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The Workers' Meeting.

THE meeting convened according to appointment with Minneapolis church. The brethren having kindly offered to provide for the temporal wants of the laborers during its session. Nearly all were present at the opening meeting on Friday evening, at which Bro. Mead spoke from Zeph. 2:1-3. On Sabbath, after the usual Sabbath-school exercises, Bro. Scoles spoke very impressively starting from Rom. 11:29. This service was followed by an earnest move on the part of the larger portion of the congregation to seek the Lord. In the afternoon Bro. Flaiz read a recent testimony, which was followed by a large number of short testimonies. The evening was occupied by Bro. Nettleton in a sermon from 2 Cor. 4:7. On Sunday morning the real work of the session began. The program arranged for the meetings, provided for a morning prayer and social meeting at 8 o'clock, and study and discussion of topics presented from 9 to 11.30; afternoon from 2.30 to 5 the continuance of topical study; preaching at 7.30. Bro. J. H. Behrens was chosen as pastor and Bro. D. P. Curtis as secretary. The first topic studied and discussed was *prayer*. It was the general consensus of the speakers, that prayer, especially public prayer, should be brief, and express in simple language present needs, and desire for help from God the great and only source from whence help can be obtained. The next topic considered was "preaching", as taught in the Bible and the Testimonies, both as to matter and manner. Many interesting and profitable suggestions were presented by the different speakers, embracing many extracts from the Testimonies. It was generally conceded that long sermons were not so profitable as short ones in which "the word" was clearly and pointedly held before the minds of the hearers. Bro. Emmerson occupied the evening hour, discussing from Mark 10:15.

The topic of "Soul Winning" was taken up and studied on Monday, and the discussion brought out many points of interest from the scriptures, "Steps to Christ" and "Spirit of Prophecy". The thought was emphasized that personal work, in connection with preaching the word was God's method of soul-winning, and that we must come directly from God to the people, talk *with* God, that he may help us to talk *to* the people. The next topic taken up was "The Laborer's responsibility as related to the finances of the Conference", and this was lengthily and largely dwelt upon from the standpoint of the word of God, and recent special testimonies, as well as past experience and present needs. The conclusion was reached from these sources that the laborers had not done their duty to the churches in giving them needed instruction in regard to God's requirements and their privileges as the dispensers of his bounty, for the purpose of winning souls from the service of Satan to the service of Christ. Attention was called to Testimony 31, showing how Satan gets our brethren to tie up their means in worldly schemes; also to "Early Writings", that between the chapters entitled "Spiritualism" and "The Shaking" is one on "Covetousness", showing that this point is now reached and here is where we stand. The decision was reached that from this time on, the laborers would be faithful in presenting this branch of the work to the brethren, in all parts of the field where they labor, in showing them the simplicity of the plan which God has presented for raising means through the tithing system, and that it is disloyalty to God to withhold it.

Bro. Nettleton improved the evening hour in presenting the subject of envy and jealousy, starting from Prov. 27:4.

Tuesday was largely occupied in considering the recommendation found in the "Special on Tithing" "that all our churches in the State adopt the custom of having the church treasurer read a report at each quarterly meeting, showing the exact amount of tithes each person has paid during the quarter", and also show the receipts from the State treasurer. After a full discussion, the recommendation was unanimously approved as being the best light that we have at present. Bro. Flaiz called attention to a statement in Vol. 2 of the Testimonies, in reference to free-will offerings, which says that the Lord requires no less of us than he did of ancient Israel; and from Vol. 3, p. 395, which reads that "No less than one-third of their income was used in religious offerings".

The last part of Tuesday afternoon was given to the discussion of Sabbath-school topics: "How to

Grow", and "Memorizing the Scriptures". The evening was given to a discourse by Bro. Parker, from Ps. 42:5.

The morning devotional services were marked by a drawing near to each other and to the Lord, in striving to bring all the powers of mind and body into harmony with the mind of Christ.

On Wednesday morning the discussion was continued upon the subject of Memorizing the Scriptures, and different ones brought out points of interest from the Scriptures, from the Testimonies, and from experience. Following this the topic "How to Work for the Children" was taken up and discussed with a great deal of interest. Attention was called to a statement by Sr. White in the *Review* that ministers should imitate the example of Christ who took little children in his arms and placed his hands upon them and blessed them.

D. P. CURTIS.

(CONCLUDED NEXT WEEK.)

MISSIONARY WORK.

It will be remembered that at our annual meeting in June, the following recommendation was passed: "Recognizing in the Christian Help Work a very important line of Home Missionary Work, we recommend that our societies be encouraged to increase their efforts in that direction."

We have long urged this branch of the work as one in which all, both old and young, could have a part, and it is encouraging to see how many are coming to realize the blessedness of working with Christ along these lines. Over forty of our societies have already taken up this work (as shown by previous reports) and many have proven the truth of the statement on page 16, of "Home Missionary Work": "If the missionary meeting were a meeting where such reports were brought in by consecrated workers, it would not be dull, tedious and uninteresting."

I give two reports recently received.

"Our society has not been doing all we ought to have done of late, but we are trying to start out anew. Our two little girls are making a quilt for the Orphans' Home, and when their school mates found out what they were doing they begged leave to help them. Last Sabbath we had a most blessed missionary meeting. We were but seven in number. I had felt a burden for some time to try to do something to interest the members and to lay some plans to give them work to do, but I felt my inability so much, and thought I did not know how to go to work. But as the importance of the work rose up before me, and there was no one else to do it, I decided to take it to the Lord, and ask him for the Spirit's aid in doing the work. At the meeting I told

them what I had been thinking of, and gave them a chance to talk about it, and all to tell what they thought they could do. Two little girls thought they could sell tracts and papers. Some thought they could visit and talk with their neighbors and give them reading matter. One young man thought he could canvass for the *Signs*. All had some work assigned them. We closed our meeting with a season of prayer asking the Lord to help us by his Spirit in doing the work planned. Such earnest prayers it would have done you good to hear; such thanksgiving and praise for the privilege of having a part in the work. May the dear Lord help each one to go out leaning upon him, that their work may be blessed to the salvation of souls."

"We were having our missionary meetings in the evening till about two months ago. The brethren and sisters from the country from that time on until fall were going to be so busy they could not attend, so we thought we would make a change, and spend the afternoon in doing Christian Help Work. To commence with, a few sisters started out and asked for pieces of calico and for cast-off clothing and whatever they could get. We commenced piecing bed-quilts, and have at present nine quilts under way, and four completed. Will soon have the other done. We have also quite a large amount of clothing to mend and fix up and have ready when a call comes. We have enjoyed our work much, and feel that the dear Lord is blessing us in our work and in many ways. The young as well as the old have taken quite an interest. We have enough on hand to keep us busy a long time yet. Pray for us that we may have the Spirit of Christ, and that we may realize and understand the work that each has to do."

I hope we may hear from other societies. We may encourage each other in this way. There are so many ways in which we may work for the Master, there is no excuse for any one to be idle. Most of our societies are using clubs of the *Signs* and other papers. Some of these are sent out by mail, and faithful correspondence is necessary to obtain the best results. Some can do this who cannot go out in more active work. Many of the children and young people have also found the promised blessing in making special efforts to raise means for the help of our dear missionaries in foreign lands. All this work should be encouraged. Many will drop the work after a few fitful attempts unless those in charge of it do faithful and untiring work in planning, instructing, and helping. May the Lord give wisdom, and a great measure of that gift which made Paul's life so bright an example—the gift of "continuance".

A. E. E.

* THE SABBATH SCHOOL. *

Order in the Sabbath School.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

THE general exercise for the senior and junior divisions then follows. Brief it must of a necessity be, but perhaps all the more interesting for that; and the aim of the superintendent is to make prominent and impressive just the principal points in the lesson.

Long prosy exercises are not conducive to interest, and while there nearly always is some one who wishes to prolong a discussion to an intolerable length I am sure the presiding officer should not allow it, as this gives a chance for the youth who are not interested in the discussion to talk, laugh, and whisper, among themselves.

It would seem wrong to point out faults without even suggesting a remedy. But the only source of wisdom I know is our Heavenly Father, and to him should all seek for wisdom and guidance.

There is one thing I must not overlook and that is the desire of some to do all the talking. I have seen schools when the principal cause of disorder was the "hub-bub", caused by all trying to answer all of the questions in the general review. It would seem as though in this case it would be the duty of the superintendent to call the attention of all to what they are doing for themselves and for the youth. It is not at all courteous to each other. How much better it would be if all had that thoughtfulness to "esteem others better than himself", and "in honor preferring one-another". Is it not true that these texts have an application on this point. I feel that a Sabbath-school conducted in order and according to a regular program, giving each exercise its allotted time, commencing on time, closing on time; having the co-operation of its officers and teachers, and an earnest seeking of guidance from a divine hand, will have few of these drawbacks.

May God give to each officer and teacher of our international Sabbath-schools a deep experience in grace and wisdom to rightly perform their duties is my prayer. M. B. VAN KIRK.

"DOING good is a work that benefits both giver and receiver. If you forget self in your interest for others, you gain a victory over your own infirmities."

OUR CHURCH PAPER.

THOSE who are reading the *Review and Herald* each week have noticed the change that has been made in the editorial staff of that paper. Elder A. T. Jones and Elder U. Smith are now the editors. Like two watchmen on the walls of Zion, these brethren will watch closely the events in fulfillment of prophecy, and will endeavor to give the trumpet a certain sound. Both publishers and editors are striving to make the paper, more than ever before, a faithful expositor of the truth for this time, and of inestimable value to our people.

The price of the paper has also been reduced to \$1.50 a year to every body. This makes it without doubt the cheapest church paper published. Those of our people who are not taking the *Review* are certainly missing valuable instruction, and we urge upon you the importance of subscribing at once. And will not our brethren and sisters who are taking the paper look around and endeavor to get some one else to subscribe? There is no commission given for this work, but we believe that no better missionary work can be done than the work of increasing the circulation of the *Review*. We hope that all will take hold and see what can be done in this direction. Send orders to Minn. Tract Soc.

Notice.

I WISH to say to the brethren, through the WORKER, if any have clean copies of the *Signs, Review, Sentinel, Instructor*, or any other of our publications, but especially the ones mentioned, and will send them post-paid to my address I will place them where they will occupy the idle moments of many. We have a reading rack established at our R. R. Depot and also at three other public places in our village, and being so few in number ourselves, we find that we fall far short of the demand.

GEO. A. WRIGHT,
Box 166, Osakis, Minn.

There will be General Meetings Held at the following named time and places.

Sauk Centre.....	Nov. 16 - 21
Hutchinson.....	" 23 - 28
Good Thunder.....	Nov. 30-Dec.5
Austin.....	Dec. 7 - 12
Stewartville.....	" 14-19
Pine Island.....	" 21-26
Warren.....	Nov. 3 - 7
Artichoke.....	Nov. 30-Dec.5
Athens.....	Dec. 21 - 26
Mountain Lake.....	Nov. 23 - 28
Winona.....	Dec. 7 - 12

THE BOOK WORK.

Canvassers' Report for Week
Ending Oct. 15, 1897.

DELIVERING.			
	Book	Value	Helps
J. M. Little	P. J.	\$90.25	
A. Hawley	" "	26.25	\$10.45
K. O. Shawham	G. C.	23.00	1.06
G. Henrikson	P. J.	44.75	6.86
H. E. Shelstad	C. O. S.	18.91	.75
I. T. Andrus	" " "	27.55	
P. O. Johnson	G. C.	39.75	8.70
F. E. Rew	D. & R.	75.85	
		\$346.31	\$27.82

Most of the canvassers report good success in their delivery the past week. J. F. POGUE.

Wants, For Sale, Etc.

Short ads. inserted under this heading at 5 cents per line. Address all advertising matter to the Minnesota WORKER, Box 989, Minneapolis, Minn.

WANTED a boy 15 years old or over to do chores and attend school during the coming winter, to commence about Nov. 1st. Five months school during fall and winter. A good place for the right boy. For particulars address H. L. Hahn, Lemond, Minn.

ENVELOPES and Cards neatly printed, 40 cents per 100 post-paid. Good stock. Larger quantities cheaper. Address Geo. Nelson, Box 989, Minneapolis, Minn.

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714 Germain St., St. Cloud, Minn.

UNTIL Dec. 1, 1897, the Minnesota Tract Society will sell the Danish, Swedish, and German "Great Controversy" in the full morocco binding at one-half price or \$2.25, 25 cents additional for postage. This is one of the best works ever written by Mrs. E. G. White. It has always sold for \$4.50 in this binding, and this is a rare opportunity to secure this most excellent work. Address Minn. Tract Soc.

If you do not possess a good Bible write to Minn. Tract Soc. for prices and buy one.

ITEMS

There seems to be a spirit of awakening on the subject of the Testimonies among our people which is a good indication that they are coming nearer the Lord and want to know his will. The Minn. Tract Soc. has sold four sets in the past few days of Vol. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. The price has been reduced from \$1.50 per Vol. to \$1.00 for the cloth binding, and from \$2.00 to \$1.50 for the library binding, which places them within the reach of all.

We are sending out statements to the subscribers of the Minnesota WORKER whose subscriptions expire this month or next, and hope that every reader who receives one will either renew at once or notify us that they cannot take the paper longer. This will save much trouble, as if you wish the paper and do not renew before or at the time of expiration your name is cut off and you miss one or two issues of the paper; then your name has to be set up in type again and re-entered on our book. So please do us the favor of *renewing* at once if you intend to do so.

In a private letter from Sister A. G. Adams we learn the sad news of the death of Sister W. E. Partlow, who in company with her husband, was taking a nurse's course at the Battle Creek Sanitarium. The letter states that she died, after a sickness of two weeks with typhoid fever, but was perfectly resigned to the will of God, and if her work was done to rest from this life to await the coming of the Lord. Her many friends in this State will sorrow, but not as those without hope; for she was confident that her sins were forgiven, and she was ready to meet her Maker and her King. What a consolation for those who learned to love her, and who, if faithful, will meet her "on the shore beyond the sea".

The friends of the cause throughout the State will be pleased to learn of the success in the various churches in raising means during the days of prayer, Oct. 23 and 24. The amount sent in from St. Paul church was \$30.88; Minneapolis, \$25.01 besides jewelry and pledges amounting to over \$30.00; Pine Island, \$8.38; North Branch, \$6.00; Pine City, \$1.16. This is a very encouraging report as to amounts, and so soon after the collection was taken; and if other churches do correspondingly as well, the thousand dollars will soon be forthcoming with which to pay off the obligation which is past due.

North Branch.

THE Lord is testing his people. This is very evident. While with the company at this place, we had especially good meetings in that God came near by his tender Spirit and hearts were moved to seek him as never before. The truths brought out of the Scriptures and Testimonies were such as pointed out our duties as a people in the work before us, and the rich blessing of the Lord attending faithful service. An elder and deacon were elected and ordained to their respective offices. Two united with the little band and \$6.00 was given to the Gen. Relief Fund. I am now on my way to Arlington. Remember me in your prayers. J. H. BEHRENS.