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“ARISE, SHINE ; FOR THY LIGHT IS COME, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD IS RISEN UPON THEE.”

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## SYNOPSIS OF ELDER OLSEN'S TALK ON MISSIONS.

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“AND when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.” Matt. 9 : 36-38. You will read further on this point in the 24th chapter of this book and the 14th verse, “This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations ; and then shall the end come.”

This evening I shall not attempt to preach a sermon, neither shall I theorize upon the question before us at all ; for if I should attempt it the time would pass away to rapidly for its accomplishment. I will try rather to give you some idea of the field as it now appears and what is being done, from our standpoint as a people, to meet the many wants and the urgent calls from all parts of the world.

The history of this work is probably well known to most of you. We have been in existence as a denomination but a very few years. Those acquainted with the early experiences of the pioneers, know that the work opened under very unfavorable circumstances.

Captain Bates was the first man who avowed that he was carrying the third angel's message. He put himself and all that he had into the message, and God greatly blessed him, and from time to time others were raised up to unite with him, and so the work moved on.

It is a marvel and wonder when you stop to consider the beginning of this work, and compare it with what it is now. It may be well to consider briefly a few facts and figures concerning the starting of some of our institutions.

Our first publishing was in the year 1849, and was started by Elder James White. He published a little paper called, *The Present Truth*. Doubtless some in this audience have

seen, and perhaps have a copy of those papers. It was a very meager sheet, but it was the beginning of our printing work as a denomination. But how is it to-day ? At present we have some twenty-four different periodicals coming regularly from our publishing houses. Besides this we are printing books in twenty-four different languages, which are being read in nearly all parts of the world. By considering this map of the world, we can see where our publishing houses are located. Our central house is located at Battle Creek, Michigan. Another one is here on the western coast, at Oakland, California.

[The speaker then passed over the great field, speaking briefly of the different points where the truth is going forth to the people from Seventh-day Adventist publishing houses. His pointer fell upon Melbourne, Australia, upon the Pacific Islands, England, Africa, Europe, Scandinavia and Finland, and then said.]

So you see we are covering quite a portion of the world with our printing work. Besides these printing houses, we have also many of less importance in various places, especially in the conferences of the United States. [He then named the different languages in which our books and papers, etc., are being printed as follows :]

Arabic, Bohemian, Chinese, Danish, English, Finnish, French, German, Holland, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Livonian, Maori, Polish, Portuguese, Roumanian, Russian, Servian, Prussian, Spanish, Swedish, Tahitian, and Welsh.

During the year 1894 we sent out forty-nine missionaries, and we have sent out the following this year :

Argentine, 5 ; Australia, 4 ; Bay Islands, 2 ; Brazil, 4 ; British Guiana, 3 ; Bahamas, 1 ; Central America, 3 ; Chile, 2 ; England, 5 ; Hawaiian Islands, 4 ; Ireland, 2 ; India, 3 ;

Mexico, 7; Newfoundland, 2; Jamaica, 5; Pitcairn, 2; Raratonga, 2; Samoa, 2; Russia, 4; Switzerland, 3; Tahiti, 2; Tongatabo, 2; Trinidad, 3; Lesser Antilles, 2; West Africa, 4; Zambesia, 5; and General Laborers, 4. Total, 87. The above figures do not include the children of the missionaries sent out, nor the 11 missionaries who have returned to their fields of labor since the General Conference.

Thus you see that many nations and people are receiving the last solemn message in their language. To give you another view of the extent of this branch of the work, we will state that it would cost you \$225.00 to buy just one of our different books and periodicals. These thoughts will give you some idea of the literature which this denomination has accumulated during these few short years. Truly the hand of the Lord has been in the work, and we feel to praise his name.

We will now speak briefly in reference to some other developments. Here is our educational work. We have a deep interest in that. Our first college was established in 1874. We have now twelve colléges and academies. [Pointing to the chart.] Here is one at Battle Creek, Michigan, which was the first. This school had an enrollment last year of over six hundred. At the present time it is filled to its utmost capacity. Here is another at Lincoln, Nebraska. We also have one at Walla Walla, Washington, and one at Healdsburg, California. These are our colleges in this country. But besides these we have academies and smaller schools in various places in the United States, where a good work is being done. We also have good schools in Scandinavia, Germany, and So. Africa. In Australia we have a good school started; and an industrial college at Pitcairn Island. Brother McCoy, who was magistrate at Pitcairn Island, went with our missionary ship on its first cruise among the islands of the Pacific, and while on that voyage he conceived the idea of starting a school at Pitcairn, by which children of other islands might receive an education. When he returned he entered at once upon the work, and the school was started. They use the chapel until they can get something better. They went to the forest and cut timber, and with a whip saw cut out the boards for the school building by hand. When the Pitcairn started out on her

last trip she carried some glass for the windows. So you see the people there mean to keep pace with the rest of the world.

Our first sanitarium was built at Battle Creek, Michigan, with a capacity for twelve patients. To-day it has room for upwards of five hundred patients; and the whole family, including all the helpers, is about one thousand persons. This is the largest sanitarium in the world. We have other sanitariums in this country and across the water. The work on this line is opening encouragingly in Mexico. We are also just starting quite a large institution at Boulder, Colorado, with an excellent prospect of success. So you see as we view this branch of our work we have great reason for thankfulness to the Lord, and to acknowledge his providence.

Our first tent-meeting was held in Battle Creek, Michigan, in 1854. In 1868 the first camp-meeting was held at Wright, Michigan. Now we are holding them all over the world. I was permitted to attend that meeting, and also the first one held in Europe.

Our first missionary, Elder J. N. Andrews, was sent to Switzerland in 1874. He was followed in 1877 by Elder Matteson. In 1878 Elder Loughborough was sent to England. In 1885 the work was opened in Australia. Elder Conradi went to Russia in 1888. In 1890 our missionary ship Pitcairn was built, and started with several missionaries to the Pacific islands. The work of choosing and sending missionaries to different parts of the world has rapidly increased, for in 1893 we sent sixty-two, and in 1894, forty-nine. Thus in the two years we have sent out over one hundred forty missionaries, who have gone to twenty-nine different countries. During the time since our last General Conference there has been a continual stream of missionaries going out from this people to nearly all parts of the world.

One company has gone to the west coast of Africa. We have not heard from them yet as it is not time. They would probably stop at West Coast Castle, or what is called "White Man's Grave." We cannot tell you how many noble souls have sacrificed their lives in that field, but it is many. For some time the matter of laborers for that field has been a source of perplexity to us; but after giving it careful consideration they were selected from the south,

## The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending Dec. 20.

Post-office.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Sidney,	Delaware,	C. W. Inskip,			2	\$3.50	\$10.50	53	\$105.25
Utica,	Oneida,	Norman Kling,	36	5	6	14.50	6.75	3	6.50
Rome,	Oneida,	F. G. Mc Alister,	23	4				8	16.00
Wellsville,	Allegany,	G. F. Evans,	19	3	9	21.00			
Rome,	Oneida,	N. S. Washbond,			3		8.00		
Rome,	Oneida,	Mrs. N. S. Washbond,			3		8.00		
Amsterdam,	Montgomery,	Wm. Seewald,	40	5			27.65	62	122.25
Galway,	Saratoga,	A. H. Osborn,			1	1.75	1.75		
Great Controversy.									
Kingston,	Ulster,	J. E. Frazee,	10	2				9	21.50
Norwich,	Chenango,	E. S. Popoff,	35				22.00	71	162.25
Patriarchs and Prophets.									
Rochester,	Monroe,	M. A. Millington,	21	4	5	11.75	.50	54	121.75
Miscellaneous sales,						85.15			
Totals,		11 Canvassers,	184	29	23	\$137.65	\$85.15	260	555.50

thinking they would be better able to endure the climate. They also, before leaving this country fortified themselves as well as they could from the health standpoint.

We have confidence in the principles on this subject which we hold as a people, and believe they will be a great blessing to these souls in that far away land. Our heart-felt prayers should go with them. Missionaries from other denominations have come to our sanitariums for treatment, and when they have learned our principles and plans, have told us, "If we had known these things while we were in our field, we need not to have broken down as we did.

The more I consider our wants at home and abroad, the more I see the need of our people having a much better acquaintance with the field; and we suggest, brethren, that you get a good map of the world, and hang it up in your home where you can see it every day. Then when a missionary is sent out, look it up on the map and mark that spot, and pray for the laborer. In this way you may keep posted as to the facts in the case, and such a study could have nothing but a healthy influence upon the family.

When you come to a special season of prayer you will know where and how to pray. Brethren, talk about the missionaries in the family. It will be far more valuable than much of the

cheap talk that is so often indulged in to-day. Pray for south-west Africa. That locality has been calling for help for years. There are several Sabbath-keepers there already. Brother Dolphin is acting as their elder. I suppose you have heard about the man who went through the streets there with a cracked bell. Over there they ring a bell through the streets to call the people's attention and tell them of the meeting. [He then related Brother D's experience in securing his bell for this purpose.] L. C. Chadwick was the first of our people to visit that country, and on his way there he met a missionary who had been there eight years. In speaking of the difficulties of that field, he said, "One of the greatest difficulties in educating the people is to get them to keep Sunday, as their name for Sabbath is 'Rest day'." He might also have stated that if they could read the Bible it would be the same. Chadwick told him that he would have no trouble with that. The missionary asked how that could be; and Chadwick answered, "Because I believe theseventh day is the Sabbath." "Well," said the missionary, "you are just the people to go there."

We have sent another company to the interior of Africa, and they are locating about forty miles west of the city of Bulawao, which is the capitol of Matabeleland. They have taken

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up a mission farm of six hundred acres. Elder Tripp, formerly the president of the Virginia conference, has charge of the work, and he has P. J. D. Wessels, Peter Druillard, and Brethren Sparrows and Anderson connected with him. They reached the place, I think, July 26. We have heard from them since their arrival, and they speak with courage and confidence of their outlook there. In one of Brother Tripp's letters he makes this remark in speaking of the people, "They are kind and intelligent, and seem anxious to learn. We can leave things around without fear of their being molested, and this is more than we can say of the heathen in our own country. The women want to dress as we do." The brethren have arranged for giving treatment to those who need it. They give baths to any one who desires it; but Brother Tripp says they soon had to issue tickets and have them take their turn, as so many more came than could be supplied with treatment. Brethren, these are encouraging omens.

(To be concluded.)

CONEWANGO VALLEY.

THE work at West View was a grand success. I labored there nine weeks. Elder Ball assisted

me the last three weeks. Eight honest souls embraced God's truth, and I have just received a letter from a lady there, stating that she would join me heart and hand, and should forever more obey the Lord. They wanted me to stay all winter with them. Since leaving there I have held three meetings at Chautauqua Hollow, and one at Nunda, with excellent attendance. I am home on a visit of two or three weeks. Brethren and sisters, pray for me.

MRS. LULU BENTLEY.

BLOSSOM.

SINCE the close of the tent season I have spent some time in following up the interest created during the tent meetings. I have had the joy of seeing several more decide in favor of the truth, while I entertain a strong hope for others. I have now for two weeks held meetings at this place in order to carry out the work commenced here last spring. The attendance is not very large, but quite uniform, and the best of interest is prevailing. There are some honest God fearing souls at this place, and I pray the Lord to help them to entirely submit to His will, and accept the truth as it is in Christ. Asking the prayers of all God's children for the advancement of the cause among the German speaking people, I am your brother in Christ.

GEO. LESCH.

NOTES.

Miss Ona C. Hadley, after a few weeks' visit with friends in Rome, returned to her home at Cedar Lake, N. Y., last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wilcox are spending the holidays with friends and relatives in Chenango County.

During the absence of Brother Wilcox, Elder P. Z. Kinne is assisting in the work in the office here.

We were glad to receive a call from Sister Kinne, of Kirkville, and her daughter Ella last week. Sister Kinne returned Sunday night. Miss Kinne who has just closed her school at North Creek, N. Y., will spend a few days here.

NOTICE.

WANTED.—A situation by a strong healthy young man who has lately accepted the truth. He desires a place where he can work for his board, and have time to study and do some canvassing work as the way may open. For particulars apply to Elder A. E. Place, 326 Mohawk Street, Rome, N. Y.