



"The HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW"

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To Mothers

O mothers, so weary, discouraged,
Worn out with the cares of the day,
You often grow cross and impatient,
Complain of the noise and the play;
For the day brings so many vexations,
So many things going amiss:
But, mothers, whatever may vex you,
Send the children to bed with a kiss.
The dear little feet wander often,
Perhaps, from the pathway of right;
The dear little hands find new mischief
To try you from morning till night;
But think of the desolate mothers
Who would give all the world for
your bliss,
And, as thanks for your infinite bless-
ings,
Send the children to bed with a kiss
For some day their noise will not vex
you,
The silence will hurt you far more;
You will long for the sweet children
voices,
For a sweet childish face at the door
And to press a child's face to your
bosom—
You'd give all the world for just this.
For the comfort will bring you in
sorrow,
Send the children to bed with a kiss.
—New Orleans Picayune.

General Articles

Are You Doing Your Duty?

Our Saviour says, "This gos-
pel of the kingdom shall be

preached in all the world for a
witness unto all nations and then
shall the end come."

We who are Seventh-day Ad-
ventists believe that the time is
very near when Jesus will come
again, that we have reached the
very generation which will be-
hold Him coming. So we know
that the gospel of the kingdom
must be preached in all the
world very soon.

We recognize that God has
been leading others besides our-
selves to accomplish this work.
He has worked on the hearts of
those who were willing to labor
for Him to translate and print
the Scriptures in many lan-
guages; He has sent faithful
missionaries to bear the banner
of the cross into those dark coun-
tries where superstition and
heathenism bore rule; He has, by
His providence, opened up coun-
tries for the free entrance of the
gospel which before were closed,
bolted, and locked.

We are certainly thankful to
God that He has moved men to
translate and scatter His Word.
We are grateful to those faithful
men and women who have car-
ried the knowledge of the gos-
pel to the heathen lands; and it
is with reverent awe that we be-

hold God's hand unlocking and
swinging open doors so long
bolted against the knowledge of
Christ.

But while this is so, we know
that Seventh-day Adventists
have a specific work to do that
no other people can do for them.
They have that everlasting gos-
pel that proclaims "the hour of
God's judgment is come" to carry
to "every nation and kindred and
tongue and people." No other
people can assist in this in any
other way than to prepare for it,
as we have before mentioned, be-
cause no other people know that
"the hour of God's judgment is
come."

We rejoice that this people
send more missionaries to foreign
lands than any other people of
their numbers. We are made
happy to think that our people
are waking up to this important
work. May God grant that this
spirit among them shall grow
mightier still. But knowing
that Satan is ever on our track
with some of his cunning snares
ready to trip us, we have been
wondering if he was not just now
trying to catch this people in one
of his pitfalls. How? By get-
ting us to think that the work is
all done in this country and so

be satisfied that we are doing our duty by giving something to the work in foreign lands. Do not misunderstand me. I am not suggesting that we are doing too much for the foreign work. We rather believe that many are not doing one half what they ought. But we are trying to say that we fear that the home work is greatly neglected.

If as you read this we ask you to stop and look back one week on your experience and see what you have done to win any friend or neighbor to Christ will we be asking too much? We trust you will not think we are, so we ask, Kindly stop reading at the end of this paragraph and tell yourself what you have done for God this past week. Confess to yourself, also, whether you think you have done all that you ought to have done. Then tell the Lord whether it is to go on that way any longer.

There did you do that? Perhaps you would like to know why we are led to write this way. Well here it is. We sat down the other day and looked over reports that were returned to a certain conference mission secretary. We observed that in churches of forty, fifty, or sixty only three or five or seven reported any work done at all. We thought, Can it be that churches of fifty or sixty only contain a half dozen who ever visit their their neighbors or scatter any of our tracts or give away our good papers? That must be so or else our brethren are not reporting faithfully. So after thinking it over for some time we have decided that perhaps faithfulness in reporting is not practiced and also there is but a small amount of work being done.

So we have another request to make of our brethren and sisters. Do not fail to report to your librarian what you do in missionary lines. But more important yet is the next request. Gather your family around you and with them talk the subject all over—whether you are doing all you ought to do in distributing our literature, speaking with your neighbors about the Saviour, and in living just as you ought that your words will have an influence. We wish you would then write us what decision you came to. We mean this last as much as the rest. More next week.

From the Field

North Dakota

Appointments

The Lord willing, Eld. Geo. F. Enoch of the East Carribean Conference, will visit the following churches in North Dakota and on the dates named.

New Home,	October 13, 14
Bowden	" 14, 15
Cathay,	" 16
Fessenden,	" 17, 18
Academy,	" 19, 20
Lincoln	" 21
Wilton,	" 22
Stanley,	" 24
Kenmare,	" 26, 27
Minnewaukon,	" 29

Bro. Chas. Leer will visit the German churches with Elder Enoch, but no arrangement has yet been made for the English. The churches may look forward with interest to these visits as Brother Enoch has been a considerable time in the great West Indies field, and understands its need.

JOHN G. WALKER.

Tent Fund

A collection for our tent fund is appointed to be taken in all the churches of North Dakota, Sabbath, Nov. 17, 1906.

At the last meeting of our conference committee a recommendation was passed asking for \$500 with which to purchase tents that we so much need. During the present year a large amount has been expended for rent on tents, and in the payment of freight and express on the same from Minnesota. This experience has taught us that we should endeavor to raise sufficient means with which to purchase enough tents for our own use, hence the reason for this call. We should have at least forty more family tents which will cost us perhaps thirteen dollars each. And beside this we should have a twenty foot center splice in our large fifty foot tent. This will cost us about thirty-five dollars. So you can see that our call for \$500 is a moderate one, and the amount scarcely enough to supply our pressing need.

We hope all our brethren and sisters in the churches and throughout the conference will feel some responsibility in this matter and contribute liberally to this fund. We need the money for tents, and God has graciously blessed us with a prosperous year, so let us show our gratitude to Him by a generous gift tendered by willing hearts.

Will the churches remember this collection? The money donated should be sent to Mrs. A. H. Robinson, Box 285, Fargo, N. D.

JOHN G. WALKER.

Please send in your reports.

South Dakota

Sioux Falls

My time since last I reported has been filled with varied experiences and occupations.

One day when I went to hold a Bible reading I found the husband at home, but as no objection was offered by the lady to going forward with it we started as usual. He soon came in and after a few remarks in regard to his lack of interest in religion asked what denomination I represented. When I had answered he took the Bible from his wife's hands and put it away in an adjoining room. Then he asked me to "Please make this my last visit." I made that visit as long as I could. I discovered that he had no regard for the Bible, but I left him feeling very different from what I found him. We pray he may be won to Christ.

There has been considerable sickness and I have been called here and there scarcely knowing where the next hour would find me. But it is blessed to work for the Master, and I praise Him for the part He gives me to do. One reader is now studying the Sabbath question. Pray for her that she may see it as it is and obey God.

MILLA M. JOHNSON.

Homeward Bound

After having sailed through many seas, the weary mariner will feel a thrill of joy penetrate his whole being when at last the command is given to heave the anchor and sail for home. It matters but little how many seas he must pass through or how many storms he will encounter on his way, the very thought of

being homeward bound causes the cords of delight to vibrate in his bosom. Homeward bound! How sweet these words sound to his weary ear!

And is it not thus in our Christian experience? We may not be mariners, but we are all out on the broad ocean of time. Some of us may have sailed on many seas and encountered many storms. We may have sailed far away from our Father's home, upon the dark waters of sin, but if we have forsaken the evil ways we are homeward bound—yea, not only homeward bound, but we are even nearing home. We are nearing the eternal shore, the haven of rest. Only a few more years will come, a few more storms will rage, and we are forever at home on the peaceful shore. Blessed thought, we are homeward bound! Cheer up, discouraged soul, for we are almost home! We surely cannot afford to be discouraged now, when we are so near the land of rest! Press on amid the storms, and triumph with the saints of God.

N. P. NEILSEN.

Minnewaukan

Sabbath, September 29, we held the Harvest Ingathering Service at this place. Though only a few in number, God's presence was felt and a rich blessing received. We had the pleasure of having nine of our brethren who are working in threshing, with us, all taking an active part and manifesting a great interest. The program from *The Youth's Instructor* was used, even the smallest doing their best to make it a success. Several earnest prayers were offered and the needy fields re-

membered. A donation of six dollars was taken up. Though not as large a donation as we would have liked to have given we believe God's blessing will go with it. All felt we had a rich blessing from the Giver of every good gift. The day was beautiful, another token of our Father's love. As we separated, after an earnest prayer for God's guidance and blessing to be very near each one, and singing "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow," we felt a stronger desire to live so that we would all meet where there would be no parting, neither sorrow or death, but eternal joy and peace; and best of all we shall see our loving Father who has bestowed upon us so many precious blessings.

MISS EDITH SHIELDS,
S. S. Sec'y

Minnesota

Sebeka

We have been here two months. In forty-six sermons, many Bible readings and heart to heart personal visits, we have tried to present clearly and effectively the points of doctrine known to us as present truth.

While the visible results are not all we could hope to see, we have abundant reason to praise God for the manifest tokens of guidance and His direct answers to our prayers.

Three precious souls are awaiting baptism; others are convinced but halting. For these we labor and pray. The little unorganized company who were here have been greatly encouraged and strengthened. They have helped us in every way they knew how and to the extent of

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Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del'y'd
J. K. Battin,		G. C.		37	9	9.95	35.40	12.40	
A. Goude,		G. C.		38.5	6	14.00	30.00	7.50	
Carrie Tuft,		C. K.		8	9		9.00		
A. Christensen		C. K.		53		1.20	1.20	76.60	
Total, 4 agents				136.5	24	25.15	74.40	96.10	

F. F. FRY,
Field Secretary.

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Book	Hrs	Del	Ord	Value	Value Helps	Total
G. M. O. Bakke	P. J.	30	30	4	3.40	11.90
Ole Tronson	C. K.			1	.50	1.50
Gustav Ellingson	P. J.		100.50			
Harvey Jensen	P. J.		206.75	6		13.50
Ira S. Jones	G. C.	34		4	1.50	14.50
Totals, 5 agents		64	307.25	15	5.40	41.40

GEO. W. MILLER,
Rec. Sec.

their ability. We appreciate this and know that God will not forget their labors of love. He never forgets His children.

To-day, October 5, we are shipping our tent but will continue work from house to house. At present we are unable to see to secure a suitable place for public meetings. We are of good courage in the work.

BEN FRANCIS,
E. M. CHAPMAN.

Advertisements

We desire only such advertisements we know to be thoroughly reliable, therefore anyone sending in advertisements should either be known to the editor or send a reference from some laborer or church elder.

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N. A. JOHNSON,
R. 4. N. Y. Mills, Minn.

Elder Underwood writes us that he expects to be in Minneapolis the fifteenth instant.

✿ Obituary ✿

DIED—September 17 at Sioux Falls, S. D. the four months old son of Bro. and Sr. S. A. Nash. Baby had been ill for several weeks. Words of comfort were spoken by Brethren Ronlund and Manfull. We laid him to rest till the Life-giver shall come and fulfill His promise found in Jer. 31: 15-17.

MILLA M. JOHNSON.

Miscellaneous

The Scandinavian tent at Lake Preston, S. D., was taken down Monday, September 30, but the meetings will be continued in a hall.

Our brethren and sisters will be surprised that the REAPER has but four pages this week. Why is this so?

From the time the REAPER started the first of last April until now we have never used the scissors. In other words we have not selected from other papers. Our good, faithful brethren in the field have supplied us

with good fresh material. We were told when the paper started that the columns of the REAPER were not supposed to be filled with selected articles. We surely feel grateful to our good brethren who have helped us keep it free from such articles thus far.

But to-day, Monday, finds us with a very limited amount of matter to print. If we should send out the full eight pages this week we would be obliged to either write or select more than five pages. We are sure our brethren do not want this paper to either have five editorial pages, or five of selected articles.

Therefore, we have decided to print just four pages and we feel sure our brethren will not let another four pages number appear. They would not this week had they known how matters stood. Cannot our lay brethren as well as laborers send us some reports or articles. And to the laborers we again say, Remember the Israelites who had to make brick without straw.