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A WORKING CHURCH.

The following extracts are taken from one of Brother E. R. Palmer's talks at the Conference:—

"We have carved up the work of God too much, until we have come to have too many different kinds and castes of workers. Every minister in this denomination should be a leader in the canvassing work; every minister should be a physician, and every physician a minister, and a canvasser. Thus will the Gospel be carried in its fulness to all the world.

"I have a distinct remembrance of Brother Hutchins, one of our New England ministers. He was in the habit of visiting the church to which I belonged, about once a year. He came in his mysterious trap which seemed to us children to carry everything. During his visits, he held the church meeting Sabbath morning, assisted in the Sabbath school, held tract and missionary meetings, and instructed the members how to carry on the work. He also took subscriptions for our periodicals, and instructed the people in the principles of healthful living. When he left, the church seemed to be built up in all its parts. He fed and instructed the people, and left them in working condition. He did not expect to have to come back every Sabbath to hold meetings with the church in order to keep it from going to pieces. Service is the life and strength of any church.

"In 2 Cor. i. 3 we are told that God 'comforteth us in all our tribulations, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.' The Lord saves us that we may impart salvation to others; He blesses us that we may carry a blessing to others. God has so arranged the economy of His gifts, that we really do not receive the benefit from them ourselves until we have imparted them. *Blessing does not bless on its way in, but on its way out.* This is how personal service establishes people in the Christian life.

"Having by giving is in harmony with all God's paradoxes. In the land of Palestine there are two seas. One is a living sea; it receives its waters fresh from the hills, and retains them just long enough

to let them pass through it to the valley beyond. This is the Sea of Galilee. Note, it is kept fresh, pure, and living, not by what it receives, but by what it gives.

"The other is known as the Dead Sea; the name tells the story. It receives pure water from the same sources as the Sea of Galilee, but retains them all within its own bosom, sending forth no stream of blessing. Therefore that which is life in the Sea of Galilee is death in the Dead Sea."

NORWAY.

BROTHER O. A. JOENSON, in his report before the European General Conference, stated that Norway is favourable for the reception of the message, as people are religiously inclined. Often, in travelling, he has seen people reading their Bibles in the boats and trains, and engaging in religious conversation. Twenty-three new Sabbath-keepers have been baptized in Christiania this winter; a Bible school has also been held in that city, attended by a goodly number of students and workers. Many times the hall was packed at the Sunday evening discourses. On the west coast of Norway, Brother Hansen has been doing good work. The interest at Stavanger has been remarkable. Many times the speaker has been compelled to begin the meeting before the appointed time because the house was literally packed, and the people came in such numbers, that many of them had to leave for lack of room. The meetings were favourably spoken of by the city newspapers. Thirteen have already united with the church there, and the interest continues. Treatment rooms are being conducted in Bergen, and are meeting with good success. Three church schools have been established. One day an educational inspector visited one of the schools, and examined the children, among other things, on the second chapter of Daniel. They went through this chapter in such a thorough manner that it greatly interested the inspector, who listened with marked attention. He told others what a successful school we were conducting; and as a result, some Lutheran people

took their children out of the public schools and sent them to our school. This teacher now has twenty-nine pupils, seventeen of whom are children of outsiders.

THE MEDICAL MISSIONARY WORK IN GREAT BRITAIN.

WE are sorry that all the WORKER readers could not be present with the members of the Conference Committee and some of the delegates from abroad, and listen to the encouraging talks by Dr. Kellogg on the medical missionary work. Following is but a brief extract from one of the talks:—

The calls for sanitariums are much more numerous than we can possibly fill. Through the blessing of God our health institutions have prospered marvellously, and as a result in many parts of the country men have reared great buildings for sanitarium purposes, thinking to make a lot of money out of the business. But in every case they have miserably failed. Now some of these men are offering to turn their institutions over to us, if only we will take them and run them. The proprietors of the Santa Fe Railway have a beautiful sanitarium on which they are losing \$4 000 yearly. They offer it to us, and are willing even to give us a bonus to take it and run it. Another large railway company is making a similar offer.

Why don't these men succeed the same as we are doing? There are several reasons. 1 We have right principles of treatment and a diet free from meat and all impurities. 2 The doctors and nurses connected with our institutions are Christian missionaries, willing to work for low wages because they have the spirit of self-sacrifice. This makes it possible for us to make our charges lower than worldly institutions. 3 There is a Christian atmosphere in our sanitariums. God is at work there. He cannot work in these other institutions because the men in charge will not co-operate with Him. The Divine guidance and help are real things. I know if God had not held back my hand at times, I would have blundered seriously. There are critical moments in the life of a physician—moments when human help is unavailing, but in our worst extremities God is near. He puts a thought into our minds which fits the case. Were it not for the Divine help this whole work would have run aground long ago.

These are some of the reasons why our sanitariums prosper, while others are going sadly behind every year. The fact is that God has given us a monopoly of the sanitarium business in that He has imparted precious light which enables us to co-operate with His healing agencies. Now the question is, are we going to hide this light under a

bushel, or shall we let it shine forth? To begin this health work by a very small, poorly-equipped institution in such a great country as England would be virtually hiding it under a bushel. I repeat, we must have something that will properly represent the principles, and suit the needs of the field.

As for the question whether the time has come for a sanitarium to be started in this country, I am sure we are all agreed that the work should have been started before this. But if there were no other evidence, the fact that the Queen of England has asked for it, should be sufficient. When Queen Alexandra visited our Skodsborg Sanitarium a few weeks ago, she expressly enquired if we did not have a sanitarium in England. It is a great pity that they were obliged to answer in the negative. This ought not to be. England needs a sanitarium, and must have one.

SAVED BY GRACE.

Extract from one of Brother Ballenger's talks.

“For ye are saved by grace, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.” This Scripture which I have just read comes to me with greater force and larger meaning than it ever came before. I have been telling people that if they would do something, the Lord would do something; but now I am telling people that the Lord has done something, and wants them to receive it. There was once a time when I fell on my knees, and asked the Lord the meaning of the Scripture: ‘He that is dead is freed from sin.’ I was hunting for freedom from sin, but every time that I found a man who was free, he was dead; and I kept on hunting for a live man; so I decided to die, and then the blessed truth appeared, ‘For the love of Christ constraineth us; for we thus judge, that if one died, then were all dead.’ Now as I stand on the brow of Calvary, and see that pale face struggling up the hill, I inquire, ‘Who is this?’ and the answer comes, ‘It is the Messiah, the Son of God.’ I say, ‘He looks more like a Son of man; his face is so weary and worn.’ The answer comes: ‘He is the son of man, but He is also the Son of God, and the reason why He looks so pale and weary is because He is carrying the sins of the world; it is the whole world that is ascending Calvary’s hill. ‘He was born of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law.’ Christ got down under the law Himself; He took our earthly natures, and the sins accumulated through the centuries upon himself. He willingly died for them, and God dealt with him as my substitute and yours. When He cried, ‘It is finished,’ God looked at His own dead Son, and said, ‘The whole world is dead;’ ‘He that is dead is freed from sin.’”

THE CIRCULATION OF THE MISSIONARY WORKER

THE reports of the field that are appearing in the *MISSIONARY WORKER* from week to week are very encouraging indeed. There is nothing that brings more joy to the hearts of those who love the Lord than to see His work making progress, and souls being set free from the bondage of sin to enjoy the glorious liberty of the sons of God. There is always an inspiration in this which brings joy and gladness to the heart, and fills one with courage and faith to press forward to new victories and higher attainments in the Christian life.

But there are still some who do not get the *MISSIONARY WORKER*. These are suffering a serious loss which they cannot afford. We cannot reach them with these words, but we would ask you, who get the *WORKER*, and who are encouraged by its weekly visits, to bring the matter to the attention of those who do not get it, that they, too, may become sharers in these blessings.

The time has certainly come when there should be an onward move all along the line. The Lord has gone out before us, and everywhere the field is ripe for the harvest. We are greatly rejoiced to read the good reports of what the Lord is doing, and the experiences that are being gained by all who make a complete surrender to God.

Do not forget to introduce the *WORKER* to someone who does not get it.

O. A. OLSEN

THE WORK FOR THIS TIME.

Partial Report of an Address by Brother A. G. Daniels.

(Concluded.)

I spent fifteen years in Australasia. When Brother Prescott and myself and some other brethren were asked by the last General Conference to take up work in America, we said that as long as we remained in that country, we should do all that we could to bring the true situation before the people, and impress upon them the importance of sending their sons and daughters to foreign fields to labour for souls, and giving of their means to assist the work in those fields.

We started this work right after the Conference, and I am thankful to say, we are seeing some excellent results. The strong conferences are helping the weaker ones, and sending labourers at their own expense to distant fields, and there supporting them. The Lord's blessing is attending these efforts, and we see many encouraging omens in our foreign mission work. The case of Brother Booth, whose story you will in due time hear from his own lips, is a remarkable token of the Lord's

power to do a great work in a very short time. The Lord has for years been fitting Brother Booth to carry this message to the natives of Central Africa. He has laboured amongst them, has won their confidences, and learned two of the leading dialects, and now he goes back to resume his labours, carrying the special truths for this time to that benighted land.

These things should fill us with courage, and inspire in our hearts a more earnest desire to work for the lost and the perishing. We want to see people saved, we want the suffering to cease, we want to have Christ come, and "see of the travail of His soul, and be satisfied." It is our privilege to so surrender to Him that we may finish His work in the world, and so bring the end. May God teach us how to do it. Now the one great and all-absorbing thought is to work for God, and to advance His cause, until the whole earth is lightened with His glory.

LIVERPOOL and BIRKENHEAD.

WE are very grateful to our Heavenly Father for what he has wrought in Birkenhead. Souls have embraced the truth from time to time, and attendance at the Sabbath meetings has increased. During the last three weeks before the Conference Brother Ballenger was with us three times a week, and his work was much appreciated. There was a hearty response to the Good News he brought; a goodly member asserted their freedom from the bondage of sin, and are rejoicing in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free. Besetting sins were put away, and a decided advance was made.

Brother Ballenger also held five meetings each week in Liverpool; nearly all of which I attended, except the Sabbath and Sunday meetings. Here, also, a good work was also done. There was manifested a general desire for a better experience, and it was good to see the repudiation of self and hear the hearty confessions. Some who had been studying the truth were brought to a favorable decision, and presented themselves for baptism. This service was arranged for in Birkenhead, and on Sabbath afternoon, May 10th., the brethren came over from Liverpool, and a union service was held, when fifteen souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Of this number six were from Liverpool, one from Manchester, and eight from Birkenhead. There are about eight or ten more in Birkenhead, who, we expect, will soon go forward in this service.

M. A. ALTMAN.

BRETHREN Cottrell, Flaiz, and Nelson, delegates from America, spent Sabbath, May 24th, with the church at Glasgow.

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BRETHREN A. G. Daniels, O. A. Osen, and S. Joyce started for Belfast last Thursday, to attend the General Meeting for Ireland.

BROTHER S. J. JEROME, leader of the company at Portsmouth, was with us during a good part of the Conference.

DR. KELLOGG will give an illustrated lecture on Health at Holloway Hall, Holloway Rd, London, N on Wednesday, June 4th, at 8 p.m.

SISTER PICKARD, of Bargoed, Wales, and Sister Emily Gresswell, of Derby, were at the Conference a portion of the time. They report good experiences in their work with *Present Truth*.

BRETHREN BALLENGER and Altman will conduct a tent-meeting in Leeds this summer. Sister Saunders will take up Bible-work there, and Brother and Sister Holmes, of California, will canvass for our publications. This makes a strong force for Leeds.

DR. J. H. KELLOGG arrived in London, Tuesday, May 27th, after a remarkably pleasant voyage on the Steamship *Saxonia*. He was accompanied by his stenographer, Brother Case, and by Miss Helena Sargent, who is on a visit to her parents at East Cowes, I.W.

BROTHER TAYLOR (of America) and Brother Arthur Earl are taking up the book work in Kilmarnock. Brother and Sister Brant and daughter (of Wisconsin) have gone to Hull, where they will engage in the canvassing work, and be a source of help and encouragement to the company there. Brother Gilbert is also in Hull at present.

It is not too early to begin now to plan to attend the General Meeting which will be held next August. The Conference Committee have, after careful consideration, fixed upon Leeds as the location of this meeting. May the gathering be a very large and representative one, and a season of great refreshing to us all. To this end let us work and pray.

BROTHER AND SISTER JESSUP, of Bristol, attended the Conference. They report quite an interest in the health work in that place. Health foods, especially, are selling well.

BROTHER D. REDHEAD, leader of the Kettering church, came to London to attend the Good Health Conference. Brother and Sister Spencer and Brother and Sister Loveday, of the same church, were also with us, the latter remaining through the whole Conference.

THE friends who are kindly introducing *Good Health* will note several prominent features in the June number to which special attention may be directed. Dr. Kellogg's article on "Summer Diseases" while not a long one, contains much practical information. Smallpox is a subject of some interest which is quite fully discussed. "Care of the Baby in Summer" will fill the need of many an anxious mother, and "The Relation of Mother and Daughter" sets forth in a clear light the privileges of motherhood. "How should we Stand?" raises a question that many have not thought of, and answers it satisfactorily. "Outings for Health" is a timely subject, and so is "Warm Weather Cookery." The new serial story entitled "The Marvellous Recovery of Mrs. Ilsworth," will be interesting to old and young. So far as we have heard, this number of *Good Health* is taking very well. Let an earnest effort be made on the part of all to place it in the hands of the people.

READERS of the WORKER may be interested in the following extracts taken from a letter from Sister Pickard, in which she tells some of her experiences on leaving Pontypool, where she has been canvassing with *Present Truth* some months. She has now removed to Bargoed to join her husband in the work there.

"The Pontypool people spoke very kindly to me as I was leaving. One of my *Present Truth* readers kindly gave myself and children a shelter for the night while our furniture was going on to Bargoed. She told me that she intended to keep the Sabbath. She also told me that the two women we lived with in different apartments, saw the truth of the Sabbath, and were getting all their work done on Friday. I have since learned from Sister Parsons, who has taken my *Present Truth* list there, that this lady is now keeping the Sabbath. She has studied very closely the articles in the paper. Other readers in Pontypool told me that they wished we had a place where they could come and worship on the Sabbath."

LET us endeavour to bring the P.T. list up to 25,000 without delay.