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### THE WORKER.

It has been decided to publish the "WORKER" in Minneapolis each week until Camp Meeting at least. We will send out extra copies to our friends, hoping thereby to gain many more readers by increasing the number of subscriptions.

The information in regard to Camp Meeting and other important interests between now and the time for the meeting, will be worth more to the readers than the price of a year's subscription. Will all our friends take a lively interest in getting subscribers for the WORKER and thereby increase the usefulness of the paper as well as do good to the readers?

N. W. ALLEE.

### CAMP MEETING.

The time for our State Camp Meeting is appointed June 4-11.

It will be preceded by a worker's meeting beginning May 28th. It is not necessary to urge attention to the importance of this meeting upon the minds of our brethren who have carefully and prayerfully watched the progress of the message during the past year, as all such are surely impressed by the Spirit of the Lord which is so powerfully moving on every heart that is fully opened to its reception and consecrated to the service of God.

The developments in the fulfillment of the prophecies that relate to this time are so rapid and marked as to almost astonish those who are the most closely watching them.

The persecutions in this and other countries of those who are loyal to the law of God are milder forms that forecast the great and trying times that are rapidly approaching. The necessity for the people

of God being often together and seeking the Lord unitedly for wisdom and strength to move forward in the fear of God was never greater than now, hence our meetings grow in importance every year.

We may expect more marked manifestations of the Lord's Spirit and Power among his people than ever before.

Our camp meeting this year will be second to none in importance to any ever held before in the conference. Selection of the officers as well as laying plans for the conference and its work are important considerations for the camp meeting. The wisdom, judgement, experience and prayers of all are needed in councils of the meeting; and we need the instruction that will be given by the Gen. Con. laborers who may attend. We hope each church will be sure to remember to elect delegates to the conference at the April quarterly meeting and send the names as soon as elected to Eld. D. P. Curtis, Sauk Centre, Minn.

We hope to be able to announce the place of the meeting soon. Meanwhile, dear brethren, begin to pray and plan to attend. We earnestly hope to see every one in attendance that can consistently do so.

Time is short and our opportunities are growing less and less.

"Many shall be purified and made white and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." Dan. 12:10.

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. V. 3.

Then come, brethren and bring your children, friends and neighbors, that all may receive of the rich blessings that we expect will be given to the heart moved by living faith.

N. W. ALLEE.

### Bibles.

We call the attention of the readers of WORKER to the fact that we have just received from the publishers a fine stock of International Bibles which we consider as superior to any Bible we have seen. Some of the superior features of this Bible are that they are small in size and large clear type, good quality of paper and binding. We shall be glad to furnish catalogues upon application to any one wishing to purchase Bibles. We do not carry all the various styles advertised in the catalogue, but will mark in the catalogues sent out the styles we handle. Prices from 45 cents to \$7.50. Liberal discounts to librarians, ministers and Bible workers.

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PERSECUTION.

Prosperus Community Broken Up.

GRAYSVILLE ADVENTISTS SUFFER FROM A BAD LAW.

The County Jail to be Recruited With Some of Our Best Citizens for Working on Sunday.

THE CONVICTED.

G. W. COLCORD, I. C. COLCORD, WM BURCHARD,  
DWIGHT PLUMB, HENRY BURCHARD, W. J. KERR,  
WM. WOLF, E. S. ABBOTT, M. C. STURDEVANT.

THE Seventh-day Adventist's trials were held Tuesday and Wednesday before Judge Parks at Circuit Court.

They were all charged with carrying on the common avocations of life on Sunday, contrary to the law and their names and the character of the work done, as elicited by the testimony of Wright Rains, the principal witness against them, are given below. They were all, nine in number, found guilty:

- Wm. Burchard, digging well, in one case, and pulling fodder in another.
- W. J. Kerr, painting house.
- Dwight Plumb, building addition to his house.
- M. C. Sturdevant, sawing stove wood and building wire fence around flower bed.
- Elder G. W. Colcord, superintending carpentering work in his house.
- F. S. Abbott, selling goods.
- Wm. Wolf, rolling windlass at the well Burchard was digging.
- Prof. I. C. Colcord, carrying lumber across several fences to be used in carpentering work about his house.
- Henry Burchard, helping dig well.

There were indictments against three others—A. F. Harrison, E. M. Plumb, and B. L. Deffenbacher. No arrests were made in these cases, the parties being in other states.

The case against N. B. England was continued at his request, as he had only lately come from North Carolina, and was not prepared for trial. There were in all the unlucky number of thirteen Adventists indicted. Geo. Smith who is not an Adventist, was also charged with the same offence, the prosecutor named in the indictment being C. R. Wilson. When Smith's case was called Wilson failed to prosecute and the case was dismissed.

The Adventists did not employ a lawyer but all addressed the juries.

Attorney-General Fletcher did not prosecute any further than develop the testimony from witnesses.

On Wednesday morning, Judge Parks gave his decision in all the cases where there was a conviction. The defendants were fined \$2.50 each, but he said as it was the first offense, and in view of the peculiar

character of the cases he would suspend the fines, leaving the judgement in force for costs only.

On Wednesday after the sentence the Adventists held a consultation. They concluded not to take an appeal to the Supreme Court, but to serve out their sentence in the Rhea county jail. After this decision was known ex-Attorney General Smith and several other lawyers got their consent to make a motion for an arrest of judgement on the plea that the indictments were not properly drawn up. Judge Parks overuled this motion. The Adventists assembled at the court house Friday afternoon prepared to enter the jail to serve their sentences, and they will be there by the time this paper reaches its readers. The school at Graysville is closed in all it's departments, and some of the scholars are already making preparations to leave for their homes in other states.

The Adventists all speak in good terms of the courteous treatment they received at the hands of the officials of the court. The law seemed to be plain and against them.—Dayton (Tenn.) Republican.

THE *American Sentinel* of March 21st contains a full account of the trial and conviction of these brethren together with the defense of Bro. Burchard and the final judgement of the court as written and furnished by Judge Parks himself. The paper also contains a cut of the closed Academy at Graysville.

The same paper also contains other articles just as interesting. One article is entitled "Statement and Appeal, from the International Tract Soc., of London to the People of England."

It seems that the manager of the soc. was arrested and fined \$19. for laboring on Sunday. So the persecutions are coming thicker and faster from every Christian? nation. We have ordered several thousand copies of the above mentioned paper in hopes that the brethren throughout the State would be glad of an opportunity to circulate it among their friends and neighbors. Every Attorney and Judge in the State ought to be supplied with a copy. We will send them post paid to any address at the rate of \$1.00 per hundred or 1c per copy.

Address, Minn. Tract Soc.

THE Canvasser's Institute commenced Thursday morning March 21st with a very good attendance. Some 40 were present when we organized. Bro. M. A. Winchell was elected chairman, F. A. Detamore, Sec'y., and S. H. Wing, chorister.

The following named books are being studied. Great Controversy, Prophecies of Jesus, Bible Readings, Thoughts on Daniel, Sunshine at home, Gospel in Creation, and Glorious Appearing. At present writing, Sunday morning, there are 55 enrolled and the Spirit of the Lord is with us. We have Bible study from 9 to 10 each morning, and 7:30 to 8:30 evenings. Bro. Sherrig just came this morning, and will instruct on Prophecies of Jesus.

I am thankful to the Lord for his many blessings

thus far, and feel to press forward trusting in him for needed help. C. M. EVEREST.

THE Minneapolis Church had the pleasure of listening to our beloved brother Tripp on Sabbath, March 23. It is with regret that we have to say that this is perhaps the last time we shall be privileged to listen to his words of comfort and encouragement, his warnings and reproofs, as he sails from N. Y. April 10th on his long and perilous voyage to Zambesia,— that land of moral darkness.

Going from N. Y. to London, thence to Cape Town, South Africa, where he goes by rail 1000 miles into the interior, and then on by oxteam 600 miles into the heart of the country.

We are glad to know he does not go alone. The same Power that sends him to this far away land will go with him to sustain and cheer him on.

He will also be accompanied by Dr. P. A. DeForest and wife, W. H. Anderson and wife, Bro. Tarr and wife and Sr. Harvey.

As he stood before us on the Sabbath and told, not only by his words, but by his cheerful countenance and the light of heaven, it seemed, beaming from his eyes, of his courage in the Lord, we could but say "God be with you till we meet again."

L. B. LOSEV.

PROGRESS OF THE WORK.

SINCE returning from Gen. Conf. I have visited St. Paul, Minneapolis and Hutchinson. At St Paul Sab. 16, I held service with both the English and the Scandinavian brethren. The brethren seem of good courage in the work.

At Minneapolis the school and institute work for the canvassers is the principal object of the efforts of those engaged there. Quite satisfactory work is being done, and those in attendance seem to appreciate the privilege of obtaining a better preparation for the work of the Master.

Friday the 16th, in company with Bro. J. F. Pogue and wife, we went to Hutchinson to attend the quarterly meeting services of that church. Except one rain the weather was nice, and the attendance of the brethren was good considering the short notice of meeting, and a good interest was manifested in the word spoken. The ordinances were celebrated, delegates chosen to the conference and other business transacted. We know if the brethren cherish the good Spirit that was present in many hearts, that rich blessings will be enjoyed by the church there. Bro. and Sister Pogue rendered acceptable service in the meetings. N. W. ALLEE.

TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS.

ON account of the change in the publication of the WORKER, making it a weekly and our con-

tributors not all being aware of the fact, we are somewhat short of our regular material that goes to fill the columns of our paper.

We trust, however, that our friends, in the future, will bear in mind the change, and remember that it will require just twice as much work and contributions to publish the WORKER as heretofore. As I have been asked to take charge of the editing of the paper until Camp Meeting, I hope the workers throughout the State will assist in supplying interesting reading.

With all the other duties connected with the office work, and especially just previous to our annual Camp Meeting, it will be impossible for me to do much more than to see that our printer is supplied with copy and the correcting of the proof.

Do not let the excuse that you cannot write well enough hinder you, for we will see that your communication is dressed up if you will give us the thought. We extend a cordial invitation to our young people to contribute short articles on any appropriate subject. Preserve a copy of your manuscript, and if your article appears, compare it with your copy and thus you will note any corrections that may have been made. In this way you will gain an experience in the use of language that will be invaluable to you in your life work.

Little did I realize in my school days that I would be called upon to do such work as this. If we knew what work the Lord had for us to do, would we not make a greater effort in our younger days to store the mind with useful knowledge? Embrace every opportunity that presents itself to widen your sphere of usefulness.

The Lord wants intelligent consecrated workers in His vineyard, and when we have done the best we can with our limited opportunities, then He will make up the lack, for he has promised to supply all our needs.

But how many look back, in memory, with regret to misspent time, and lost opportunities which, had they been wisely used, would have fitted them for a field of usefulness we little dreamed of.

God will surely hold us accountable for the talents given. He does not ask great things of us.

"Do not try to do a great thing; you may waste all your life waiting for the opportunity which may never come. But since little things are always claiming your attention, do them as they come, from a great motive, for the glory of God,

*He ought to have done more*  
*Time spent*

*5*  
*Man*  
*overlooked*

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to win his smile of approval, and to do good to men. It is harder to plod on in obscurity, acting thus, than to stand on the high places of the field, within the view of all, and to do deeds of valor, at which rival armies stand still to gaze. And no holy act, however trival, goes without the swift recognition and the ultimate recompense of Christ.

To fulfill faithfully the duties of your station; to use to the uttermost the gifts of your ministry; to bear chafing annoyances and trival irritations, as a martyr bore the pillory and the stake; to find the one noble trait in people who try to molest you; to put the kindest construction on unkind acts and words; to give of your best to the least; to love with the love of God even the unthankful and the evil; to be content to be a fountain in the midst of a wild valley of stones, nourishing a few lichens and wild flowers, or now and again a thirsty sheep; and to do this always, not for the praise of man, but for the sake of God—this makes a great life."

CAMP GROUND.

Just as we go to press, grounds for our camp meeting is secured. It is a nice grove between the two cities immediately on the Interurban street carline, and can be reached from any part of either city for one fare.

It is the most convenient grounds to reach from the different railway depots that we have had for several years. We trust that the brethren all over the conference will begin immediately to plan to attend the meeting.

Those who are coming to the Worker's Institute, April, 10—24 please write us immediately so we can arrange for you.

Please again do not forget to let us know—

N. W. A.

Elder A. J. Breed who has been a resident of Minnesota and Minneapolis for four years is preparing to move his family to his future field of labor. He has not definitely decided in which of the coast states he will locate, but, at present, has an eye on California, as this will be a more central point.

We are sorry to part with him as well as his family, but we don't wish to be selfish, and we realize that what is our loss, is our Pacific Coast friends gain. May the richest blessings Heaven

affords, go with them is the wish of the friends they leave behind.

Two more faithful laborers from the Minnesota Conference have just recently been called to go to far off lands by the Foreign Mission Board.

Brother E. Hilliard and wife received notice to prepare to start at once for the South Sea Islands on the Ship Pitcairn. They go as missionaries to carry the Third Angels' Message to the isles of the sea.

We sometimes shudder at the thought of leaving "home and native land" to go to these heathen countries; but at the rate persecution is springing up in the civilized countries of the world, a heathen land will soon be a place of refuge to them "that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

The only question that need concern the people of God at the present time, whether they stay at home or go to foreign lands, and is the all important one, and that is to be sure that God goes or stays with them as the case may be. For if he is with us who can be against us?

A Study of the Book of Daniel.

THE Lord declares that His people shall have "understanding of the times"; that they may "know, what Israel ought to do". To this end he has given them instruction and warning through his servants, the prophets. The Apostle Peter likens the "sure word of prophecy" to a light that shineth in a dark place.

The evidence is that we are living in the "time of the end", and in this eventful period the book of Daniel was to be "opened" and the "wise would understand". THE SURE WORD OF PROPHECY is a pamphlet of 96 pages just received from the publishers. It contains ten illustrations and diagrams. It will be a splendid help in the study of the next quarters S. S. lessons as they take up the study of the Book of Daniel. Issued as 131 of Bible S. Lib. Paper covers. Price 10 cents. Address,

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We again remind our librarians that all orders for supplies amounting to less than 50c should be accompanied with cash. We repeat this as some forget, and new librarians are being elected.

Our paper is a little late this week on account of the new order of things.