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Some Recent Testimonies.

LAST week we called attention to a very few of the many testimonies bearing upon the effect upon the work,—resulting from the withholding of the tithe. But there is another, and if possible, more important consideration.

As the Sabbath is the test of loyalty to God in the use of our time, so the tithe is the test of our loyalty to God in the use of his entrusted goods. No man can be trusted with the eternal riches until he proves his loyalty by the payment of an honest tithe. The man who robs or defrauds another feels ill at ease in his presence. In the same way the man who robs God in tithe would be a stranger in heaven.

To see that this is true we need but read the following and remember that it is the Lord who speaks. "The tithe you have withheld I reserved for the support of my servants in their work of opening the scriptures to those who are in the regions of darkness who do not understand my law. In using my reserve fund to gratify your own desires you have robbed souls of the light which I made provision they should receive. You have had opportunity to show loyalty to me, but you have not done so. You have robbed me; for you have stolen my reserve fund." "Ye are cursed with a curse." We have in this the assurance that the curse of God rests upon every soul who withholds the tithe. This is not only true in a spiritual sense but it is also true in a temporal way, as the following testifies. The Lord asks them to prove him by bringing their tithe into his storehouse and to see whether he will not pour them out a blessing. But they cherish rebellion in their hearts and complain of God, and at the same time rob him and embezzle his goods. When their sin is presented to them, they say: I have had adversity; my crops have been poor, but the wicked are prospered.

It does not pay to keep the ordinances of God. Those who thus complain have brought the adversity upon themselves. They have robbed God, and his cause has been hindered because the money that should have flowed into his treasury was used for selfish purposes. They showed their disloyalty to God by failing to carry out his prescribed plan. They withheld the Lord's money and hindered the word which he designed should be done. God was not honored by the use of his entrusted goods. *Therefore* he has let the curse fall upon them, permitting the spoiler to destroy their fruits and to bring calamities upon them. Thus it appears that our financial distresses are not the result of "hard times" but rather because we have proven to our heavenly Father that we were not to be trusted in the use of his goods; and he has acted with us accordingly. Shall we not change our course and by faithfulness to God, merit the blessings of heaven.

C. W. FLAIZ.

Scandinavian Department of Union College.

I WISH to call attention of the Scandinavians of Minnesota to this department of Union College. All, who have any experience in missionary work, know how desirable it is to be able to speak more than one language. Those who can do so have a great advantage over those who speak only one. Now all of foreign descent can quite readily learn their mother tongue as well as the English and thus learn two languages instead of one. Now a most excellent opportunity is given at Union College for learning the Norwegian-Danish, Swedish and German languages, and all who contemplate to give themselves to the work ought to avail themselves of this opportunity.

No efforts will be spared this coming year to make the instruction in the Scandinavian as good as possible. The special branches to be studied will be Bible, History and Language.

At the urgent request of the Board and others the undersigned has consented to teach in the Scandinavian department of Union College. Now may we not hope that we shall have the hearty co-operation of all our workers to make this department a success. But to be a success we must have students, hence we would kindly ask all to encourage proper persons to attend Union College and especially encourage foreigners to study their mother tongue. May we not hope to see a large representation from Minnesota at Union College the coming year.

EXPENSES.

"Charge for non-resident students will be \$12.00 per month of four weeks, if paid in advance a dis-

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count of 50 cents per month will be made when a cash payment for five months is made at one time in advance. When cash is paid in advance for the whole year, the rate is \$11.00 per month."

Send a two-cent stamp together with your address to Union College, College View, Nebr. for a calendar.

The undersigned should be glad to hear from any who contemplate attending the Scandinavian department of Union College. Address, Milton Junction, Wis.
O. A. JOHNSON.

• NOTES FROM THE FIELD. •

Lake Benton.

THE Lord is still blessing our efforts, and we can see some real interest developing. Last night we spoke on the Sabbath question to an audience of over two hundred. A collection of \$2.09 was taken at the close.

A. MEAD,
C. H. PARKER,
O. O. BERNSTEIN.

Pipestone.

I SPENT Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday with the Pipestone church, and we enjoyed some precious seasons. Especially was this so, Sabbath, when we celebrated the ordinances. It was a very solemn occasion. One was added to the church, and three others give promise of soon uniting. The outside interest is good yet. I return to Lake Benton today.

C. H. PARKER.

Fulda.

WE have pitched our tents again.

Last Monday, June 28, we had the most terrific wind and hail storm that I ever passed through. We did not have time to think until both of our tents were laid even with the ground. The small tent was considerably damaged. However, not one hair of our heads were injured. Wednesday we had our first meeting with not quite so large an attendance as before. We are of good courage in the Lord. Pray for us.

A. W. KUEHL,
A. J. VOTH.

Albert Lea.

WE have been a little slow about reporting, hoping that we might be able to record something of special interest.

We found a pleasant location in the residence portion of town, and though the meetings were announced by bills and newspapers, besides considerable personal and house-to-house work, yet we have been unable to get anything of a hearing except a few irregular attendants; and not only this but we are in a large measure handicapped by not being

able to reach the people in their homes. We intend to move the tent to another part of town next week and see if we can by any means reach the people.

Our courage is good in God and his truth, and we shall proclaim the Word "whether they will hear or whether they will forbear", and we trust that some of the seed sown may bear fruit to the glory of God.

M. H. ELLIS,
W. A. SWEANY,
D. E. SCOLRS.

Minneapolis.

Sr. Alma Johnson and I returned to Minneapolis to follow up the interest that was here when the C. M. began. She has spent much time in selling the Scandinavian papers, and has had fair success. I have been busy following up the interests that I had and all kept good with one or two exceptions. We have been glad to see some attend the meetings at the church. All that took hold of the Sabbath in the last year's work are holding on and growing in grace.

We remember the other workers in our prayers.

ROSE F. MEAD,
ALMA JOHNSON.

Renville.

I HAVE labored at Danewood since Camp-meeting, where a sister was baptized and have held quarterly meeting with Cambridge and Isanti churches.

I came to Renville the 29th of June, and the same day Bro. Spicer took me out six miles to a Scandinavian settlement, where a school-house was secured. Have held at this writing two meetings with a fair attendance and good attention to the word spoken. The religion of the majority here is Luthern.

The fields are in a good condition and farmers are looking forward to a good harvest. With much hope we also as laborers together look forward to the greatest of harvests to see the results of our labors, and, "we shall come rejoicing bringing our sheaves".

FRED JOHNSON.

Holdingsford.

It has been about one year since there has appeared in the WORKER a report of the work in this place. Our number is just the same as it was last year. The writer and his companion compose the company. Even amid our isolation and separation from the world we are rejoicing because our names are written in heaven. There is no pecuniary consideration that would be any inducement for us to go back into the weak and beggarly elements of the world again. We are striving very hard by the grace of God to lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and running with patience the race set before us, ever looking unto Jesus as the author and finisher of our faith. Counting everything but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ. Pressing vigorously onward toward

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the mark, the prize, the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. The race is nearly run. The blessed morning is already dawning, bright rays are now gilding the horizon of that eternal day.

We are doing what little we can for the advancement of our blessed Master's work in this part. We have given 35 Bible-studies and made 25 missionary visits and thousands of pages of our literature have been given to our neighbors as well as a large number of the *Signs* with other of our denominational papers and we are leaving the results entirely with God. Eternity will only reveal the amount of good accomplished by our little efforts.

Pray for us that we may be more zealous in this good work and be richly rewarded in having many of our neighbors to journey with us to the goodly land.

Yours in the blessed hope,
JOHN E. MOORE.

Clayton.

CLAYTON is fifteen miles south and west of Wells, the nearest railway station. Our tent is one-half mile east of Clayton in a beautiful grove of poplar and soft maple where three roads meet. The location is not the pleasantest which could be found in this rural community, but it is central, easy of access and high; our little "white city" is set on a hill and can be seen for miles around.

Today it is one week since the meetings commenced, services are held each night and both afternoon and evening on Sunday. The attendance averages about sixty and good attention has been given by all to the word spoken. One man brings his Bible and follows the thought closely, reading for himself. The English people here are, generally, Baptists, the Scandinavians belong to the Luthern belief. They are about half and half in the vicinity. Three families of our people live near and they very kindly help us in many ways, as do the brethren at Wells.

We feel that "hitherto hath the Lord helped us". He has prospered us in obtaining a place for the tent, in preparing it for the meetings and in bringing the people to hear, and he has greatly blessed in the meetings. The Lord too has come very near to us as workers as we have daily met for prayer, counsel and reading of the Testimonies. Study hour 8 to 9 A. M. After that the day is spent in visiting and preparation for the evening service. Oh that God may draw the people to hear his word. Fourth of July, Ringling shows, weddings, and parties, can lead even these busy farmers to leave their work, and cannot God's Spirit draw them to the tent?

We look to God for success, and have tried to remember that "The greatest victories which are gained to the cause are not by labored arguments, ample facilities, abundance of influence and plenty of means; but are those victories which are gained in the audience chamber with God, when earnest, agonizing faith lays hold upon the mighty arm of power."—Gospel Worker, page 135.

D. NETTLETON,
ARTHUR MOON,
L. H. CHRISTIAN.

To the Superintendents, Secretaries, and Sabbath School Workers in Minnesota.

DEAR brethren and sisters:—

In Gospel Workers, page 324, we read: "Some efforts have been made to interest children in the cause, but not enough. Our Sabbath-schools should be made more interesting. The public schools have of late years greatly improved their methods of teaching. Object lessons, pictures, and blackboards are used to make difficult lessons clear to the youthful mind. Just so may present truth be simplified, and made intensely interesting to the active minds of children.

Parents who can be approached in no other way are frequently reached through their children. Sabbath-school teachers can instruct the children in the truth, and they will, in turn, take it into the home circle. But few teachers seem to understand the importance of this branch of the work. The modes of teaching which have been adopted with such success in the public schools could be employed with similar results in the Sabbath-schools, and be the means of bringing children to Jesus and educating them in Bible truth."

I have quoted thus at length from Gospel Workers because this is just what I would like to see being done in our Sabbath-schools at the present time. Notice the result of such earnest work—it brings the children to Jesus. Kind S. S. teacher, is this the first and only object of your work? If it is, then you will use every means within your power to carry out this object.

The methods of the public schools have been cited as an example for us. Dear Superintendent and Secretary, what have you done to carry out this instruction in your school? Have you followed the recommendation of the S. S. Association? In furnishing your school with necessary helps, so that the things of God can best be impressed on the minds of the children? Teaching by object-lessons is of divine origin, and God the Father, as well as his dear Son, ever taught the people, small and great, by lessons from Nature's open book.

Blackboards and maps are of great importance in the Sabbath-school, especially in teaching the children. Then I find but few of our schools using the kindergarten lessons. The blocks and book of instructions can be had at small expense from the Minn. Tract Soc., Box 989, Minneapolis.

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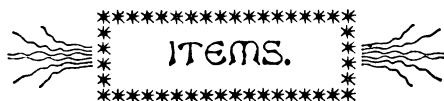
lis, Minn. Good books for a library have also been provided. Our children will read something, and if we do not provide good reading for them, Satan will see to it that they are provided with that which will poison their minds and make it difficult to impress them with the truth; and even if the Spirit of God should find entrance to their hearts, the early influence of a bad book will many times hinder its work, or banish it altogether. Parents and teachers should do all they can to get the best of books before every Sabbath-school scholar.

The teachers' meeting, where superintendent and teachers can come together and seek God's blessing upon themselves and the school is a source of strength to all. None need think themselves prepared to teach the lesson unless they have been to God and sought his help, for it is his Spirit that impresses the lesson upon the mind of the scholar.

We often see a teacher come before the class with the printed lesson sheet in hand, and go through the lesson, question after question, and many times he has to refer to the scripture himself to see if the question is correctly answered. This is not teaching. Oh that every superintendent and teacher could comprehend what it is to teach God's Word, and what a responsibility rests upon us in regard to its proper use.

I feel deeply interested in the S. S. work in Minn., and will try with you, to study how best to advance it. If all work together, in harmony with the Spirit of God, much will be accomplished.

I am at present working with the tent company at Albert Lea, but expect later in the season, to be able to visit some, at least, among the schools; and may God's blessing attend every effort for the advancement of the work. Please read Psalms 51:7-13; also Eze. 33:1-9, and apply it to your work. M. H. ELLIS.



Bro. John Hoffman passed through this city one day this week to attend to important (?) business at St. Paul.

Through personal letters received from Eld. Flaiz and Bro. Pogue, we learn that very interesting and profitable meetings have been held at Sauk Center, Eagle Bend and Hewitt.

We are sorry to learn that Bro. M. H. Ellis has been compelled to leave the tent work at Albert Lea on account of poor health. We hope he will soon be around again and able to resume his work.

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Last Sabbath afternoon Bro. L. B. Losey received a telegram from Jackson, Mich. calling him to the sick-bed of his aged father who was not expected to live. He left on an evening train. Bro. Losey has our sympathy, and may God stand by him through every trial.

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The Minnesota Tract Society still have quite a number of the special number of the *Sentinel* which they would like to dispose of at the low rate of one-half cent per copy. This is a valuable number, and every missionary society should secure copies and place in the hands of their neighbors. Please order at once as our supply is limited.

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From a personal letter received from Eld. J. J. Graf who is at Anchorage, Wis. we copy the following:—"I am in a strange place, and never have been in such a condition before. If it were not that the Dragon is so terribly mad, I would be inclined to leave this locality. There must be some souls here or the enemy would not be so furious. In this trying time I am having blessed seasons with the Lord. It is through tribulations that we will enter, so I rejoice in them and praise God for it all."

THE BOOK WORK.

Canvassers' Report for Week Ending June 25, 1897.

ORDERS TAKEN.				
	Book	Ord.	Val.	Val. Helps.
Erick Peterson	G. C.	9	\$26.25	\$2.00
Otto Eisele	" "	2	3.60	
P. O. Johnson	" "	5	12.50	3.35
Gust Henrikson	P. J.	13	20.50	
H. Shelstad	" "	12	21.60	3.00
Jacob Skadsen	" "	19	45.35	2.05
Louis Skadsen	" "	5	12.05	1.00
A. Hawley	" "	6	16.55	2.40
J. M. Little	" "	17	32.75	1.85
I. T. Andrus	C. O. S.	16	11.25	3.15
Hattie Richel	" " "	13	9.75	1.50
Martha Lee	" " "	15	8.50	1.25
John Tetz	" " "	9	6.75	.75
C. E. Burgeson	P. J.	5	17.20	2.00
Ole J. Engen	S. S.	1	1.00	
C. Edwardson	" "	1	1.00	
			148 \$246.60	24.30

A number of the above just reached their field of labor in time to put in a few hours work, and that is the reason for their small report. They say they are in the ground to stay and labor to their best ability. May God bless them is our prayer.

J. F. POGUE.