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## CHURCH SCHOOLS.

CONCLUDED.

THIS is quite largely an untried field, and we shall see it beset with many difficulties. But they must be made to prepare the way to ultimate success. There are many of our larger churches so situated that they could successfully carry on a church school. And would be only too glad to avail themselves of the opportunity to place their children under the instruction of God-fearing teachers. A recent testimony, not at hand, says that there should be schools wherever there is a company of believers in Present Truth.

Perhaps the first difficulty that presents itself is that of suitable instructors. The difficulty does not appear because of a lack of teachers but because of a failure on our part to recognize this line of work as a branch of the missionary work and to make provision for it. Teaching is looked upon as a worldly occupation to be entered into for the profit it will offer, and not as missionary work. And hence our teachers are not willing to labor for the remuneration our people are able to give. We have a large number of young people teaching in the public schools and if this ability could be consecrated to the cause of God and utilized in teaching our children, great good would result, and many would be saved to the cause of God who otherwise would be found in the ranks of the enemy. It seems to me that there is a broad and needy missionary field here which as yet is practically unentered.

Many of our Bible workers labor for from four to five dollars per week. Out of this they

pay for fuel, board and room rent, leaving them but a very small amount above expenses. But they are willing to do this because it is working in missionary lines. Our teachers could work for even less pay than our Bible workers, provided they could board among the patrons of the school, and this would give them additional opportunities for work among the people. They could thus meet the students in their home life, and interest parents and children in Bible study, and in following a course of reading on Present Truth so much needed among our people. If in addition to this, they qualify themselves to give instructions in healthful living, in hygienic cooking, and in the home treatment of simple diseases, their influence for good would soon be felt in the Conference, and they would become invaluable and indispensable and at the same time would be fitting themselves to labor in broader fields. I can see no reason why such workers should not receive a portion of their pay from the Conference treasury if necessary, leaving the patrons of the school to make up the remainder.

Another difficulty which would present itself in many places would be that of obtaining a suitable building for school purposes. A large room in a private-house might be made to answer the purpose. In some places the church building would be sure to be suggested, but this is open to the serious objection of inculcating a spirit of irreverence for the house of God, and there is altogether too much of this. But the circumstances in each community would have to decide where the school would be held. The length of the school term would depend upon the arrangement which could be made between the teachers, the patrons, and the Conference Committee, in case the Conference were to become responsible for a part of the teacher's wages.

On the subject of text books we read the following from Special Testimonies on Education :

"There is need for every student to make the Bible the book of his study, this is necessary for every child, for every youth and for those of mature age. What book can begin to compare with

the Bible? for it is the Word of God, the word to guide the whole human family to heaven. Then why does not the word from God contain the chief elements which constitute education? Uninspired authors are placed in the hands of children and youth in our schools as lesson books—books from which they are to be educated. They are kept before the youth, taking up their precious time in studying those things which they can never use. Many books have been introduced into the schools which should never have been placed there. These books do not in any sense voice the words of John: 'Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world'. The whole line of study in our schools should be to prepare a people for the future, immortal life. Books should have been prepared to place in the hands of the students that would educate them to have a sincere, reverent love for truth and steadfast integrity."

This Testimony clearly indicates that we should have a specially prepared series of text books adapted to our needs. But until we have them we must use as skilfully as possible the ones now in use.

It would seem to be advisable in order that the interests of all might be guarded as far as possible that the Conference Committee in each State should act in the capacity of a school board, recommending suitable persons as teachers, and taking a general oversight of the schools, and see that as far as possible they have the proper mold religiously.

We believe that if the above mentioned plan is feasible, and can be successfully carried out, that it will result in creating a wide-spread interest in education among our people, and ultimately be the means of filling our colleges with students. But above all else it will save many of our youth from being led over a field that will fit them to become the steadfast subjects of the kingdom of darkness. There is no time to lose. We are years behind in this work already. A beginning should be made at once. Mistakes may, and probably will be made, but we should not allow the fear of these to cause us to hesitate longer over the Master's work.

C. W. FLAIZ.

#### Union College.

At the recent District Conference held at College View the needs of Union College were considered. The seven states comprising the school district were represented by delegates. Efforts have been made to place this school where it would be second to none. The stress of the hard times of the past two years

materially reduced the attendance from what it had been in former years. The patronage the present year is much larger. There are many encouraging features, and it is to be hoped that this institution may be able to accomplish much for the message by preparing workers for the Master.

The earnings of the college for the past three years have not been equal to the expense, hence there will be a deficit of about \$3000 by the end of the present year. It is well known that for some time past the water supply for the college has been entirely inadequate.

The well now in use does not afford sufficient water to enable the students to have bathing privileges. The sanitary conditions demand an immediate supply of water.

It will require an outlay of nearly \$2000 to put down the well and lay the pipe necessary to convey the water to the campus. After careful consideration it was voted by the delegates that the conferences in the district be requested to immediately take steps to raise the money necessary to provide water, and also \$2000 of the deficit. The apportionment assigned to Minnesota is nearly \$300.

Minnesota has shown that she could be relied upon for her full share in any just call for means. And now, brethren, shall we take hold to raise this \$300? If twenty persons will send us five dollars each, and forty persons two dollars and fifty cents each, and one hundred persons one dollar each, we will have the amount without further trouble. Now brethren, help lift. Let us hear what you will do. Credit will be given in the *MINNESOTA WORKER*, week by week, so that you may know how this fund is growing. Any information desired will cheerfully be given. Send all donations to L. B. Losey, Box 989, Minneapolis, Minn. C. W. FLAIZ.

WE have received permission to publish the following personal letter from P. S. Olsen, which will be of interest to the readers of this paper. It will be remembered that Bro. Olsen was sent from Minnesota a short time ago by the International Religious Liberty Association to Manitoba to assist in spreading the truth and preventing unjust legislation, restricting the rights of conscience or abridging the liberties of the people.

#### WINNIPEG, MAN.

I arrived here safely on Friday afternoon and have been hard at work ever since. The opposition is hard at work circulating their petitions for a provincial Sunday law. There is nothing but municipal laws in regard to the matter yet. The Sunday sentiment is much stronger here than in the States, but we hope that the Lord will interfere. Considerable literature has been sent out and distributed here in the capital of the province. We have had 5000 copies of the *Trumpet of Truth* published. I have written to

nearly all the members of the legislature and they have all received of our literature. I have also had articles printed in the public press. The legislature meets the 10th inst.

I find a great deal of work to be done. Pray earnestly that the Lord will give victory to his truth.

P. S. OLSEN.

#### An Invitation.

AS THE years are passing our dangers are fast increasing on every hand. It is necessary to use all our God-given power, and improve every opportunity to tell of this danger and of our soon coming King. There is no time to be inactive or sleepy. The only safety is to be working in the vineyard. We must work and pray. "Pray without ceasing", both in secret and at the family altar, as Daniel, (Dan. 6:10) David, (Ps. 55:18, 119:164) and Jesus, (Heb. 5:7). We can labor together with God in any occupation of life.

But it is one line of work to which we now invite your attention, and that is the canvassing work. There are our papers, small, and subscription books. All containing the present truth—the last message of warning to the world—and they need to be spread over land and sea. May God help us all to awake and go to work now, or it may be forever too late.

We cannot expect to get much money or a so called "good time" for "we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God". But there is much joy, peace, and happiness in canvassing. Christ says: "My yoke is easy and my burden is light". The blessing of God is resting on all who, by his grace and power, are doing this work. And the reward is written in Mark 10:29, 30. After the year's work many of the homeward returning canvassers can tell the same as in the 126th Psalm. Will not many say like the prophet of old: "Here am I send me"?

Brethren, consider this under prayer to God. It is no use to say that we are too old; the eighty-four year old Anna spake of Him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. "Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord". And may we not excuse us like those in Luke 14:18-20. "But let no one feel that because he is not educated he cannot be expected to take part in the work. God has a work for you to do." "Whether you are rich or poor, great or humble, God calls you into active service for Him."

The Institute in Minneapolis begins March 17, and it is to give instruction and preparation in this work. It is well and necessary for all who expect to canvass to attend it, and all are invited.

Come! prepare for it now, and be ready to come at the opening. Do not put it off, but act at once. There is no time to lose.

The eleventh hour call will soon be passed. The Heavenly Gardener will soon say that it is done. It will be terrible if we, at that hour, should in agony cry: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

Again we invite you to come. Do not tarry, but come to our Institute. Come to enter the work for our Master.

GUST HENRIKSON.

#### Minneota.

AS THERE was nothing more in sight at Jasper, I bound off the work there and came here. One family and two ladies hold the light aloft in that place. One of these sister's husband will take his stand soon. He told me the day I left that he was going to try and serve the Lord. He is a furniture dealer, and it is hard for him to see that he can trust the results in the hands of God. I organized a Sabbath-school of ten. Bro. Glembin of Pipestone will meet with them and encourage them in the ways of the Lord. Oh! for more fathers and mothers in Israel to look after these scattered and youthful members of the Lord's household.

A store building has been given free at this place. Tomorrow night I will hold the first meeting. I ask an interest in all your prayers, brethren, for the success of the work here.

C. H. PARKER.

#### AS IT SHOULD BE.

FOR the past two months we have been receiving a goodly number of subscriptions (new and renewals) for our church paper, the *Review and Herald*. This is as it should be until every S. D. A. family in the land shall be receiving its weekly visits. But, for the last two or three weeks, the number subscribing has very materially decreased, and we are sure that not nearly all of our people in the Minnesota Conference are receiving its cheering visits.

The instruction given in its columns is certainly timely and important. The studies on the book of Daniel from the pen of Eld. A. T. Jones are of the greatest importance in these last days. The Testimonies have been speaking to us of late in no uncertain tones concerning this matter, and we should improve this "golden opportunity" to become better acquainted with God's word.

The series of illustrated articles on the signs which show the soon coming of the Lord to gather his people home, must certainly impress us with the shortness of time, and the necessity of our keeping pace with the message.

Then, too, we should not forget that it is through the *Review* that God speaks to his people direct through his chosen servant, Sister White. We cannot estimate the worth of this instruction which the Lord sends to us, and no Seventh-day Adventist can afford to be without it. Brethren and sisters you who read these lines, if you are not now taking the *Review*, do not be without it

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longer. It will be sent for a whole year for only \$1.50, six months for 75 cents, or three months for 40 cents. Send your subscriptions to the Minnesota Tract Society.

### A FARM WHEEL.

THE average high-school or college graduate, no matter how long a course he may have taken in foot-ball or other athletics, is usually averse to much productive manual labor. So it should not be surprising that the daily press indulges in such items as the following:—

“And so you want a wheel, my son? Well, you'll find one in the front end of that wheelbarrow; and there is a big pile of coal ashes back of the house that will have to be moved. The handle bars are of white ash, and are adjustable so that you can get any style of hump on that suits your fancy. It is regulated largely by the load you put on. The bigger the load, the more you will have to hump yourself. Be careful and don't mar the enamel on the frame, and keep the ball bearings well oiled, so they won't cut the cones. The tire is absolutely punctureless, so you won't have to take a pump and repair kit with you. By the time you have removed that pile of ashes, I think you will have made a century run,—also the perspiration. Take a flying start and scorch to the finish.”—*Selected.*

### ITEMS

We have on hand a limited number of *Signs of the Times*, back numbers, which we will send out free of charge to those who can use them to good advantage. Address Minnesota Tract Society.

Ole Hilde, one of the students at the Canvassers' School, received a telegram from his father at Murdock, Minn., Tuesday, saying that his sister, Emma, was dead and requested him to return home to attend the funeral on Thursday. He left Wednesday with a sad heart as he had not heard that his sister was sick till the news reached him of her death.

The *Missionary Magazine* for March announces the opening of a Gospel Help Mission in Philadelphia for men and women. Eld. E. A. Merrill, formerly of Minnesota, is manager. Another mission called the Helping Hand Mission has also been started in Oakland, Cal., as stated in the last issue of the *Signs of the Times*. We have been told this is the work for this time and the Lord's blessing will surely go with it.

The Minnesota Tract Society has just received 5,000 copies of that new illustrated tract “Alarm of War”. From present indications it is not a false alarm either as the latest news is that war is inevitable between Spain and the United States. The president has asked for an appropriation of \$50,000,000.00 to prepare for the destruction of human lives. We believe it will not be necessary to give this tract away to get people to read it, as their minds are so

agitated over the subject that many thousands could be sold at the small price of two cents each. Send in your orders at once. Price 2c post-paid. Address Minnesota Tract Society.

### AFRICA.

A missionary from Central West Africa tells how the natives were affected by their first sight of artificial human anatomy. A missionary was giving a group of natives a talk on astronomy, and when he told them about the movements of the heavenly bodies one of his hearers bluntly said, “You lie”. The missionary said, “What would you say if I should tell you that in my country people sometimes take out their teeth to brush them?” This was greeted with derisive laughter. But a lady missionary present, being prompted by a sign, let her hand-made teeth drop into her lap. Every native fled from the room in consternation, and after that they promised to believe everything that the missionary might say.—*Missionary Review.*

### I APPOINT meetings as follows :

Hewitt .....	March 11 - 13
Eagle Bend .....	“ 14 - 17
Gutches School House .....	“ 18 - 20
Villard .....	“ 22 - 24
West Union .....	“ 25 - 27
Osakis .....	“ 28 - 30
Alexandria .....	April 1 - 4

These meetings will commence the evening of first date of appointment. I desire to meet every member of these churches at the time appointed that we may seek God together and study his word, and the Testimonies of his Spirit, bearing directly upon our time and work.

Will some brother please meet me at the depot at each place on first date. ANDREW MEAD.

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