportunity or knowing what real Christianity is. The only way the Jews will ever know what the religion of Jesus really is will be by those of God's children in the third angel's message who will give it to them.

In the cities and in the large towns all over our Conferences the Jews gather in

large numbers, and a good opportunity is always presented to give them the word of God, as they can most easily be found. If the churches would just interest themselves in these people, we are sure the blessing of the Lord will attend the efforts put forth, and we shall see the salvation of God.

At the last General Conference Council held at Washington, D. C., the Jewish work was placed in the Foreign Department of the General Conference, and it is the earnest desire of this Department that all our people shall do what they can to bring this message to the attention of the lost sheep of the house of Israel, especially through the printed page.

The apostle says: "For as ye (Gentiles) in times past have not believed God, yet have obtained mercy through their (Jews) unbelief: Even so have they not now believed, that through your (Gentile) belief they (the Jews) also may obtain mercy." Romans 11:30,31. Here then is the opportunity for the people of God to do something to show to the Jews they appreciate the gospel which the Jewish people once had, but through unbelief they have lost.

We have a good supply of literature on hand, and we will gladly send the reading matter to every person who desires the same. Send your orders either to your State Tract Society or else to *Good Tidings*, Concord, Mass. If you wish to help the work along by your donations, and we need much this year to carry on the aggressive work planned, send all donations to your church or to your Conference Treasurer, and state that it is for the Jewish work. This will reach the General Conference Treasury in due time.

Let us help the Jews. Let us ask God that His Spirit may move upon their hearts, and let us do all we can to place in their hands the message of God for these last days.

For the Jewish Department,
F. C. GILBERT.

Obituary

TAYLOR—Mrs. Cora May Glenn Taylor died in Denver March 13, 1911, in the 38th year of her age. The cause of her death was Acute Peritonitis. Sister Taylor, with her daughter Bessie, was baptized about five years ago and united with the First Seventh-day Adventist church of Denver. A husband and one daughter survive her. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

G. W. ANGLEBARGER.

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NOTES AND ITEMS.

Elder Alway reports more good meetings at Trinidad with two more baptized.

Elder Emery met with the Niwot church last Sabbath for the quarterly meeting services.

The Conference Committee was in session yesterday at Boulder with all the members present.

We have ordered from the publishers 2,840 copies of the *Temperance Instructor* for 1911. This is a good beginning. Orders come to us every day.

We have received a number of good orders recently from our German churches for papers and tracts in their language to be used for missionary purposes.

Elder Kite spent last Sabbath with the Hygiene churches, holding quarterly meeting. The Sabbath before he met with the church at Longmont in the interest of the \$300,000 Fund.

Brother Henry De Fluiter has recently gone to Chicago to engage in business. A short time before leaving his friends surprised him at his home. A very pleasant evening was spent.

While the article written by Brother Bellah on the subject of Debt applies especially to the canvassing work, the principles are good in all branches of our work, and in the daily life of each individual.

Brother W. H. Cox recently spent a few days at Fort Collins, Bellvue, and Greeley. He reports interesting meetings and visits with the brethren and sisters. They have a Sabbath school at Bellvue of some 15 or 20 members.

The 1911 Year Book has just reached us. Late revisions and changes in conference work even in February of this year appear in the book. It is very helpful to those who wish to keep in touch with our workers throughout the world, and the progress of the work. Price twenty-five cents postpaid.

Elder E. T. Russell met with the West Denver church Sabbath, March 25, preaching in the morning and talking to the young people in the afternoon. He left Monday morning for Loma Linda to attend a board meeting of our medical college.

Last fall the Tract Society sent 260 orders for the special series of the *Signs* to the publishers. That was the part the Colorado Conference had in adding the 13,000 new subscriptions which were received for this special series. What will we do this spring?

Elder George O. States passed through Denver a week ago Monday on his way to his home in Cedar Edge from Whittemore, Michigan. He is looking well, and reports excellent health save for his nerves. Brother States spent Sabbath with the church at Wray. He brought us one new subscription to the *Review and Herald* from that place.

The Colorado Sanitarium Food Co., of Boulder, offers to Adventists the following low prices: Cereal Blend, Graham, Oatmeal and Whole Wheat Crackers, Crystal Wheat and Tri grano each 8½¢ per package. Other articles on price list not marked net at 15% discount. Our doubly refined and deodorized Cooking Oil \$1.00 per gallon or \$4.50 per five gallons.

A brother living in the southern part of the state ordered 25 copies of the March *Signs*. He disposed of these so readily, and liked the work so well that he placed an order with us for 100 copies of the April number. Another brother ordered 10 March *Signs* and 10 March *Watchman*. He increased his order for April papers to 30 *Signs* and 20 *Watchman*.

During the last two weeks Brother John Anderson has put in 63 hours and secured \$103.85 worth of orders for Great Controversy. He is canvassing at La Junta. Brother John North, at Pueblo, reports \$25.00 worth of orders for Heralds of the Morning. Brother W. G. Hearne secured \$6.70 worth of orders in Lamar by doing a few hours' work. Brother L. G. Beans reports \$39.60 worth of orders for Bible Readings in Pueblo as a result of 48 hours' work.

We take the following encouraging report from a letter just received from the Secretary of the Longmont Missionary Volunteer Society.

"Since September 17 we raised money to buy a nice reading rack for one of the

depots here. Every month or so we appoint, or really let some one volunteer, to keep it filled. We had the *Youth's Instructor*, *Life and Health*, *Liberty*, and *Protestant* magazines sent to the city library for a period of one year. We also bought a copy of *Desire of Ages* and had it sent to a party we are interested in. After ordering 50 copies of the Dark Valley Railroad Temperance Folders, and sending for 60 copies of the *Temperance Instructor*, we send the amount of \$7.23, the result of our donations. May the Lord bless all societies that are working for Him."

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The first number of the new series will be the special Tercentenary Memorial of the Authorized Version of the Bible. We are receiving advertisements from Bible houses indicating great activity because this is the tercentenary year. No people can present the claims of the Bible so strongly as can Seventh-day Adventists. The *Signs* Memorial Number should be sent out by the thousand, and then followed by the rest of the series.

Send in your orders to us at once, so that they may reach the publishers in good time. Descriptive matter has been sent to each church, and to our isolated people. Order blanks were sent for your convenience.

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