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BIBLE STUDY.

We present a few more topics in this issue of the WORKER on the subject of the Spirit of God, earnestly hoping that the study thus far has been helpful to those who are engaging in it individually and in the churches. No subject of Bible information is of more importance than the operations or office work of the Holy Spirit. As this subject is studied may that Spirit cause the student to rejoice in the light of the word and impart the *life*.

TOPIC 13.—Spirit gives and preserves life, Job 27:2—4; 1 Pet. 3:18; Gal. 6:3; 1 Cor. 15:45; 1 John 5:12; John 6:63.

TOPIC 14.—Spirit a source of power to aid in doing God's work. Micah 2:7; Acts 1:8; Micah 3:8; Luke 9:1, 2. They were sent as Christ was, John 17:18, and he accomplished his work by the Spirit of God. Mat. 12:28; Luke 4:14, 36; Acts 10:38; Rom. 15:19.

TOPIC 15.—Sin against, unpardonable. Mat. 12:31, 32; Mark 3:29; Acts 5:3, 9; Heb. 10:26—29.

TOPIC 16.—Spirit a witness. (a) Testifier of Christ, John 15:26; Acts 1:8; Acts 5:30—32. (b) Testifier to the truth. Rom. 9:1; Heb. 2:3, 4; 1 John 5:6—8.

TOPIC 17.—Spirit a Comforter, John 14:16—18. Comforter, one called along *aside* of *for* help. (Dr. Young.) Acts 9:31. Rom. 14:17. chap. 15:13. Eph. 5:18-20. 1 Thess. 1:5-6.

N. W. ALLEE.

Gen. Conf. and Institute.

No doubt the minds of many of the brethren and sisters in Minnesota are toward this place and many earnest prayers ascend to the throne of grace that the blessing of the Lord may rest in a large measure on this the most important meeting ever held by this people and perhaps no more important was ever held at any time or by any other people. The sentiment of solemnity and importance is manifest in many hearts here. A deep conviction that a great crisis is soon to be met by this people and the essential principles of christian life and loyalty to the cause of God **MUST** be manifested by every one who shall meet the approval of Him "who searches the heart and tries the reins of men." The distinction and decisive message must soon go, to all the world "Come out of her my people," fully and clearly sustained by an intelligent presentation of evidences of the word of God that defines the issues of the gospel for this time.

How wonderfully are the sacred predictions for this time and generation being fulfilled! While we seek the Lord for grace and wisdom to move in harmony with the rapid advancement of the message, our minds so often revert to the dear brethren and sisters in our conference and our prayers are offered, that we may ALL experience the heavenly anointing and be prepared for the issue now at hand. Brethren are you one and all preparing to move to the coming kingdom. "It will take all to buy the field." A complete surrender to him who bought us with his own blood, will bring to us through Christ, the everlasting riches of that kingdom.

The nature of the meetings are fully set forth in the Bulletin of which we trust you are all readers. We are having cold weather here and some of our delegation are suffering of colds, but courage is good and all seem to be enjoying the meetings. We ask a continuation of your prayers for us and the work here.

N. W. ALLEE.

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Report of Christmas Offerings, etc., up to Feb. 1st, 1895.

Society	Christmas Off's.	Gen. Rel. F
Alden	\$20.25	\$14.10
Artichoke	26.17	3.25
Alexandria	7.70	1.00
Austin	24.10	20
Amboy	1.50	1.50
Alton, Daniel		50.00
Brainerd	31.85	4.60
Brookville	5.18	
Byron	1.00	
Crow Wing	21.19	3.75
Cambridge		
Canby	10.46	
Dundas	1.95	2.13
Dassel	14.00	
Dodge Center	25.11	.30
Duluth	13.65	.82
Elmdale	4.50	
Eagle Lake	25.30	3.00
Ells, Edith		12.00
Faribault	10.00	
Fargo	25.56	
Fair Haven	1.50	
Foldahl	8.75	
Gilerhist	18.60	
Garden City	5.38	
Good Thunder	35.00	
Gresham		5.00
Grove Lake	19.23	1.50
Grand Forks, N. Dak.	11.75	
Golden Gate	1.40	
Graf, J. J.		225.00
Hanson, Hans		30.00
Hancock	14.10	11.50
Hamlin	4.00	1.20
Hartland	39.00	25.85
Hankinson	5.52	
Hutchinson	25.60	.45
Hampton		5.00
Jadis	4.00	
Lake Johanna	3.90	
Lake City	42.88	
Lakota, N. Dak.	3.45	
Irving		5.60
Kasota	3.20	
Minneapolis, Eng.	122.76	7.30
Minneapolis, Scand.	25.01	8.00
Minnewaukon, N. D.	13.32	
Mankato	44.83	
Moose Lake	1.40	2.25
Mountain Lake	35.75	
Medford	11.25	
North Branch	2.00	
New Auburn	3.95	
Napoleon	6.00	
Oshkosh	18.00	
Owatonna	14.13	1.75
Pine Island	21.80	
Princeton	1.47	

Pine City	"	1.00	
Litchfield	"	34.00	
Redwood Falls	"	6.81	
Rock Creek	"		1.35
Richville, N. D.	"	7.00	
Sanborn, N. D.	"		11.90
Scattered	"	15.15	20.29
Stowe Prairie	"	5.25	
St. Paul, Eng.	"	79.70	
St. Paul, Scand.	"	36.00	3.65
St. Cloud	"	16.45	1.00
Sauk Centre	"	23.77	12.25
Verndale	"	13.20	
Villard	"	5.60	
Worthington	"	1.00	
Wells	"	68.50	22.60
Winona	"	13.77	
West Union	"	15.29	
Warren	"	7.25	39.00
Wrightstown	"	5.40	1.00
Previously reported			941.54
Total		\$1196.54	\$1450.93

We have quite a supply of the Special Number of the Sentinel on hand yet which we will be glad to furnish any one who has not been supplied with it at one cent per copy post paid. We hope the brethren will not let any of this valuable number go to waste.

L. B. Losey.

Bible Study in the Churches.

In the last reading for the week of prayer, the Author quotes some pointed extracts from the Testimonies, and gives utterance to some terse expressions that are of eternal value to every Seventh Day Adventist. One extract is in Great Controversy, Vol. 4, edition 1884, page 440, and reads: "The time of trouble such as never was, is soon to open upon us; and we shall need an experience which we do not now possess and which many are too indolent to obtain." It is a sad truth that many are to mentally lazy to study the very truths on which their eternal life depends. Especially is this so with many of the young people. Precious, golden hours are spent in needless sleep that ought to be employed in searching the sacred pages. It is true that some of these "indolent" ones arouse from their spiritual lethargy at camp-meeting, or they awaken, as stated in the article cited; "Under some pointed testimony or some intense appeal; but these efforts have been too spasmodic, to short lived. In a little while those that seemed to awaken, dropped back into the same stupor, and became more self-satisfied than before.

What will awaken such and keep them awake? Ans. Spiritual Work. But there is great need of preparation for this kind of work. Now what is of first importance in a thorough fitting up for such work? The author of the article cited, answers this question. He says: "In our preparation for the work, the study of the Word of God is of the first importance, for that is what we are to give to the people." Then he urges that every church arrange for Bible study. We quote on this point from his article as follows: "We urge that in every church

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this matter receive consideration. Let arrangements be made for Bible study, and for instruction in the various lines of work." In Test. No. 33, page 82, we read: "Every member of the church should put forth efforts to qualify himself to do work for the Master." We notice in the last three issues of this paper some topical outlines and a textual combination on the Spirit of God, by Eld. N. W. Allen. We have been taking up this study in Brainerd, and find it a most beneficial and interesting study. We think this topical outline will greatly assist in carrying out the arrangements for Bible study in the churches suggested by the president of the General Conference in his article already mentioned. The author of the article also speaks of Bible study in the family. He said: "In our families more time should be taken for prayer, for study of the Word of the Lord, and in holy meditation. The whole family should have a part." It seems that the instruction of the president of the General Conference, the president of our State Conference, and the work of the State sabbath school executive committee, relative to Bible study, is all in the same line. If families can become interested in Bible study, the church, which is composed of these families, will have the very same interest. Now is not the family program for the study of the sabbath school lessons an excellent way to create an interest upon the part of the entire family in the Word of God? Will not the Supts. of our sabbath-schools read the article in the February number of the Sabbath-School Worker, of 1895, entitled, "More Faithful Sabbath-School Work," for the five minutes exercise, and then see that every family has a printed family program? Why not? Only sabbath-school, and church enter into a thorough, prayerful study of the Scriptures?

E. HILLIARD, Brainerd, Minn.

PROGRESS OF THE WORK.

Among the Churches.

The work is onward in our district. While near Clotho-holding meetings, the Lord came near and gave power unto His word, and some were constrained to accept the truth for these days.

We have just had a two days' meeting at Alexandria, in which the cheering, enlightening presence of God's spirit was manifest. We are to have a two days' meeting at Osakis, Feb. 16-17, and at Sauk Center, Feb. 23-24. We hope God's blessing will be with us there.

W. B. HILL.

Pillager.

Since my last report the Lord has been blessing the work in this place. One young man, formerly a conductor on the N. P. R. R. and a family of six have taken their stand on the right side. Our meetings are growing in interest as well as numbers. All seem to be earnestly searching to know more of our blessed redeemer, who gave up so much, that we through him might have eternal life.

The severe cold weather is causing much suffering, as many have not the clothes to keep them warm, nor

food enough to more than keep soul and body together. Sickness has also put in its appearance, and this together with the hard times makes matters still worse. But the Lord in his wonderful providence is bringing good out of all these things; for he says, "all things work together for good to them that love God." Those that have taken their stand for the truth are being provided for out of his abundant storehouse. "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

There is now a company of about 16 ready to be organized into a church. The Sabbath School numbers nearly 28, and the interest seems to be steadily growing.

The outside interest has apparently gone, as but few attend our meeting outside of those who have accepted the message. The Lord willing, I shall start a series of meetings in a new place about 6 miles from here the 23rd or 24th of this month. Brethren and sisters remember me in your prayers.

T. S. WHITELOCK.

THE BIBLE WORK.

Sisters Lona Nichols and Ella Merickel are now working in S. E. Minneapolis with Sister Howard and myself. Sister Kimpton has gone to Battle Creek. The Methodist minister spoken of in the last report is still coming nearer and nearer to the truth. He is studying and preaching the truth as fast as he gets it. He is attending the Bible School at the church part of the time. There are two young men in N. E. Minneapolis who are deeply convicted, and are talking of taking their stand soon.

Sister Bardick has gone home on account of the sickness of her parents, so Sister Schram is working alone. She is doing some faithful work scattering tracts and following them up. This is an excellent way to break new ground and find people who could not be found in any other way.

I am very much interested in reading the WORKER, and learning what the laborers are doing. May God bless in the work.

ROSE F. MEAD.

Religious Legislation.

Two Sunday bills have now been presented in the legislature of this state. One known as House File No. 183, proposes to make Sabbath breaking a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$10-\$20. This doubles the penalty already attached for violation of the Sunday law.

Another bill was introduced February 14, in the Senate, known as Senate File No. 323, which proposes to impose a fine of \$50 to \$100 for Sabbath breaking. The Pioneer Press of the 15th inst, page 7, gives a brief synopsis of the bill.

It seems to me that it would be well for our people to make this an opportunity for doing some good work in the cause of equal rights. A simple form for a protest and petition will be found in another column. Take legal or fool's-cap paper, and get some good penman to copy the protest. Write Senate or House of Representatives and your county in the blank places; and send one to the Senator and one to the Representative from your district. Act at once. Carry some literature to place in the hands of those who will read,

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"Legal Sunday," and "Sunday Laws of the United States," by Ringold; and "The Civil Sabbath," are good for the purpose. These are respectively No. 22, 5 and 11 of the Religious Liberty Library, price 40, 3 and 1 1/2 cents each.

Any one desiring printed petitions can have them by addressing the writer. This can be made the occasion of doing much good, but the time is short, and all must act at once. Let us pray that the blessing of God may attend every effort made in his name. And do not forget to pray that the Spirit of God may assist in the work in the legislature.

H. F. PHELPS.

Protest and Petition.

To the Honorable of Minnesota, Greeting.

We, the undersigned, citizens of the State of Minnesota, and County of, would hereby embrace our rights of protest and petition.

Adopting the words of James Madison; we believe "That religion is not in the purview of human government."

We believe that "Religion is essentially distinct from human government, and exempt from its cognizance."

We believe that "A connection between them is injurious to both."

We believe that "There are causes in the breast which insure the perpetuity of religion without the aid of law."

Therefore, we would respectfully, yet decidedly protest against the passage of House File No. 183; and Senate File No. 323, or any other Sunday bill that may be presented to your honorable body.

We would further suggest, that every act of legislation, tending to exalt one day above another as a day of rest and cessation from business or pleasure, is because of the idea of sacredness attached; and is therefore, religious legislation. And we would most earnestly petition that you have nothing to do with any such legislation; but that religion and religious institutions be left with the individual conscience, and that every man be allowed the exercise of the inalienable right of spending his time in any manner he may desire; provided, that he infringes not the equal right of any other man.

Date

Names. Names.

The Canvassing Work.

The past two weeks I have been busy attending the meetings of the State Agents convention and a number of questions have been considered.

Agents are present from different parts of the world and all believe in pushing forward the work. Truly the spirit of God has blessed our meetings.

The canvassers Institute for Minnesota will begin March 20th, 1895, and I hope every canvassers will be present. I feel that we want to press forward in this glorious work. And plans are being laid that will be a great help to those in our work.

I shall be pleased to hear from all desiring to enter the work this spring.

Those canvassing are doing first rate on the small books. H. E. Nash and Bro. Whitlock are having good success in St. Cloud. Bro. Wing is doing well in Minneapolis.

A. M. Tatton is working hard at Fargo but is having rather of a hard time. Others engaged on our small work report encouragingly.

Yours with courage,
C. M. EVEREST.

Union College.

The work here is onward. During the past month Eld. A. T. Jones has been here, giving instruction in the Bible school, and during the week preceding the week of prayer, he gave a few lessons to the College students. The meetings were well attended and much benefit was received from the study of God's work, by the aid of the Holy Spirit.

During the week of prayer meetings were held every day, and the Spirit of the Lord came very near to us as we listened to the readings prepared for the occasion, and the instruction given by his servants. While the Lord through his Word and ministers reveals new light and truth to us, his spirit impresses it upon our hearts.

Jesus is more precious to us day by day, and it is our desire that he may be revealed in us daily and that every one connected with the school may give themselves to Christ and glorify in their lives the one who loves them so much. The influence of the Holy Spirit is felt in all departments much more than in former years. The courses of instruction in some departments have been improved and are more thorough than formerly. We feel that all the work is advancing.

The holiday vacation was quite short, but as a rule the students do not like to have long vacations here because work is more pleasant than idleness. The attendance now is about four hundred. There are about thirty from Minnesota, all of whom are enjoying good health and prosperity in the work. Not as many students come in at this time of the year as there did during the first two years of the school, for they see that it pays to come in at or near the beginning of the school.

The College buildings and church are lighted by electricity now. The electric plant works well, and there is no risk of fire, as was the case when lamps were used. Time and expense are saved to the student. The electric lights are quite an improvement on the kerosene lamp. The cost of the plant is about \$4,000.

Work on the Sanitarium here has been progressing during the past two months, and now it is ready to receive patients. Doctor A. N. Loyer, of this place, formerly of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, will have charge of the work. The Doctor has had a large experience and has the full confidence of the people here. The Bible school here has an attendance of about one hundred and thirty. Its sessions are held in the basement rooms of the College. Bible, history and grammar are taught, and the instructors during the past six weeks have been Elders A. T. Jones, B. E. Nicola and L. A. Hoopes.

A deep interest pervades the school, as the Holy Spirit reveals to those who study, the character and love of God, manifested in Jesus Christ.

L. D. HARRIS.