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OUR HOME MISSION FIELD

For some time now, our attention has been called to the great mission field abroad, and considerable has been done in the way of raising funds and of sending forth laborers to the needy portions of our world; and this is as it should be. It is difficult for us to comprehend the great magnitude of the work which is to be accomplished during this last generation; but we are all glad to see that something is being done, and that the blessing of the Lord is attending this important move in a very manifest way.

But we have another great mission field here at home which is none the less important, and one which deserves very careful attention. We must acknowledge that there is a special providence in the fact that the Lord has sent so many people of the world's nationalities to this land; and God's purpose in all this is that these might receive the truth and be the means, and agencies, again, of bringing it to their own nation and language.

When the Lord has a great work to be done, his providence always prepares the way for its accomplishment. Many such incidents might be cited from the past. At this time we call attention to only one. In Acts the first chapter and the eighth verse, Jesus gave his disciples the following as his parting instruction: "But ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria, unto the utmost parts of the earth."

The second chapter of Acts recounts the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, and it is a matter of interest to note the statement in the fifth verse, "And there were dwelling at Jerusalem devout men out of every nation under heaven." And then it goes on to name seventeen different nationalities which were present, and these with representatives from every nation under heaven were there on that occasion and eyewitnesses to the power

of the Holy Spirit, and heard the gospel preached in their own tongue. This was truly a wonderful providence and must have contributed greatly to the results stated by the apostle in Col. 1:23, namely, that the gospel "was preached to every creature which is under heaven."

There, in that short period of time, with only meager facilities as compared with the present, the gospel had then been preached to every creature under heaven. How could such a fact be possible in such a short period of time? It seems to us that the answer must largely lie in the fact that the representatives from all these nations and people who heard the gospel under demonstration and power of the Holy Spirit, in turn received the gospel and carried it, each to his own nation and people in the same spirit and earnestness with which they saw it demonstrated at Jerusalem. Such a course is a natural one.

In the providence of God the three-fold message of Revelation fourteen, that represents the closing work of the Gospel in the earth, took its rise and beginning here in this country. And as this closing message is also to go with great haste to every part of the world, we see the providence of God preparing the way for just such a work by bringing all these nationalities to our shores that they might receive the truth and accept the message, and then bring it to the people of their own language and nationality. Certainly no one can give this careful thought without realizing that there is a special, definite providence in all this arrangement.

Now a question comes. Have we, each of us, done our duty in the matter of bringing the light of the truth to these people? This is a more important question than many have given it credit for. Something has been done among the Germans, Swedes and Danish-Norwegians, but what about the great multitude of other nationalities?—scarcely anything at all, and this is not as it should be. Here are hundreds of thou-

sands, yea millions of Italians, Poles, Hungarians, Bohemians, Slavonians, and others, and among all these scarcely a beginning has been made. This is a matter to which we must awake.

But what can Americans do who cannot speak these languages?—To this we answer, we have publications in a large number of the languages of these nationalities. These can be circulated, and what has been neglected in the past should now be done without delay, namely, the quick circulation of these publications among all these nationalities.

We urge upon the brethren and sisters in our churches and those also who live in more isolated localities to ascertain what foreign people are living in their community, and then send to their tract society for publications in those languages and make an effort to circulate them among those people. In this way you will be doing a grand work to hasten the message and bring the knowledge of the truth to the people of these many nationalities in our midst.

O. A. OLSON,

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GRAYSVILLE, TENN.

News Items

At a recent meeting of the school board, the plans which were drawn, providing for a dormitory to contain thirteen rooms, a bath-room, and a parlor, were accepted. A carload of cement has been secured, and stone is being hauled for the foundation wall. It is hoped soon to see the work begun.

The senior class, which numbers six, is doing its utmost to complete the work, with good record.

A meeting of the alumni association will be held in connection with the Commencement. All graduates from the institution are members of the association if they desire to claim such membership. Already some reports from far-off lands are being received to be read at this coming alumni meeting. One has recently arrived from India where two of our graduates are stationed as missionaries. Members of the alumni association are requested to write and send report of their year's work, telling of their hopes and courage, etc., to Miss Margaret Hildebrand, Graysville, Tenn., who is secretary of the association.

Our students were much edified recently by the talks of Elder W. H. Anderson, one of our missionaries stationed in Africa, concerning his work. On Tuesday morning, April 19, the student body responded by pledging nearly \$50. to help open up a new out station in Rhodesia.

The Graysville Church was favored recently with a visit from Elder F. C. Gilbert of Concord, Mass., who is laboring earnestly to get this truth before the Jewish people. He gave three

public talks while in Graysville. At the church Wednesday night, April 10, at the school chapel on Thursday morning following, and also Thursday night. The last talk was illustrative of the Jewish customs in partaking of the Passover. Those who heard Brother Gilbert will not soon forget his visit. A good donation amounting to about \$40.00 was given him to assist in his work.

The class in Botany is developing some good walkers. The students are showing much interest in gathering their specimens for herbariums.

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CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE

Among the Churches

April 1 to 10, the writer spent with the Copper Ridge church. The brethren and their neighbors were busy putting in their crops, yet the church was filled from night to night with attentive listeners. From the ring of the testimonies borne at the ordinance meeting on the ninth, we have reason to believe that the week's services were productive of good. Before leaving, pledges of material, labor, and cash were raised to the extent that the brethren hope to finish their house of worship before cold weather.

A brief visit was made to Coalfield to learn the needs of the little company. Elder Sanford is now there devoting his entire time to the completion of their little chapel which has been standing for about a year in a half-finished state, for want of help.

A visit was also planned for Toco, but an epidemic of measles in that place caused us to postpone it until a more convenient season.

April 22-24 was spent with the Brayton church. The spirit of the Lord was present, and the word spoken was received with thankfulness. All were not present on the Sabbath, yet the church's quota of the \$300,00.00 fund, which amounted to \$110.00 was secured in pledges in a few minutes.

The work in Athens is still moving onward, though for some time a bitter and determined warfare has been waged against the truth. Brother and Sister Williams have their hands full of work, and, so long as the conflict is on, we have hopes of more results.

H. LESLEY SHOUP.

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NORTH CAROLINA

It has been a privilege greatly enjoyed by the writer, to hold a few days meeting at Lexington, and the brethren appreciated the help given.

We had excellent attendance from the friends in the town, our house was filled to its utmost capacity, and a real interest was manifested.

We fully expect to see good results here and

more souls embrace the truth. One thing that is greatly needed, is a family which might take the lead. Brethren Creacy and Slate spent one day each, with us, and their presence was greatly appreciated by all.

The brethren at Kernersville are taking on new courage, and well they may, for others are uniting with them in Sabbath observance. Two brethren, heads of families, have taken hold of the truth, and are keeping the Sabbath. Just recently, I passed through there, and spoke twice to an attentive audience, and brother Slate, now reports to me, that Sabbath, April 30, another man and his wife and son, joined the Sabbath-school.

The brethren here are anxious to have a tent effort and camp-meeting at this place. The field seems to be ripe for work. No public effort has ever been made here, only some work in the country two miles out. Careful consideration must be given to this call. G. W. WELLS.

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WHO WILL BE GREATEST

Is a question that has absorbed the minds of many people, both before and since the days when the disciples came and asked Jesus the question, or the apostles discussed it among themselves by the way. It is quite likely that they did not succeed even to their own satisfaction in solving it, nor is it likely that when Jesus "took a little child and set it in the midst," that they were fully satisfied, for spiritual truths were not easier to grasp then than now, and, then, as now, the mere speaking of the truth made little effect. Only those sayings that sank down into their hearts really were of much value to them.

But who will be the greatest? Jesus Christ will be greatest, He will fill all in all. But one may say, what human being will be greatest? for that is always what is meant. Well, we have the Master's own word for it. "The last shall be first." The very last and best of these little ones—some poor insignificant one, who was passed by and counted of little value— one who never preached a sermon, or wrote a book, or did any noble thing. He could not. He just trusted God, that's all. He never was president of a conference, nor member of any conference committee. He could not be elder of any church, nor be superintendent of the Sabbath school. He was the last that any one on earth suspected of being great.

Before him angels will delight to bow. He will sit at Jesus right hand occupying the place prepared for him of the Father and so much coveted by Judas, James, and John.

And no one will be more surprised than himself. Could human eyes behold the celestial roster of names that are to be counted great, doubtless much surprise would be experienced, for the

standards of greatness in heaven and in earth are vastly different. It is said of John the Baptist "He shall be great in the eyes of the Lord."

Let us seek for the honor, glory and greatness of heaven. T. H. JEYS.

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PROGRESS OF BOOK WORK

NO. 2.

Chile

With this I am sending you a monthly and yearly report of book work done in Chile. I am out here in Valparaiso. Came here the first of the week with Robert Tapia, one of our young canvassers. He is twenty-two years old. He had been working country towns selling small books with good success. Monday, I helped him to start his list. We went to Baron, the largest station, and I presented the book at the office door of one of the employees. He took the book to look at it, so that left me on the outside of the small window. Now how to get hold of that book again was rather of a puzzle; but I just took my hat off and crawled about half way through the hole, and said, "Let me show you what it contains." Soon several more young men came around to see what it was, and I soon had five orders,—three for Coming King, and two for Patriarchs and Prophets. One man who gave his order for both made the remark, "What is 15 pesos compared with salvation?" I think there are better days for the canvassing work here.

Brother Tapia tried it alone in the afternoon and when he came home, I counted the orders for the day on his list, and he had forty-six. That isn't bad for a Chileno boy. He is sticking right to it. This morning before dinner he took eleven orders. I think we will have a few more canvassers soon for the large cities. Valparaiso is just like a beehive. They are building up the part that was destroyed by the earthquake. One of the boys who sells papers, sold the "Signs of the Times" to the President of the Republic the other day. Yours in the work,

(Signed) THOMAS H. DAVIS.

We invite correspondence with all who are in the circulation of our Books and Periodicals. Information will be cheerfully furnished and there is room for many more in the ranks.

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NOTICE TO G. C. CANVASSERS

As some delay has been mentioned in getting out the two dollar edition of Great Controversy, on account of the Review and Herald having the plates, it might be well to quote the following from a letter just received from the Southern Publishing Association. "The plates are now on the road, and we are expecting to receive them very soon. Just as soon as they reach us, work will be begun on the book, and we think it safe to say the books will be ready by July 1, at the latest."

V. O. COLE.

THE MAY WATCHMAN

This number of the WATCHMAN contains a fund of interesting matters, and should be secured and read by all. The outlook Department includes pertinent references to current events. The Editorial Department presents some strong articles on The Sabbath of the Decalogue, The Policy of Japan, The Pope vs the Future of our World, Johnson Sunday Hearing. Under the Scripture Study Department we find: Daily Bible Study, and the Creation. Under the Mission Field will be found Sketches of West African History. Other departments are full of interesting matter. Single copy 10 cents; 5 to 40, 5 cents; and 50 or more copies, 4 cents each. Address SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION, Nashville, Tenn.

GERMAN, SWEDISH, AND DANISH-NORWEGIAN MAGAZINES

The International Publishing Association, College, View, Neb., has begun the publication of quarterly ten-cent magazines in each of the above named languages. Each number will contain thirty-two pages besides cover, uniform in size with the English ten-cent magazines.

The German magazine is "Die Zeichen der Zeit," meaning, "The Signs of the Times." The Swedish magazine, is called, "Tidens tecken och Sions Vaktare," meaning "Signs of the Times, and Zions Watchman." The subscription price of each of these is thirty cents per year.

The Danish-Norwegian magazine is a Health and Temperance journal known as, "Lys over Landet," meaning "Light over the Land," the price thirty-five cents a year.

All these magazines will be furnished in quantities to agents at the same rates as the English magazines. Address the publishers for sample copies. These should be given a wide circulation among German and Scandinavian people. Where there are state tract societies, order through the society.

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THE BUSY MAN'S CORNER

Beginning with the next number, May 3, a new department will appear in the "Signs of the Times Weekly" for the special benefit of busy persons—those who

have but little time for reading. It will be called, "A Corner for Busy Men, by One of Them." It will be just as good and just as interesting, however, for busy women and busy young people, as for busy men.

This department will be filled with short, pithy items on the great fundamental principles and doctrines of the Bible, put in such a terse and interesting way that they can be easily comprehended and remembered.

Would you not like to send this series to some of your friends and relatives? You can have them mailed direct from the office of publication to five or more different names and addresses as follows: Six months .75 per copy; one year, \$1.50 per copy. Address your Tract Society, or Signs of the Times, Mountain View, California.

TEMPERANCE TORCHLIGHTS

This is the title of a new book just from the press of the Review & Herald Publishing Association. Up to the publication of this book, our people have had no temperance publication other than some small tracts.

This is a very commendable book of 256 pages about the size of "Steps to Christ," and will, we believe, fill a long-felt want, especially among us as a people. It is written by Matilda Erickson, Corresponding Secretary of the Young People's Department of the General Conference, and contains, studies, stories, songs, poems, and useful information on temperance topics: for the use of individuals, churches, schools, temperance, and young peoples' societies." Price in good cloth binding, 50 cts. Order through the conference office or address,

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NOTICE

Those wishing a printed canvas, clear, concise, and right to the point, for "Ministry of Healing," will please send in their address, and it will be gladly sent to them free. This was used in giving instruction to canvassers classes at the College of Medical Evangelist at Loma Linda, and at the sanitarium. Address Walter Harper, Pacific Press, Mountain View, Cal., or "Sanitarium," Loma Linda, Cal.

CANVASSING REPORT

Southeastern Union Conference for week ending April 23.

Name,	Book,	Hours,	Value,	Del.
NORTH CAROLINA				
R. L. Underwood	DR	42	60.50	6.50
Alby Paul	DR	39	24.00	6.00
M. L. Branch	DR	23	26.25	1.25
G. L. Kerley	DR	13	17.50	3.50
T. T. Stepp	DR	48	24.75	.75
W. H. George	GC	40	98.87	10.87
W. E. Lanier	CK	48	28.50	23.50
T. J. Woodall	CK	15	22.75	1.75
J. P. Allran	CK	43	33.25	3.25
Mrs. E. A. Wing	Misc	20	16.50	2.50
CUMBERLAND				
Ruby Lea	PPF	15		31.00
R. A. Judy	PPF	52	46.10	
E. D. Haskell	CK	40	22.35	10.75
GEORGIA for 4 weeks				
I. T. Merchant	DR	142	182.45	9.50
R. M. Carter	DR	55	87.75	119.75
J. A. Sudduth	DR	130	69.50	30.85
R. O. Terry	DR	113	120.50	54.00
J. A. Kimmel	PG	98	25.85	81.00
E. E. Kurtz.	PG	83	145.35	28.00
C. N. Bivens	GC	79	172.00	6.00
Miss E. Zook	CK	77	88.00	56.50
B. F. Brown	CK	40	6.65	91.10
Miss D. Sudduth	CK	7		9.00
Mrs. C. Bivens	CK	16	14.50	
Mrs. P. R. Rainwater	BFL	63	83.00	40.00
Summary				
Georgia	Total	903	995.55	525.70
North Carolina	Total	331	352.87	59.87
Cumberland	Total	105	68.45	41.75
Grand Total		1339	1416.87	627.52