



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

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TIME OF TROUBLE.

Every Seventh Day Adventist is familiar with the expression "Time of Trouble." The scripture teaches such a time in connection with the coming of the Lord and the end of the world. The Testimonies given to the church through Mrs. E. G. White has much to say concerning this time, and the duty of the church in view of it. From Early Writings, page 85 (new edition), I quote: "'The commencement of the time of trouble,' here mentioned, does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the Sanctuary. At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel."

From the description here given none can doubt but we are living in the "Time of Trouble" and every counsel God has given his people regarding duty and preparation is applicable, and should be emphasized both in our teaching and practice.

On page 148 of No. 31, Testimony for the Church, we read: "There is a work yet to be done, and then the angels will be bidden to let go, that the four winds may blow upon the earth. That will

be a decisive time for God's children—a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. Now is our opportunity to work."

"The time is coming when we cannot sell at any price. The decree will soon go forth prohibiting men to buy or sell of any man save he that hath the mark of the beast."

"We ought now to be heeding the injunction of our Saviour 'Sell that ye have and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not.' It is now that our brethren should be cutting down their possessions instead of increasing them."

From the chapter, Duty in View of the Time of Trouble, page 56, of Early Writings, we quote: "Houses and lands will be of no use to the saints in the time of trouble, for they will then have to flee before infuriated mobs, and at that time their possessions cannot be disposed of to advance the cause of present truth. I was shown that it is the will of God that the saints should cut loose from every incumbrance before the time of trouble comes and make a covenant with God through sacrifice."

It seems language would fail in an effort to present our duty more clearly. As before stated, we are

living in the time of trouble just before the coming of our blessed Master, and I want to emphasize the importance of all our people placing their all upon the altar. When the time comes, as it surely will, when we must either leave our possessions or compromise our faith, many, I fear, who are wrapped in the coils of this world, will not see the importance of standing firmly for the faith, but will compromise in the critical hour and be numbered with those who worship at the dictates of man rather than God.

Our Saviour has stated a truth which is witnessed to in the experience of man universally that "where your treasure is there will your heart be also." This being true, dear reader, none of us will hardly stand through the time of trouble, and go with the saints into the kingdom, with our treasure here upon earth, for it is written, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God." Matt. 19:24.

The instruction concerning giving, on page 147, No. 31, Testimony for the Church, reads as follows: "Do not wait until your imaginary wants are all satisfied. Do not trust to your feelings, and give when you feel like it, and withhold when you do not feel like it. Give regularly, either ten,

twenty or fifty cents a week, as you would like to see upon the heavenly record in the day of God."

The support of our whole foreign mission work is based upon the plan outlined in the last paragraph quoted, and I am sure God will be pleased to see us planning as definitely for a weekly offering to God's work, as we plan for the supplying of our temporal needs at home. "Give regularly" is the counsel, and the amount should be according as God has prospered us; so let us give. Not all can give the same amount, but some, yes, many, could give fifty cents, one dollar or more every week. There is no good reason why, month by month, every church and every conference should not remit her full quota in tithes and offerings. Surely it is no time now for us to be slack in our church duties or allow our church to be behind in her responsibility. May God help us all to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty in this, the time of trouble and the hour of crisis, is my prayer.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

PLAINVIEW ACADEMY.

The writer had the pleasure of associating with the students of Plainview Academy several days last week while auditing the books of the South Dakota Conference, and of meeting with them in Chapel exercises on Tuesday. The young people attending school at this excellent seat of learning are Christian, dignified gentlemen and ladies, and any denomination of Christians might be proud to possess such an aggregation of earnest young men and women. The Christian atmosphere of the place is so restful that one is not inclined to hurry away. It is the ambition of several to continue their studies at Union College after their work shall close at Plainview.

On Thursday evening all had the

unexpected good fortune to listen to Elder D. P. Gaede for an hour between trains, who is the director of the Black Sea Mission Field, of South Russia, who gave an interesting lecture on the War in Europe, the conditions under which our people, with others, exist; how the truth is finding its way to many connected with the war, by our ministers being pressed into service—some of whom are given charge of large numbers of soldiers as commanders or interpreters, to whom they can preach or otherwise make known the truth, and lastly, how he was providentially enabled to leave the country in safety and return to America to labor in behalf of our work in Europe. He left on the night train for the Bowdle church, where he is to hold meetings. He is to be a laborer in the South Dakota Conference for the present.

The outlook for the Academy is good. Their dairy herd is a large one, and increasing fast. The poultry department is a profitable feature, and everything augurs well for the farm, under the direction of the efficient manager. They have installed a baking department and produce most excellent bread and other foods under the supervision of two young ladies and one man, all students.

May a kind providence continue to smile on this large school of our people in the South Dakota Conference!

W. H. EDWARDS.

Missionary Volunteer and Educational Dept.

WITH THE SCHOOLS.

During the past six weeks it was my privilege to visit the schools at Lamaille, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Waverly, Alexandria, Barnesville and Bruno. While the conditions are not ideal at each of these places

there is satisfactory evidence that the teachers are doing good work, and the work is onward. The little band at Lamaille are receiving spiritual blessings and are happy in their work. I look forward with great anticipations to the next visit there.

The Minneapolis English church has nobly stood by the school with its two teachers, assuming all the expenses, which are nearly \$100 per month.

The St. Paul school has for its Motto "Perfect Order," and they are making a good record in this as well as other lines. It is with deep regret we announce that death has claimed one of our number there. Waverly has some very good handiwork as the product of that "Sunshine Band." The Alexandria pupils are giving special interest to the Young People's Missionary Volunteer work.

Our Barnesville pupils live the farthest west and are the "prairie school." They are well known and talked of by the neighbors. I only wish that all schools had the good reputation in the public mind that this school has, and yet they have no school room other than that connected with a home.

The Bruno school is also on the "perfect order" list, and fulfills all the requirements a teacher could ask—possibly with the exception of some tardy marks.

On the whole we can see several marked changes for good, but must not be satisfied here. Let all sound the advance call—"A higher plane." "Not failure but low aim is crime."

H. M. HIATT.

THE KING'S POCKET LEAGUE.

The King is our Heavenly Father. The league is composed of companies of young men and women whose lives are consecrated to God and who use every opportunity

for spreading the gospel literature.

The King's Pocket League started in a simple way among the young people of southern California about the year 1909. A neat little card was then printed and introduced, and its circulation brought more members to the League. The spirit for liberal seed-sowing has increased and the seed-sowing habit has been forming until now in many places old and young are constantly leaving behind them trails of light, so to speak, in the form of literature distributed.

Southern California was not large enough to hold the pocket league idea, nor was the state of California, nor the West. A few months after the league was well started, the Missionary Volunteer Secretary opened a letter from Mexico City, and there enclosed was the Pocket League Card printed in Spanish. It was in circulation there to encourage the young believers to fill their pockets with tracts and join the great daily seed-sowing army.

But what is the Pocket League to the Missionary Volunteer? Every Volunteer among our young men is well provided with pockets. One can easily be spared for a few tracts. Every young woman usually has a handbag, a part of which will carry tracts, as well as will the pocket. Just think: Every young man and young woman is forming habits. You accomplish to quite an extent what you plan to accomplish. You can go on day after day and do very little for the Lord; or you may by a little effort so use the daily opportunities as to reach many people with some phase of present truth. Have you ever thought what it would mean to have ten thousand Missionary Volunteers in this country forming the habit of scattering the truth daily? Will it mean simply the influence of the tracts? Thing of the conversations it will lead to, and the hun-

dreds of opportunities it will bring to follow up interests through correspondence. But, of greater importance, think what it will mean in real spiritual blessing to those who are doing the work, and in the self-development they will gain?

"Every move that you make to enlighten others," says a promise recently given in special testimonies to workers, brings you nearer to harmony with the God of heaven. Note this further encouraging instruction in a recent appeal: "As a people we should cultivate a kindly manner in our association with those whom we meet. Let us avoid any abruptness and endeavor always to present the truth in an easy winning manner."

"This truth means life, eternal life to the receiver. Pass easily and courteously from subjects of temporal nature to the spiritual and eternal.

"In this courteous manner the Saviour taught, and we should work in the most gentle way to introduce our mission. While walking by the way, or seated to rest by the wayside, we may be able to drop into some heart the seeds of truth."

Isa. 55:11, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it."

Perhaps in this life we may never see the result of our work, but would it not be a grand pleasure in that better land to have some one say, "It was your tract, your kind work, the truth that you gave that brought me eternal life"?

May we all hear the words "Well done" from the lips of our Saviour.

LELA RAFFLER.

Elder Chas. Thompson, of the Northern Union, visited Anoka, where he spoke to the church on the Sabbath, and remained over Sunday and spoke in the evening.

From the Field

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DEDICATION SERVICE.

During the last few months the St. Paul English Church has been very neatly and tastily decorated, the woodwork has been varnished, and the rostrum and main auditorium covered with a beautiful pattern of the Sanford Wilton velvet carpet. These improvements have cost the congregation \$450, which they have freely given in pledges and cash donations. The church, as it now stands, though modest in size and unpretentious in appearance, with its newly renovated interior, ornamented with a simple design of gilded fresco work, with light oak trimmings, is now a beautiful and appropriate temple of worship. As it now stands, the edifice is a noble tribute to the faith of the congregation and a living memorial to the truth the Church is debtor to give to this great city.

The Church, though purchased some years ago and improved from time to time, has never been dedicated to the Lord by this people. It seems fitting at this time that such a service should be held. Sabbath, March 20th, has been set by the congregation as the day when their Sanctuary shall be dedicated to God, with a rededication of their lives to his service. An interesting program has been arranged, and a cordial invitation is extended to any of our people who desire to meet with us upon this occasion.

P. G. STANLEY.

MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY.

Knowing that the readers of the REAPER are interested in the spiritual life of the students at the Academy, I take this opportunity to make a brief report of this important phase of our work. Speaking in general terms, it can truly be said to the glory of God that our students are making progress in the divine life. Very marked changes have been seen in the lives of some, and in these changes we see the answer to many prayers.

The young women's Prayer Band meets Sabbath afternoons. The young men's Band meets the night after the Sabbath. The meetings of both are well attended and are conducted by students.

Last fall a Missionary Volunteer Society was organized by Brother Sheldon. This society has grown until it has a membership of sixty-eight, and the reports of its members show that it is engaged in active missionary work as well as in the preparation for the field after school days.

Recent visits of Brethren Painter and Campbell have resulted in the organization of an active canvassers' Band of about twenty-three members. This band meets Sunday afternoons, and its members put in their spare time studying their canvass. "Thoughts" and "Heralds" are the books which will be sold by the majority.

A number of students have gone out from time to time to sell periodicals in the surrounding country and towns and have usually met with good success. A large number of the November *Protestant Magazine* was circulated by the school, many being sent through the mails to distant points, thus extending the circle of our missionary influence. Orders for about a thousand Press Extras of the *Protestant* were given by teachers and students after a short talk in chapel, setting forth the

purpose of the Extra and what it is hoped to accomplish by its circulation.

For the blessings given us by the Great Teacher we thank him and earnestly request that the friends of Maplewood will not forget to pray for both teachers and students.

GEO. M. BROWN.

MINNESOTA NOTES.

In the church at the corner of Fourth avenue and Lake street, of this city, Elder S. D. Hartwell addressed a large and attentive audience last Sabbath. There were a great many people who are not in the truth present and all enjoyed the sermon very much.

We are glad to report the orders received at the office are on the increase, but with the increased help we trust we shall be able to fill them promptly. If our agents, missionary secretaries and others desiring publications from this office would make their orders on a separate sheet and enclose with their letters, it would aid us in readily filling the order and would, doubtless, enable them to receive their publications much sooner. We trust you will all make a note of this and give us this assistance. In sending in remittances to the Conference, please make your checks, money orders, or drafts payable to the Minnesota Conference, S. D. A. When remitting to the Tract Society make them read Minnesota Tract Society. Do not make them out to the treasurer in person.

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NEWS ITEMS FROM THE BOWDON CHURCH SCHOOL.

The interest in our Junior Society is growing.

The little book, "Geographical Spice," by Morton, is a great help in creating an interest in the study of geography and nature. Order from A. Flannagan Co., Chicago.

Different pupils are called upon to review the Morning Watch texts. Those who know where the texts for the days of the week are found, are asked to

raise their hands; those that can repeat the text are asked to stand and do so.

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MITCHELL.

On the evening of January 7, assisted by Bro. D. F. Weatherly I began meetings in this place. A nice hall on the main street of the city was secured with a seating capacity of two hundred fifty; a part of the time nearly every seat was taken or until the storms made it almost impossible for the people to get out.

The meeting closed Sunday night, February 21, with ten persons ready for baptism. On the evening of February 22 we were granted the use of the Baptist church and the above mentioned number were buried in baptism, and received into the Mitchell church. There are twenty more that are deeply interested and out of this number we are expecting that about ten will be ready for church membership by the first of April.

The total expense of this meeting, including rent, advertising, lights and incidentals was two hundred seventy-two dollars and seventy cents (\$272.70); total donations one hundred fifty-six dollars (\$156.00). The holding of this meeting in addition to the salary of the workers has cost the conference one hundred sixteen dollars and seventy cents (\$116.70).

Bro. C. M. Christy was with us a part of the time and gave valuable help in the meetings. Sr. D. F. Weatherly was present the last four weeks assisting with the music, and in house-to-house visiting. The work of Sister Weather-

ly was almost indispensable. Brother and Sister Weatherly are remaining in Mitchell to follow up the interest with house-to-house work, and will hold Sabbath meetings. Let all pray that many more may yet take their stand for the truth at this place.

From here I go to Sioux Falls, where I will assist Brother Wiper in a series of meetings at that place. I expect to return here about the first of April and hope to have the privilege of baptising several others at that time.

ELDER J. W. LAIR.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR SABBATH SCHOOL MEMBERS.

Paper read at the Sabbath School Convention, at Redfield, S. D., February 13, 1915.

1.

Thou shalt not be absent from Sabbath school for any trivial reason, neither for Sabbath sickness, neither for a poorly prepared lesson.

2.

Thou shalt not neglect the study of thy lesson until Sabbath morning, neither shalt thou be satisfied with studying it but once.

3.

Thou shalt not withhold thy offering because it is small. Forget not the widow who cast in her mites.

4.

Remember thy influence to guard it carefully, and to encourage the slothful to greater earnestness.

5.

Thou shalt not refuse to help when thou art called upon to review the Sabbath school, to conduct the missionary exercise, to teach a class, or to do any of the work of the Sabbath school.

6.

Honor the officers of the Sabbath school and do not complain

of anything, either in their hearing or in thine own hearing, or in the hearing of God who judgeth thee.

7.

Thou shalt sing when the congregation singeth, and thou shalt lift up thy voice and sing heartily, as unto the Lord.

8.

Thou shalt not commit the sin of criticism.

9.

Thou shalt not commit the sin of indifference.

10.

Thou shalt not covet the high places, neither shalt thou covet the easy places, but thou shalt fill the place that is given thee with meekness, so shalt thou have thy reward.

IDONA HILL,

Plainview Academy.

WHAT WE MAY DO TO MAKE THE SABBATH SCHOOL A SUCCESS.

It would seem appropriate to mention as the first way in which we can each have a part in helping to make the Sabbath school a successful one is the great importance of regularity; for how can we help in the Sabbath school if we are not present? It is recorded of Jesus when he was upon this earth that "as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day." Thus, we have the example of our Saviour to attend the services which are held upon the Sabbath.

The next of importance might be punctuality. We should always be on time. The well known proverb is "Better late than never," but better never late. When the Great Teacher, who is the teacher of all teachers, unfolded to his disciples and the other listeners the great truths of the Gospel, he spake in parables. In one of these parables we may learn the lesson of punctuality.

Christ was seated with his dis-

ciples upon the Mount of Olives. The sun had just set behind the mountains and the heavens were being curtained with the shades of night. In the distance was a house well lighted up. It was on this occasion that Jesus related the parable recorded in the twenty-fifth of Matthew, of the ten virgins who took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom. But there was a delay, and hour after hour passed by until the watchers became weary and all slumbered and slept. At midnight the cry was heard, "Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him."

The ten maidens then awoke and seized their lamps and began to trim them, but five had neglected to fill their flasks with oil. They had not anticipated that there would be so long a delay and in their deep distress they said to their wiser companions: "Give us of your oil for our lamps are gone out." But they only received the answer, "Not so, lest there be not enough for us and you; but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves." While they were gone, the procession moved on, and the five with lighted lamps entered the house, and the door was shut. When the foolish maidens returned they were too late, the door had been closed, and the Master of the feast declared: "I know you not." They were left standing without, in the blackness of the night. God forbid that any member of our Sabbath school should be too late to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

We can always have a cheerful countenance. There is no record that Jesus ever laughed, but he must have had a smiling face, else the children would not have loved him as they did.

Think of the zeal and severity he manifested as he drove from the temple the money changers, the speculating priests, brokers and cattle traders with their sheep and

oxen! None of them dared to question his authority, nor did they stop to gather up their ill-gotten gain. But when they were all fled the children and youth blended together in singing praise and thanksgiving to their Creator.

What is more inspiring than a song of praise to our Master? Well might more attention be given to encourage those who have the gift of song to use it to God's glory. True, we do not all have this gift, but if we do the best we can, this is all that is required of us. When Moses of old said unto the Lord, "O my Lord, I am of a slow tongue," the Lord said unto him, "Who hath made man's mouth? Have not I, the Lord? Now, therefore, go, and I will be with thy mouth." Is not this the same promise given to us? May the services among us grow brighter and brighter with song as we near the promised land.

We should give as the God hath prospered us. We have a lesson on giving from the teachings of Christ. When the rich young man came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus, in reply to this question, told him that obedience to the commandments of God was necessary if he would obtain eternal life. The ruler's answer was: "All these things have I kept from my youth up; what lack I yet?" Then Jesus said: "One thing thou lackest; go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven."

"Where your treasure is there will your heart be also."

"Give, let the gift be ever so small,
Better do little than nothing at all.

E'n the poor widow's mite

Was better than all.

'Twas the best she could do,

Though the gift was small."

We should each have a thorough knowledge of the Sabbath school

lesson. This can not be gained by a hasty glance over the lesson scripture Sabbath morning, but by careful study, by diligent search for the treasures which it contains.

Every member of the Sabbath school should pray for the presence of the Spirit of God. "The prayers of the righteous man availeth much." We should keep so near our dear Lord that all who come may feel that we have an interest in them—that we love them. "Pray without ceasing" for the success of the Sabbath school.

LULU JONES,
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THE ANTICHRIST. THE GREAT ORIGINAL ANTI- CHRIST HIMSELF IS BACK OF ALL OTHERS.

In 1 John 2:18 we read, "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time."

From the context, one would be led to conclude that a certain class fulfills this scripture; and commentators likewise lodge the burden of this wickedness on one, and give marginal reference to that one—the "man of sin, * * * who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped." Be that as it may, whether sect or individual, the part that is seen in the operation, the visible, the human, is but the weak place in the fabric, as potential as it may be, and as cruel as are its persecutions. The motive power, the unseen agent, the power behind the throne, is the great antichrist, the originator of sin—the devil.

"And there was war in heaven: Michael and His angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon

fought and his angels. * * * He was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." Rev. 12:7-9. The fourth verse would imply that the angels cast out with Satan equaled one-third of the whole angelic family. No wonder John wrote that there are many antichrists; for their number is legion, as they told the Saviour when He permitted them to go into the herd of swine.

NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD

So we wrestle not against flesh and blood in reality, only as the church of Christ is brought into contact with the visible, subjugated and manipulated by Satan, the invisible.

The real foe, then, is Satan, Christ's antagonist, who makes war with the church.

As Christ prosecutes His work through human flesh, in the realm of love, so the adversary works his propaganda through flesh, in his principles of hatred and evil.

Satan cannot be converted. He had his opportunity to repent and reform before his eviction from heaven's courts; so his objective point is man, to cause the destruction, with himself, of as many as possible. But the flesh through which he works is that of our kind, our neighbors, friends, relatives, and acquaintances. So while those who arrogate and assume blasphemous prerogative are counted as antichrist, it is the dogma, and not the person.

MANY ANTICHRISTS

The scripture says there are many antichrists gone out into the world. While we are prone to lodge the responsibility on the papacy, Mohammedanism, Buddhism, Confucianism, fetish worship, Mormonism, *et al.*, a little further examination of the same chapter of John quoted, will give evidence that there are as many antichrists as there are objects, principles, or desires that are

seated on the throne of the affections and worshipped in the place of the Creator.

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. * * * For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." Not of the Father! Then it is *against* the Father, or anti-Father, hence anti-Christ.

By far the most dangerous and the most numerous are the antichrists of the individual heart. In the words of the hymn:

"Of all the foes we have to meet,
None so apt to turn our feet,
None betray us into sin,
Like the foes we have within."

This, then, dear reader, is the perilous thing to us—the antichrist of our own deceitful hearts controlled by Satan.

THE WILY FOE

I wish to strengthen that statement by the following quotation: "Satan is constantly at work; but few have any idea of his activity and subtlety. The people of God must be prepared to withstand the wily foe. It is this resistance that Satan dreads. He knows better than we do the limit of his power, and how easily he can be overcome if we resist and face him. Through divine strength, the weakest saint is more than a match for him and all his angels, and if brought to the test, he would be able to prove his superior power. Therefore Satan's step is noiseless, his movements stealthy, and his batteries masked. He does not venture to

show himself openly, lest he arouse the Christian's dormant energies, and send him to God in prayer."

Now we have it. Let antichrists be as many as they may and are, do their work in bringing the Armageddon, hiding the knowledge of Christ, and bringing sorrow and persecution on the world, let us see to it that we are divorced from them all, and ally ourselves to everything Christian, that "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding," may keep our "hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

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SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES.

Miss Alma Du Bois visited the church
schools at Chamberlain and Parker last
week.

Elder E. T. Russell returned to the
office on February 28th, after spending
a week or ten days with his family at
Minatare, Neb.

The Plainview Academy girls gave the
boys a happy surprise last Saturday
evening, February 27th. The boys re-
ported it the most pleasant evening of
the school year.

Brother C. H. Peterson, tract society
secretary, was made glad by the return
of his wife last Thursday night, Feb-
ruary 25, after a two months' visit with
her mother in Hawarden, Iowa.

Prof. G. C. George started his elocu-
tion class the first of February, which
now has a membership of twenty. All
in the class seem very much interested
in the work and are making rapid
progress.

Elder E. T. Russell visited Brother
and Sister Shoemaker at Cottonwood
on his return from his home. He was
granted the privilege to speak in the
Congregational Church while in Cotton-
wood.

Brother and Sister W. B. Payne have
left for a trip to the Pacific Coast, where
they will attend the Bookmen's Con-
vention, which is to be held at Mountain
View, Cal., this month. Miss Beulah
Payne accompanied her brother and his
wife on this trip.

Word received from Mrs. Mary E.
McGuffin, of Line, S. D., informs us that
she is holding Bible readings and dis-
tributing tracts in the locality where
she lives, and that three persons have
begun to keep the Sabbath, and some
others are interested.

E. M. Aldrich and wife, of the Sioux
Falls church, are conducting a Sunday
school in the locality where they reside,
about two miles from Sioux Falls, and
after Sunday school they are having
Bible reading services, and report quite
an interest, especially among the young
people.

Elder J. W. Lair recently baptized
ten new converts at Mitchell, S. D., as
a result of the effort which has been
conducted at this place. Elder Lair has
left Mitchell and gone to join Bro. R.
H. Wiper at Sioux Falls, who has se-
cured a public hall and has already
started meetings in the same. Brother
D. F. Weatherly, who has been assisting
Elder Lair at Mitchell in the effort just
closed, will stay at that place for a time
and follow up the work in a private
way.

MINNESOTA NOTES.

The Mankato Society recently ordered
1,000 March Protestants for use in their
missionary efforts.

Brother E. J. Nelson recently con-
nected with the office force and is giving
assistance in filling of orders and other
work in the office.

Elder G. W. Wells, S. A. Ruskjer and
G. A. Campbell are Minnesota's repre-
sentatives at the Bookmen's Convention
being held at Mountain View, Cal.

Prof. H. M. Hiatt was a caller at the
office on Sunday, March 7th, returning
from Duluth, at which place he reports
a good interest and the work advancing.

G. W. Hoskins, father of G. C. Hos-
kins, of the Pacific Press, was a caller
at the office recently. He has been
visiting in the city for a few weeks, but
has returned to his home in Iowa.

Elder Stanley, of St. Paul, was a
recent caller at the office. He reported
the interest in the work in that city
advancing, as will be seen by the notice
elsewhere. They are planning to dedicate
the church on the 20th inst.

Two more persons joined the St. Paul
English Church last Sabbath by bap-
tism, this making five additions within
the last month. Among the number is
a Russian Jew, who speaks five
languages.

The 26th of February Elder Stan-
ley was called to Stacy, Minn., to preach
the funeral of Sister Beck, who died in
St. Paul at the home of her daughters,
being 85 years old. Her remains were
shipped to Stacy, where the services
were held in the Methodist Church, a
large congregation being present and
giving excellent attention to the word
spoken.

THE SEAL OF GOD.

"The day of God's vengeance is
just upon us. The seal of God will
be placed upon the foreheads of
those only who sigh and cry for
the abominations done in the land."
Test. 31, p. 208.

"Not one of us will ever receive
the seal of God while our charac-
ters have one spot or stain upon
them. It is left with us to rem-
edy the defects in our characters,
to cleanse the soul temple of every
defilement. Then the latter rain
will fall upon us as the early rain
fell upon the disciples on the day
of Pentecost." Ib., p. 210.

"Those who are distrustful of
self, who are humbling themselves
before God and purifying their
souls by obeying the truth—these
are receiving the heavenly mold,
and preparing for the seal of God
in their foreheads. When the de-
cree goes forth, and the stamp is
impressed, their character will re-
main pure and spotless for eternity.
Now is the time to prepare. The
seal of God will never be placed
upon the forehead of an impure
man or woman. It will never be
placed upon the forehead of the
ambitious, world-loving man or
woman. It will never be placed
upon the forehead of men or wom-
en of false tongues or deceitful
hearts. All who receive the seal
must be without spot before God—
candidates for heaven." Ib., p. 212.