

HOME MISSIONARY SUPPLEMENT.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., JULY, 1896.

"GIVE YE THEM TO EAT."

Mark 6: 31-44; John 6: 5-13.

I've been gazing on a picture
In the life of Christ, my Lord,
And have satisfied my hunger,
Having feasted on his word.

I saw a little boat set sail
With a dozen weary men;
Besides these, One not well described
By human tongue or pen.

They seek for rest in desert place,
Near deep, blue Galilee;
So crossing to the other side,
They leave this sacred sea;

But passing to their refuge,
They find no time for rest;
For a multitude have gathered,
Of Jesus to be blest.

He sees his sheep are scattered,
And need a shepherd's care;
He heals the sick, the starving
Provides with heavenly fare.

Christ calls them up the mountain,
And seats them on its slope;
There light he sheds on many minds
That did in darkness grope.

He ceases not his teaching
Till eve's advancing shades
Have lengthened out the shadows
In all the vales and glades.

The "twelve" see that this multitude,
Need to be housed and fed;
Soon night will spread her mantle,
And the western sun have fled.

So they come unto the Master,
In a rather troubled mood,
And request he send the people,
To the villages for food.

Christ said that they need not depart;
"Give ye them bread to eat."
The twelve well knew, to feed that host
Was not a simple feat.

"Two hundred pennyworth of bread
Would scarce give each a taste;
We only have five loaves, two fish,
Here in this desert waste."

But the Saviour had the people sit
Upon the thick green grass,
In ranks of fifties, hundreds,
That the twelve some food might pass.

"Bring me the loaves and fishes,"
The Saviour kindly said;
When in his hands, to heaven he looked,
And blessed the barley bread.

Christ broke the loaves and fishes,
And from that slender store,
The twelve have fed the multitude
Until they want no more.

Five loaves and two small fishes
Five thousand souls have fed;
Then they gathered up the "fragments,"
Twelve baskets full of bread.

I gaze again, — another scene
Bursts on my wondering sight, —
The day of time, it fast declines,
And it will soon be night.

I see myriads of companies,
In many a desert place,
Like sheep without a shepherd,
Needing God's food and grace.

The people are as hungry
As at Bethsaida's mount,
And the Saviour's few disciples
Stop, their loaves and fish to count.

His disciples still are saying,
"Send the hungry out to buy,"
But Christ, my Lord, is saying still,
"Give bread to those who cry."

"But it costs so much to furnish food:
Ours is a slender store,"
I hear his followers saying,
As o'er their stock they pore.

"Bring the food you now have by you;
I will bless it as of yore;
It shall feed the hungry people,
And leave many baskets more."

I see the Saviour blessing
The scanty stock they give ;
And from his hands they take it
To the throngs, who eat and live.

They too, gather up the fragments,
As the twelve had done before ;
With Christ's blessing, they can feed the throngs,
And much increase their store.

Will we but learn the lesson
Christ's miracle hath taught,
We'll see truth gains to us in store
When given those who sought.

G. T. WILSON.

Onehunga, N. Z. May, 1895.

BE ENTHUSIASTIC.

THERE is nothing upon which success in the third angel's message is so dependent as the confidence, energy, and enthusiasm of those who have been called to be workers in it. The most trying difficulties will always appear, and to the extent that we allow them to be such, they will form insurmountable barriers to the progress of the truth with which we have been entrusted ; but "the faith that will not shrink, though pressed by many a foe" is one that is sure to conquer in spite of the most trying circumstances. A sunny face and a strong heart, made warm by the indwelling Christ, will do great things in opening up hard fields, and will prove a greater power in the Master's service than the most prosperous times, or the most favorable outward conditions. "There is no substitute for thorough-going, ardent, and sincere earnestness," and there is no one more dependent upon it than workers in this message. "Every great and commanding movement in the world is the triumph of enthusiasm ;" and those who realize how much the light of this truth means to the world, will manifest an enthusiasm which will move men's hearts. That, and nothing short of that, is success ! It means hard, earnest work, but what brings to us greater pleasure than to be weary every night with faithful service for the Master ? "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand." Thus the Saviour taught by precept, as well as by example, that we should live lives of earnest activity. Many precious souls are perishing all about us for the want of living bread, which we might have broken for them during many hours that have been aimlessly wasted.—*The Gleaner, Australia.*

HEAVEN'S work never ceases for a moment, and men should never cease from doing good.—"Great Controversy."

A GOOD deed is never lost ; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.—*Basil.*

GENERAL REPORT OF FIRST-DAY OFFERINGS.

(For Quarter Ending March 31, 1896.)

NAME OF CONFERENCE.	Whole Amount for Quarter.	Mem. of Conference.	Amount per Member per Quarter.
DISTRICT NO. 1.—ATLANTIC.			
Atlantic	\$216 14	914	.236
Maine	41 77	450	.092
Maritime Provinces	2 31	126	.018
New England	103 26	951	.109
New York	246 08	1,247	.197
Pennsylvania	137 26	1,265	.108
Quebec		168	
Vermont	122 46	505	.242
Virginia	1 66	224	.007
West Virginia	15 36	228	.067
Totals	\$886 30	6,078	.145
DISTRICT NO. 2.—SOUTHERN.			
Florida	16 94	188	.090
Southern Mission	70 39	568	.124
Tennessee River	5 00	316	.016
Totals	\$92 33	1,072	.086
DISTRICT NO. 3.—LAKE.			
Illinois	58 15	1,200	.048
Indiana	226 44	1,635	.138
Michigan	1,210 66	6,402	.190
Ohio	172 73	1,632	.105
Totals	\$1,667 98	10,869	.153
DISTRICT NO. 4.—NORTHWEST.			
Iowa	262 36	2,959	.088
Manitoba	1 55	90	.017
Minnesota	178 98	2,320	.077
Nebraska	60 16	1,778	.033
Dakota	60 68	1,570	.039
Wisconsin	120 07	2,631	.045
Totals	\$683 80	11,288	.060
DISTRICT NO. 5.—SOUTHWEST.			
Arizona and N. Mexico		39	
Arkansas	26 48	482	.054
Colorado	396 66	1,070	.370
Kansas	218 13	2,500	.087
Missouri	101 69	1,296	.078
Oklahoma	12 66	545	.023
Texas	59 62	674	.089
Wyoming	7 20		
Totals	\$822 44	6,606	.124
DISTRICT NO. 6.—PACIFIC.			
California	502 79	3,188	.157
Montana	18 00	130	.138
North Pacific	64 46	1,450	.044
Utah	11 50	70	.160
Upper Columbia	48 05	1,200	.040
Totals	\$644 80	6,038	.106

OTHER DISTRICTS.

Argentine Republic.....	23 45	88	.266
Central Australia.....	52 67	711	.074
Central Europe.....	66 27	492	.135
Germany.....	30 62	616	.049
Polynesia.....	4 30	127	.033
South Africa.....	10 00	220	.045

Totals..... \$187 31 2,254 .083

Grand Totals..... \$4,984 96 44,205 .112

MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS TO FOREIGN MISSIONS.

FROM JAN. 1 TO MARCH 31, 1896.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Argentine Republic.....	\$ 29 48
Atlantic.....	1 00
Brazil.....	26 50
California.....	40 60
Colorado.....	320 00
Dakota.....	12 63
Florida.....	1 00
Indiana.....	12 00
Iowa.....	40 32
Kansas.....	500 00
Maritime Provinces.....	3 00
Michigan.....	199 81
Minnesota.....	12 00
New England.....	2 31
Ohio.....	9 12
Oklahoma.....	75
Pennsylvania.....	3 04
Quebec.....	5 00
Trinidad, West Indies.....	1 20
Upper Columbia.....	11 53
Vermont.....	24 00
Wisconsin.....	172 25
Total.....	\$1,437 53

AUSTRALIA.

Dakota.....	\$ 29 30
Kansas (school).....	100 00
Total.....	\$129 30

CARIBBEAN SEA BOAT.

California.....	\$ 50
Central America.....	21 45
South America.....	3 30
West Indies.....	15 22
Total.....	\$40 47

HAWAIIAN TRACT FUND.

Honolulu.....	\$ 15 00
INDIA.	
Michigan.....	\$ 75
JAPAN.	
Iowa.....	\$ 66
New England.....	35
North Pacific.....	1 50
Total.....	\$ 2 51

JAMAICA (W. I.) CHURCH.

Kansas.....	\$100 00
Michigan.....	66 00
Total.....	\$166 00

JEWISH MISSION.

England.....	\$ 5 48
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MADAGASCAR.

Vermont.....	\$100 00
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MATARELE MISSION.

Colorado.....	\$1 00
Dakota.....	25 00
New York.....	1 00
Total.....	\$27 00

MEXICAN SANITARIUM.

Kansas.....	\$100 00
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ST. JOHNS (NEW FOUNDLAND) CHURCH.

Kansas.....	\$ 50 00
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CENTRAL EUROPEAN MISSION.

Virginia (Suisse School).....	\$ 2 00
Wisconsin.....	55 12
Total.....	\$57 12

CHILE.

Dakota.....	\$1 00
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CHINA.

Atlantic.....	\$5 00
Missouri.....	25
Total.....	\$5 25

HAMBURG BUILDING FUND.

Dakota.....	\$ 5 00
Michigan.....	25 00
Total.....	\$30 00

HAMBURG MISSION.

California.....	\$ 4 20
North Pacific.....	1 00
Ohio.....	10 00
Wisconsin.....	75 00
Total.....	\$90 20

POLYNESIAN MISSION.

Atlantic.....	\$ 5 00
Iowa (ship).....	100 00
North Pacific (ship).....	1 20
Polynesia.....	15 25
Turkey (ship).....	70
Total.....	\$122 15

SCANDINAVIAN MISSION.

Iowa (Denmark School).....	\$11 00
Wisconsin.....	83 68
Total.....	\$94 68

TRINIDAD (W. I.) CHURCH.

California.....	\$ 4 00
Kansas.....	50 00
Missouri.....	2 00
New England.....	30 00
Quebec.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 87 00

SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION.

New York.....	\$ 25
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WEST AFRICAN MISSION.

Atlantic.....	\$ 30 00
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Grand Total..... \$2,581 69

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOREIGN MISSIONS FROM ALL SOURCES.

(For Quarter ending March 31, 1896.)

First-day Offerings,	-	-	-	\$4,984 96
Miscellaneous Offerings,	-	-	-	2,581 69
Sabbath-school Offerings,	-	-	-	5,818 34
Total	-	-	-	\$13,384 99

NOTE.—The offerings made during the Fast Days, May 16 and 17 which were sent direct to Battle Creek, are included in First-day Offerings and shown as "Miscellaneous" in the "Itemized Report" of First-day Offerings.

ITEMIZED REPORT OF FIRST-DAY OFFERINGS.

FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1896.

FLORIDA.

Bartow.....	\$1 00
Barberville.....	66
Bowling Green.....	60
New Smyrna.....	80
Orlando.....	95
Seftner.....	1 10
Tampa.....	3 50
Miscellaneous.....	8 33
Total.....	\$16 94

ARKANSAS.

Ava.....	\$ 74
Gravett.....	70
Van Buren.....	2 35
Miscellaneous.....	22 69
Total.....	\$26 48

WEST VIRGINIA.

Berea.....	\$ 15
Huntington.....	2 40
Newark.....	8 50
Newburg.....	1 21
Parkersburg.....	3 10
Total.....	\$15 36

MICHIGAN.

Alaska.....	\$ 2 70
Allegan.....	14 97
Alma.....	20 20
Almont.....	2 80
Arbela.....	1 38
Almira.....	60
Benton Harbor.....	25 55
Bancroft.....	1 67
Bedford.....	8 24
Birmingham.....	4 35
Bushnell.....	6 98
Bunker Hill.....	63

Byron Center.....	8 00
Bay City.....	4 36
Blendon.....	52
Battle Creek.....	558 14
Carson City.....	13 25
Carlton Center.....	20
Cedar Lake.....	83
Cedar Springs.....	1 00
Ceresco.....	5 56
Charlotte.....	5 80
Cleon.....	1 65
Clark.....	19
Crystal.....	35
Decatur.....	5 06
Detroit.....	52 06
Douglas.....	31 30
Duffield.....	3 21
Dighton.....	1 00
Dundee.....	25
Entrican.....	60
Eaton Rapids.....	6 30
Edenville.....	1 05
Edmore.....	5 05
Ely.....	50
Frankfort.....	15 00
Fair Grove.....	1 25
Gaylord.....	8 29
Greenbush.....	4 00
Grant.....	50
Greenville.....	24 70
Grand Rapids.....	27 19
Grandville.....	6 00
Hastings.....	15
Hillsdale.....	9 57

Homer.....	5 15
Hazelton.....	1 75
Howell.....	2 50
Ithaca.....	1 98
Ionia.....	1 60
Jefferson.....	2 65
Jackson.....	9 09
Kent City.....	5 87
Kalamazoo.....	17 16
Leslie.....	10 56
Lowell.....	6 28
Maple Grove.....	1 60
Mundy.....	2 00
Memphis.....	1 09
Monterey.....	30
Morley.....	40
Mt. Pleasant.....	7 54
Napoleon.....	1 33
Orange.....	9 35
Orleans.....	12 15
Otsego.....	2 00
Ovid.....	28 02
Petoskey.....	6 65
Pottsville.....	1 00
Palo.....	4 81
Quincy.....	9 45
Saranac.....	56
St. Johns.....	1 30
St. Louis.....	5 00
St. Charles.....	6 25
Saginaw.....	4 41
Shelby.....	2 91
South Haven.....	1 30
Scottville.....	10 59

Thetford.....	2 85
Traverse City.....	2 72
Vassar.....	2 22
Vermontville.....	2 50
Wautousville.....	1 89
Westphalia.....	75
West Leroy.....	2 16
Willis.....	2 40
Wright.....	36 00
Waverly.....	67
Wildwood.....	4 40
Individuals.....	74 72
Total.....	\$1,210 66

UPPER COLUMBIA.

Boise.....	\$4 50
College Place.....	6 57
Columbia Valley.....	50
Dayton.....	1 06
Garfield.....	92
Kittle Falls.....	5 00
Milton.....	2 83
Pendleton.....	2 23
Swank.....	95
Spokane.....	50
Union.....	1 00
Wall a Walla, Eng.....	9 62
Wall a Walla, Ger.....	1 12
Individuals.....	11 25
Total.....	\$48

