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Missionary Offerings.

The time has come for advancement in providing funds for work in other lands. In the past our effort to raise means for this line of Christian work has been rather fitful. When Seventh-day Adventists first began to plan for missionary work in other lands, every family was provided with a small wooden bank or box in which to deposit pennies for missionary purposes. These banks were opened quarterly, and the offerings sent to the treasury. This resulted in the creation of a small fund out of which literature was purchased to supply ship missions and individuals in Europe and other lands. Calls for the living preacher soon came from several countries to which this literature was sent, and this created a demand for more means, until in 1897 the Mission Board which had just been organized, provided envelopes and supplied the churches in this country, so that each individual member might

bring a weekly offering for the support of missions abroad.

The year following the introduction of this envelope plan showed a gain of more than forty-five thousand dollars in mission funds, aside from the Sabbath-school contributions, in spite of the fact that only a portion of our people adopted the plan. Since that time the receipts have fluctuated. The annual offering has been larger or smaller, according as our people were importuned; but the demand has grown steadily until now it requires a sum up in the hundreds of thousands to sustain our laborers abroad.

This calls for a weekly offering from every believer in this message. The curse has not visited our home land as it is found in the darker places of earth. This is a land of plenty; the truth has found us and blessed us that we may be a blessing. God has given us the riches of His truth and grace, and at the same time the riches of the Gentiles. Shall we not freely use the one to send the other to the millions of earth?

Let us begin at once to offer weekly as the Lord has prospered us. Some may be able to bring only the pennies; others, an offering in silver; and still there are others whom the Lord would have bring dollars, for He has given them hundreds. Let none appear before the Lord empty. "The gospel to the world in this generation" is the work before us.

ALLEN MOON.

Ruskin said that the scriptures he memorized established his soul in life.

The Work Among the Swedes.

There are about two million Swedes in this country, and about twenty-five thousand more are coming here each year. We have about fifteen hundred Swedish brethren in this country including our workers. Last year we had twenty-two laborers who were engaged in the work, and about one hundred twenty-five people were brought into the truth, making an average of five for each laborer. This compares favorably with our work at large. The Swedish brethren are paying about \$17.86 tithe per capita, and the new tract on this subject which will be issued soon should improve this situation. We are endeavoring to work in harmony with our American brethren as well as those of all other nationalities and long for the time when we shall speak one language in the kingdom of God. All our Swedish workers stand as a unite for the whole truth.

During the past year we had one thousand new subscribers to our Swedish paper, ZIONS VAKTARE, and doubled the number of students in the Swedish department at Union College. Our paper advocates precious truth according to the old landmarks of the message, and hundreds have accepted the truth by reading it. A new series of articles on the last warning message will make this paper intensely interesting for the next six months and we urge our American, German, Danish, and Norwegian brethren to co-operate with us in helping to circulate this paper among the Swedes. The subscription price is \$1.25 per year, 65¢ for six months. Will you not make

an earnest effort to get subscriptions or our Swedish paper? If you do not succeed in this will you pay the subscription yourself and send the paper to someone for six months or a year? This is a practical way of showing your love for your neighbor. The small amount expended in this manner will bring the last warning message to your Swedish neighbor and may be the means of helping precious souls into the kingdom of God. Persons born in Sweden may be able to talk quite freely in English on ordinary subjects, yet they will best understand religious topics in their mother tongue. If you cannot afford 65¢ for this purpose, will you kindly send the address of your Swedish neighbors to your local tract society, and some plan will be arranged whereby the paper may be sent them. In either way you can bring the Swedes into connection with our office after which we will take the matter up by correspondence. In writing please state the address and nationality of the person whose name you are sending.

May the Lord move upon many hearts to assist in this effort and humbly pray that the message may in this way reach the Swedish people. According to history the true Gospel never obtained a permanent foothold among our people until the proclamation of the first angel's message. The plan of co-operation stated above will bring the message to them and will surely result in much good. Please do not forget. Only 65¢ will bring the last warning message to your Swedish neighbor.

S. MORTENSON.

Liberty.

The second number for 1908 is full of the best things that have been written upon the proper relation of the church and state.

It also contains some very rare illustrations, among which are photographs of prominent law-makers and other noted men of the

United States; a full page cut giving late photographs of all the members of the United States Senate; another full page cut containing the photographs of the diplomatic corps of Washington, D. C., and a cartoon on the inside front page cover, representing "A Rain of Terror." This cartoon itself will teach the present condition as related to enforced religious legislation better than it would be possible to present it in type.

The entire number is filled with bright sparkling truths that will be appreciated by a large class of citizens, and will insure our workers good success in the sale of this number of LIBERTY.

Regular subscription price, 25 cents. Get several copies and hand to your friends and neighbors to read, or sell them. Address this office.

Lake Union Conference Notes.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24.

"Organization" was continued by Elder A. G. Daniells, at 4:30 p. m. Some hold that the separate, single church organization is supreme, and that there is no Bible authority for anything further. Seventh-day Adventists hold that there are just as good reasons for organizing a dozen churches into a body as there is for organizing a dozen people into a church. (The Scriptures should be read wherever referred to.)

How does our whole plan of organization correspond with the Bible? From what point does the church date its origin? (Acts 7:38.)—As far back as Israel entered the wilderness. To be conservative there were three million people. Were they as tribes, as families, or were they fragmentary units, or were they one solid unit or confederation? (2 Sam. 7:22-24.)—Presented as one nation or people. Deut. 4:7,8; Deut. 7:6-8.) A people chosen unto himself. (Deut. 26:18, 19.) One body, a united people.

Did the organization go into detail? (Ex. 18:13-27.)—There was one whole body and Moses. Something was to enter in and it was to be Moses and his associates and the people. The associates were to bear the burden with Moses. They were to be rulers and judges.

Did God take this plan suggested by Moses' father-in-law as the basis of organization? (Deut. 1:9-18.)—The people selected the rulers and Moses ordained them for their work. In the papal church the power comes from the head and on down so that the people have no voice as to who shall be over them. In this denomination the people select their own church officers and on up to the appointment of all the general officers.

The Israelites were a great body of people but they were divided into families. They lived in cities large and small, and in the country. There was a man in Jerusalem who was head over a larger number than the man in charge of Hebron or Bethlehem. They had a ruler in every "gate," meaning city or village. Every little company had a leader.

At 7:30 p. m. Elder A. G. Daniells rehearsed some of the experiences they have lately had in Washington, D. C. We have taught that the time would come when the United States government would commit itself on the union of Church and State. We have been on record on this question for fifty years. In times past a great many people have made light of us, but they do not now.

The U. S. Congress has never passed a Sunday law. In 1812 it refused to commit itself on religious legislation. In 1903, when our headquarters were moved East, not one of the committee had any idea of locating in Washington. When we were looking I asked Sister White if she had any light as to the place we should go. At first she replied that she had no light as to location. After the committee had broken up we received a later

communication saying that we should consider the advantages of Washington. We went down without feeling there were any advantages. After being there several days conviction began to come to us that there were some and after a week or so the definite word came that Washington was the place. I shall never be able to doubt the definite instruction given at that time.

After we had been there a short time the House of Representatives passed a Sunday Bill to the Senate. This was like an electric shock but we rallied and prepared and presented petitions, until the Senate Committee was swamped and never reported out. Nearly every year since bills have come up and failed.

In the fall of 1907 another bill was fostered by Dr. Radcliffe. At their mass meeting Chief Justice Harlan presided and made a speech. He said there must be liberty regulated by law. It was a religious meeting and an appeal to the religious emotions. Another speaker advocated the enactment of the Ten Commandments as the law of the land. A committee was appointed to visit the President and urge him to press upon Congress the necessity of passing Sunday laws. They waited on the President, yesterday, March 23. We have looked forward with deep interest to the outcome of this visit.

President Roosevelt gives as his belief that Sunday is a day of rest, and leaves it for every man, woman and child to keep it as they see fit, but is opposed to religious legislation.

We had a large mass meeting and a few days later there was a hearing before the District Commissioners. The others interested allowed us to lead in the discussion, which gave us twenty minutes at the opening. The opposition said there was no religion in the thing. Before he was through, however, he was advocating Sunday laws. The whole hearing was

most interesting. The outcome will not be known for a time.

The very familiar way in which the name Seventh-Day Adventist was used by the ministers, lawyers, and working men shows that we are being discussed freely.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25.

The first session was called at 10:15 a. m. after the close of the Review and Herald meeting. J. B. Blosser gave a short report of the Book Department, with figures that showed a large increase in agents and in sales during the last two years.

The Committee on Plans submitted a list of resolutions which were adopted by considering each one separately. A synopsis of the text of the resolutions has already been published.

Recommendation 3 included a plan for raising a sum in each conference, equal to ten cents per week for each member, to aid the foreign mission work. It also included the urging of all our brethren to pay a full tithe. Elder Daniells stated that in the cities where people were working on a salary they paid a tithe of all they received, after which they paid rent, bought fuel, food and other things. But the farmer has his rent, his fuel and food largely, and many times pays a little only on his profits. This is not following the scriptural instruction to pay tithe on our income. Is it honest, brethren?

Elder I. H. Evans called attention to the fact that there is one minister in China for twenty million people. This means that if there were seven million more people in the Lake Union Conference and only one minister it would place the two on an equal footing. The Mission Board has no support except what is donated individually to them. If this plan of ten cents per week per member is put into operation we can put two men in the foreign field where we now have one.

(To be continued.)

Dollar China Children.

The following names were received up to the end of April. Those coming in later will be inserted at some future time.

Pansy Palmiter, Portland
Oakley Palmiter, Portland
Oneta Palmiter, Portland
Helena Thompson, Portland
Herbert Lewis, Stanton
Eddie Large, Lakeview
Mable Large, Lakeview
Katie Kennedy, Lakeview
Grace Matthews, Cedar Lake
Waive McAllister, Allegan
Nina Root, Coopersville
Orpha Root, Coopersville
Ethel Palmiter, Coopersville
Lorene Palmiter, Coopersville
Ida Little, Hesperia
Mildred and Hollis Russell, Otsego

Tressie Davis, Bedford
Freda Parker, Bangor
Glenn Parker, Bangor
Joseph Iverson, Bangor
Carroll and Bernath McAllister, Monterey
Vivian McAllister, Monterey
Esther Haughey, Berrien Springs
Genevieve Ludington, Berrien Springs
Augustus Ford, Berrien Springs
Bessie Martin, Berrien Springs
Cecil Busz, Berrien Springs
Leonard Marshall, Berrien Springs
Leone White, Berrien Springs
Wayne White, Berrien Springs
Ivan Videto, Berrien Springs

Obituaries.

Bernice Greydon Overly, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Overly, died at Hesperia, Michigan, April 19, 1908, aged 3 years, 1 month and 15 days.

Death resulted from an accident, a heavy box falling upon the child, and comes as a sudden blow to the bereaved parents.

Little Greydon was of a bright, sunny disposition—a beautiful bud just unfolding its petals of purity, and distilling its fragrance all around.

While our hearts are bleeding, we find comfort in Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Sister Overly, formerly Ethel Carr, was brought up in the family of Elder J. D. Gowell.

The funeral was conducted by the writer, assisted by E. A. Merriam. Comforting words were spoken from Matt. 11:28.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

DODD—Died at his home near Charlotte, Mich., April 16, 1908, Mr. Jay W. Dodd, aged 54 years, 7 months and 20 days, leaving a wife, three sons and two daughters to mourn the loss of a kind husband and loving father. Funeral service by the writer, from Rom. 6:23.

S. D. HARTWELL.

List of Pamphlets, Old Editions Somewhat Soiled.

Sunday Seventh Day Examined	10¢
Truth Found	10
The Tithing System	10
Position and Work of the True People of God	10
The Spirit of God	20
Redeemer and Redeemed	10
Seven Trumpets	10
Thoughts on Baptism	25
Honor Due to God, Thoughts on Tithes and Offerings	10
Review of Gilfillan	10
Christ and the Sabbath	10
Modern Spiritualism	20
Bible Adventism	20
The Hope of the Gospel	10
The Morality of the Sabbath	15
The Saint's Inheritance	10
Review of R. G. Baird	10
The Sabbath, a poem by Uriah Smith	15
Prehistoric Relics	15
Chariots of Fire and Iron	25
The Rejected Ordinance	25
Ten Commandments Not Revised, by James White	1
Bible Conversion and Sanctification by A. S. Hutchins	1
Parable of the Ten Virgins, by U. Smith	1½
Day of the Crucifixion, by U. Smith	1½

Bible Readings on Church

Order	2
Whither Are We Drifting?	2
Are You a Protestant?	¼

Any of the above sent postpaid while they last, at 50% discount. This is an opportunity to procure copies of pamphlets that have been out of print for several years. The quantity is very limited, so send your order early.

"A man's mark in the world depends upon his aim." Therefore, "Let your aim be high. Let some great object fire your whole being."

News and Notes.

S. S. Gray spent the Sabbath in Eaton Rapids.

M. C. Whitmarsh has been asked to go to New York.

Clifford Russell visited the church school at Bauer last Friday.

Elder A. G. Haughey spent the Sabbath with the church at Quincy.

Oliver Denslow, of Cedar Lake, will respond to a call to labor in Virginia.

G. H. Crandall was in Battle Creek from Friday until Monday morning.

Brother Leon G. Nyman, of Mendon, will work with a tent this summer.

Roscoe Garrett paid this office a call last Friday. It is expected that he will have charge of the school here next year.

Elder Allen Moon was in attendance at the Grand Rapids council for two days. His presence was very much appreciated.

Avery Davis, of Emmanuel Missionary College, expects to go to Kentucky to labor with Elder James Irving this summer.

W. C. Mathewson and Harry Taylor have had an invitation to work in New York and expect to leave for that state as soon as the schools close.

Elder P. G. Stanley was in attendance at the Council and will locate in Kalamazoo. He is at present at Lyons and Muir.

The Temperance Number of the Watchman will be out this week. It will be a particularly good number and all who have not placed their orders should do so at once. Address this office.

According to word just received, Miss Winifred Trunk has been invited by the General Conference to go to Australia, to act as preceptress of the school at Cooranbong.

A successful church school has been held in Covert the past year, in charge of Mrs. Julia Countryman. The school board are thankful for the blessing of the Lord that has attended them.

Mrs. Minnie C. Harnden has accepted a call to go to Iowa. Miss Mattie White has been selected as librarian at Battle Creek and will enter upon her duties soon, as Mrs. Harnden leaves this month.

The Cedar Lake Academy closes May 27. The graduating class will number about ten, nearly all of whom will enter the work in some capacity. The faculty next year will be

Leslie Avery, Principal
Fred Green, Business Manager
Miss Edith Shepard
Mrs. E. D. Nyman, Preceptress.

The Bible workers will be located as follows:

Zona Carr and Jennie DeYoung, Muskegon.

Calista Nelson and Mabel Baker, Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Cleora Green, Grand Rapids.

Edna Wilbur will attend summer normal at Berrien Springs.