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Some Facts Regarding the Work and Scope of Our INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION, at College View, Nebraska.

Our people will be glad to become a little better acquainted with the purpose and work of our INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION, and with the number of people in the U. S. which are very nearly wholly dependent on her for the printed page containing the precious message God has given us to proclaim. And as some facts came into our hands recently, regarding these matters, it seemed our duty to call our peoples' attention to them.

The importance of the International Publishing Association will be more fully realized when we take into consideration that about

one-third of the population of the United States speak a foreign language. The great majority of these people (even tho some of them speak to some extent the English language) understand no language well enough to appreciate what is said or printed, except their own.

During the last three decades some 14,080,000 people from other lands have come into this country, and have become, in a special sense our neighbors. Not even 3,000,000 of this vast number have come from countries where the English language is spoken; leaving the number of 11,162,000 people who speak a foreign language. About half of this number have families, averaging about four children, making together a grand total of 31,000,000 souls in this country speaking a foreign tongue.

These figures without doubt, convince all the great burden resting upon the International Publishing Association. And this becomes still more vivid to our understanding, when we state that the whole number of the population of the U. S. is about 80,000,000. Thus fully one-third of the people are almost wholly dependant for the printed page, in their own tongue, upon the above mentioned institution. This has been especially true since the burning of the Review and the Pacific Press. Since this time our denomination is looking more and more to the International for reading matter in foreign languages in this country.

Now let us make a comparison between the number of people which have to be supplied with literature and the capacity of the three sister plants.

The Review and Herald and the Pacific Press each have a field of about 16,000,000 souls. While the International Publishing plant not even half the capacity of the Review and Herald or the Pacific Press has to supply twice this number of souls with printed matter.

This certainly emphasizes the importance of the work and aim of the International Publishing Association of bringing the Gospel message for these last days in the different languages of these many millions; and our duty to sustain this truly great work.

This association is greatly in need of \$5,000 to purchase machinery and material for binding books as well as to pay some already purchased. November 3, 1906 has been set apart for the purpose of taking a collection to secure this greatly needed amount. Will not all our churches take a collection on the above named date November 3, 1906?

Send the money to the treasurer of this Conference, and he will forward it to its proper address.

J. W. HOFSTRA.

A New Book.

The International Publishing Association has translated the San Francisco Earthquake booklet and are publishing this in the following tongues: German, Danish, Norwegian and Swedish. These are very pretty books and good sellers. There are nearly fifty fine illustrations in the book of forty pages. This booklet will make a very good thing to handle before the holidays. Doubtless many of our foreign brethren will be glad to get these little books. It sells at 25 cents. A liberal discount is given to agents.

Hospitality.

MARGARET HAUGHEY.

1. What is the meaning of the word hospitality? "Reception and entertainment of strangers or guests without reward, or with kind and generous liberality."

2. What exhortation does Paul give us? Rom. 12:13. "Our work in this world is to live for others good, to bless others, to be hospitable." Test. Vol. 2, p. 645.

3. What is one of the specifications given as marking one who is to bear responsibility in the church? "A lover of hospitality." Titus 1:8.

4. What injunction is given to the whole church? 1 Peter 4:9, 10.

5. Upon whom are we to bestow our hospitality? Gal. 6:10. "We are in a world of sin and temptation; all around us are souls perishing out of Christ; and God wants us to labor for them every way possible. If you have a pleasant home, invite to it the youth who have no home, those who are in the need of help, who long for sympathy and kind words, for respect and courtesy. If you desire to bring them to Christ, you must show your love and respect for them as the purchase of His blood." Test. Vol. 6, p. 348.

6. Ought we to entertain strangers? Heb. 13:2.

7. When did two of the disciples invite a stranger to eat with them? Luke 24:28-32.

8. Who entertained Paul on the island of Melita? Acts 28:7. How did Paul show his appreciation of this hospitality? Verse 8.

9. What patriarch was noted for his hospitality? Abraham, Gen. 18.

10. Can we have the same privilege that was granted to Abraham and Lot? "By showing hospitality to God's children, we too may receive his angels into our dwellings. Even in our day, angels in human form enter the homes of men and are entertained by them.

And Christians who live in the light of God's countenance are always accompanied by unseen angels, and these holy beings leave behind them a blessing in our homes." Test. Vol. 6, p. 342.

11. What will be the characteristics of those who manifest true hospitality? Kindness, generosity, and love. Do we see these characteristics manifested, in a great degree, at the present time?

12. Is there a lack of true hospitality in the world to-day? "These admonitions have been strangely neglected. Even among those who profess to be Christians, true hospitality is little exercised. Among our own people the opportunity of showing hospitality is not regarded as it should be, as a privilege and a blessing. There is altogether too little sociability, too little of a disposition to make room for two or three more at the family board, without embarrassment or parade. Some plead that 'it is too much trouble.' It would not be if you would say, 'We have made no special preparation, but you are welcome to what we have.' By an unexpected guest a welcome is appreciated far more than is the most elaborate preparation." Test. Vol. 6, p. 343.

13. Need poverty keep us from being hospitable? 1 Kings 17:8-24. "Poverty need not shut us out from showing hospitality. We are to impart what we have. Brethren and sisters invite to your homes those who are in need of entertainment and kindly attention. Make no parade, but as you see their necessity take them in, and show them genuine Christian hospitality. There are precious privileges in social intercourse." Test. Vol. 6, p. 347.

14. When will we receive our reward for showing hospitality? Luke 14:14, last clause.

15. What will be our reward? Matt. 25:34, 35. "In heaven we shall see the youth whom we have helped, those whom we invited to our homes, whom we led from

temptation. We shall see their faces reflecting the radiance of the glory of God." Test. Vol. 6, p. 348.

A New Catalog.

The readers of the "West Michigan Herald" will be glad to learn of a new catalog, printed in the English language, of our foreign publications, books, tracts and periodicals, published by our International Publishing Association, at College View, Neb. It contains a list of the works printed in the following languages: Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Holland and German. All of our English speaking brethren and sisters should avail themselves of this opportunity by securing one of these catalogs FREE at the above named address. The need of just such a catalog has been felt for a long time. Our brethren and sisters are placed by it in a position to know what they can place in the hands of their foreign neighbors and friends.

Besides the one in the English language, separate catalogs are printed for each of the following nationalities: Germans, Danes, Swedes and Norwegians; these are complete and may also be had free on application at the International Publishing Association.

Something Good Coming.

Those who have had experience in teaching children know that they learn by doing things much more than by simple listening. They will soon tire of sitting still and listening to a lesson, but if that lesson gives them something to do, it has indescribable charms for them.

Many mothers long to teach their children, but do not know how to make the Bible interesting to them. For the help of these mothers, and also for teachers who have not had experience in such work, a series of lessons will be published in the WORKER, beginning with the January number, and continuing through the entire year. These lessons will

not be an experiment. The writer has had a wide experience in working with children, and has been using this method of teaching Bible lessons for several years, with very satisfactory results. Each lesson not only gives the Bible story but provides work for the children to do in connection with it. So that, while the eyes and hands are being trained, the Bible truths are being indelibly fixed upon the mind, and so associated with the things seen in every-day life that they can never be forgotten.

We have seen children spend many happy hours every week working out these lessons, and at the same time storing the mind with the beautiful truths of God's Word. Is not this better than to spend the time playing in the streets and giving Satan a chance to sow seeds of evil in those little hearts? A wise farmer is careful to preoccupy the soil so the weeds can have no chance to grow. Shall we use less thought and skill in the care of our children?

The WORKER should be placed in every home before this series begins, that all who have any part in the teaching of children may have the benefit of the very first lesson.

From the Field.

HASTINGS.

We took down our tent at Hastings October 2. Brother Irving returned to his home and I remained a few days and held meetings with the Hastings and Carlton Center churches. These churches have passed through severe trials in the past which has caused some to become discouraged and give up the truth. One dear brother at Hastings, however, returned again and found the peace of the Lord in abundant measure. Many others during our tent meetings were thoroughly convinced that they had heard the truth, but said when I have a more convenient season I will accept and obey. Our people

have held four series of tent meetings in that city besides the camp-meeting. Surely the people there cannot say they have not heard the truth of God.

Sabbath, October 6, was a blessed day for the little church at Hastings. Though it was a stormy day yet the brethren turned out freely from Carleton Center and we enjoyed a most blessed season. Heartfelt confessions were made and tears from penitent hearts flowed freely. One man, not an Adventist, as he was passing the church felt impressed to go into the meeting. In the social meeting he arose and said that the Lord had impressed him to come in to that meeting and he was glad that he came, and that he would come again.

Oh how sad it is to think that so many will listen to the truth and acknowledge it as such, and still will not obey. When the truth has been preached so much and rejected the heart becomes hardened. Said the blessed Saviour, "Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life." He wept over the people in his day so long ago and said, "If thou hadst known even thou, at least in this thy day, the things that belong unto thy peace; but now they are hid from thine eye." So it is now, the things that belong to the salvation and peace of the people in these last days are rejected. Truth rejected leaves the heart darkened and less susceptible of divine impressions. In those countries where the gospel was once preached with such great power, are to-day the darkest spots to be found on earth. It is because they rejected the gospel which if accepted would have been the means of their salvation.

R. C. HORTON.

NILES.

The little company of Sabbath-keepers at Niles went in a body to Berrien Springs Sabbath, October 20. This privilege was much enjoyed by all. When once we de-

cide to obey the truth we then enjoy the association of others of like precious faith.

Elder W. D. Curtis spoke to a good sized congregation in the tent at Niles Sunday evening, Oct. 21. The principle thought of his discourse was that those who heard the truth had reached the crisis in their life and that all heaven was anxiously awaiting their decision of this momentous question. The sermon was enjoyed by all and both those who had decided to obey the truth and those who were yet undecided were greatly strengthened to press onward toward the mark of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus.

Carlton Center Church School.

The Lord has certainly blessed us as a school. During the months of September and October seventy-one Life Boats were sold, thirty-five papers sent away, nineteen given away, fifteen missionary letters written. Among the many good letters that were sent away the following is a copy of one:—
Carlton Center, Mich., Oct. 17, 1906.

Miss (———)

Belding, Mich.

My dear friend:

Our school has organized a sort of Missionary Society. Once every month we are going to write letters and send papers away.

I attend church school and enjoy it very much. I think a church school is the best kind of a school, as the Bible is taught there.

I try to read the Bible every day. Do you know that the Lord is coming soon? There are not very many people who realize it, but the signs show us that His coming is near. Read Matthew the twenty-fourth chapter and the sixth and seventh verses. In them we read some of the signs of Christ's coming is near.

We also read in verse thirty-eight that in the days of Noe, people were eating and drinking and marrying and given in marriage. About all the people think of now is hav-

ing a good time. In verse thirty-seven, we read, "But as the days of Noe were, so shall the coming of the Son of man be."

Dear friend, I hope you will receive some good from this letter, and I believe you will, for the Lord can do all things, and I believe He will help you to receive some good from this letter.

Now dear friend, won't you study the Bible? There are some of the most wonderful promises in it that ever could be.

Hoping to meet you in the new earth, I am every your friend,

(—)

Hastings, Mich. R. D. 3.

What a beautiful thing to train the little minds to work for Jesus. It brings blessings to the little souls that nothing else can give, for in helping others it strengthens us. This is what we as teachers want to do in regard to missionary work. Let each one help, teach them to love to do this work because Jesus did. If we all would exercise the simple faith that the little children have in this work, the message would go with zeal and courage.

EDNA L. COOPER.

BAUER.

A Harvest Ingathering service was held at the Bauer church Sabbath, Oct. 20.

The church was tastefully decorated with autumn leaves and evergreens under the direction of Mildred Wilson, who is superintendent of the Sabbath-school and also teacher of the church school.

The churches at Wright, Alledale and Agnew were well represented.

Fully two-thirds of those present were young people. It is truly encouraging to see the interest manifested by our young people. The most important question for this class to answer is: Where and how can I best fit myself for service?

The exercises, in which the children took an active part, passed

off very nicely, and after a fifteen minute talk on the subject of missions in general, and Madagascar in particular, a collection for the last mentioned place, amounting to \$17.25, was taken up.

To our other churches and schools we would say, "Go thou and do likewise."

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

Many matters of importance regarding our school work were discussed at length by the superintendents of the various conferences in the Lake Union at the recent council held at Berrien Springs.

An outline of the work to be covered in all the grades in our primary schools in each half year was prepared, and arrangements made for the preparation of the mid-winter and closing examinations. This outline will be sent to each of our teachers as soon as possible.

Bell's Bible Lessons are recommended for Bible work in the lower grades, and may be obtained from the tract society office as follows: No. 1, 15¢, No. 2, 20¢. Subsequent numbers 25¢ postpaid.

Every teacher should possess a copy of Cady's "Bible Nature Studies" as a guide in following the outline in nature study. They can be furnished at \$1.10. Order as above.

Many teachers are inquiring how to keep the little folks busy. I have found the most helpful suggestions in "Suggestions for Seat Work," price 15¢, A. Flanagan, Pub., Chicago. Also "Paper and Scissors in the School-room," price 25¢, Milton Bradley Co., Springfield, Mass.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

"Every one carries an atmosphere about him. It may be healthful and invigorating, or it may be unhealthful and depressing. It may make a little spot of the world the sweeter, better, safer place to live in; or it may make it harder for those to live worthily and beautifully who dwell within its circle."

News and Notes.

The workers at Plainwell took down their tent last week.

Elder Fred Brink and family are now located in Phoenix, Arizona.

A Harvest Ingathering Service will be held at the South Monterey church Sunday evening, November 4.

We hope the South Monterey, Allegan, Otsego and Kalamazoo churches will remember the quarterly meeting at Allegan Sabbath, November 3.

Wanted.—A position as book-keeper, by a young man, a Sabbath-keeper. References furnished. Address Cyrus Graham, Cadillac, Mich., Box 755.

The West Michigan Conference laborers are holding a meeting at Cedar Lake this week to lay plans for the work for the winter. A report of the meeting will appear later.

God's Beautiful Plan.

If the tithes were in the storehouse,
That belongeth to our King;
If all those who share God's bounties,
All their tithes would quickly bring;
Heaven's windows wide would open,
At the word of His command,
And blessings then would be poured out,
Which would overflow the land.

If the tithes were in the storehouse,
It would not be very long
Till the weary hearts now crying,
Would be shouting Zion's Song.
The "thirsty land" would then rejoice
And the "waiting Isles" would sing;
If all the tithes were quickly brought,
That belongeth to our King.

Darkened hearts would soon be lightened
With God's message from above,
And thousands now in heathen lands
Would rejoice in heaven's love.
Come, ye stewards; haste, get ready!
All your tithes and offerings bring:
Soon you'll answer as a steward,
To your quick returning King.

A. T. ROBBISON.