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THE DANISH-NORWEGIAN SEMINARY.

Last week under the heading of "A Providential Opening," an account was given of the successful search for a suitable location for the new training school for our Scandinavian young people. In this article further particulars will be given concerning the establishment of the institution. The faculty of the new school will be composed of the following persons: M. L. Andreason, President, Professors Berthelsen and Peterson, and Bro. Axelsen will have charge of the farm. The matron and preceptress are yet to be selected. This faculty is a strong one and the young people who attend this school may depend on receiving the best there is along intellectual lines. I look forward to seeing this seminary develop into a strong factor in our foreign mission work. Many of our Scandinavian young men and women are offering themselves for service in China, Africa and other fields aside from purely Scandinavian countries. The vigor and thrift of that nationality is making itself felt in the regions beyond.

At a meeting of the citizens of Hutchinson, Minnesota, held in their town hall, Eld. O. A. Olsen laid before them the extent and nature of our institutional work. The writer followed with a statement of the general attitude of the citi-

zens in towns where our institutions are already planted. Remarks were made by Elders Underwood, Kunkle, Watson and Jackson. The statements made by each one were well received by the citizens and heartily applauded. It was evident that the people of that town were ready to extend a hearty welcome to our people to come and locate in their midst. As previously stated, the amount to be raised for this school with 160 acres of land, is \$25,000. Of this sum \$17,000 is assumed by the Danish-Norwegians of the United States, \$8,000 is to be raised among the American brethren of the Northern Union Conference. Iowa's share in this is \$2,000 and I fully believe our American brethren will heartily respond to this call and contribute liberally toward this fund. Our Scandinavian brethren have always come to the front to help forward every enterprise in our state and in the country at large, and we should esteem it a privilege to help them to a school at this time. We felt we should take hold of the matter of raising this money without delay and Eld. E. G. Olsen and others are now out obtaining subscriptions to this fund. We trust this school which the Lord has evidently been holding for us and placed in our hands at such a low price may be placed on a solid financial basis from the start and that this providential opening may inspire a generous response from our American brethren.

M. N. Campbell.

THE LAW OF EXPEDIENCY.

(Concluded.)

These illustrations will help us to understand more clearly the instruction the Lord has given us of late regarding the exercise of expediency in sometimes refraining from offensive labor on Sunday. A number of years ago we were taught that to refrain from ordinary labor on Sunday would incur the displeasure of God, and thus we should receive the

mark of the beast. Really, it became a matter of conscience with many sincere and honest Seventh-day Adventists that they should engage in some noisy vocation on Sunday, in order to show their Sunday-keeping neighbors that they did not regard that day as the Sabbath. Many illustrations might be cited to show the extreme ideas that were held concerning this question; but this will be unnecessary to many Seventh-day Adventists, as they are familiar no doubt with the history of these years. We have, however, learned since then by practical experience that simply refraining from Sunday work which gives offense is not in any sense receiving the mark of the beast, for if it were otherwise, we should all have long since received it and be doomed to everlasting destruction.

A careful reading of the Testimonies, Vol. 9, pp. 232-238 will demonstrate to all that the Lord is only trying to instruct his people how to act in times of special crisis, when the Sunday laws are being enforced. We all know from the experience of our people in the past who have been arrested for Sunday labor, that it has not been because of their disregard of Sunday but for their loyalty to the Sabbath of the Lord. This is evident from the fact that many other people besides Seventh-day Adventists who worked on Sunday were not interfered with by the authorities.

Some seem to think that the instruction given us of late is not in harmony with that given in "Great Controversy." But a careful study of the Testimonies should convince the most incredulous that they are in perfect accord. In "Great Controversy," page 65, is found one statement that has appeared to some as teaching the reverse of what has recently been given:

"The churches that are under the rule of the papacy were early compelled to honor the Sunday as a holy day. Amid the prevailing error and superstition, many, even of the true people of God,

became so bewildered that while they observed the Sabbath, they refrained from labor also on the Sunday. But this did not satisfy the papal leaders. They demanded not only that Sunday be the hallowed, but that the Sabbath be profaned and they denounced in the strongest language those who dared to show it honor."

There is no question in any loyal, well-instructed Seventh-day Adventist's mind but that it would be wrong to honor the Sunday as a Sabbath or holy day in any way; and in this those people did wrong. The difference between refraining from unnecessarily offensive work on Sunday as an act of expediency in soul-saving, and honoring the Sunday institution itself, either as a matter of choice, or through fear of law, is as great as one can imagine.

Again, it is claimed that the present instruction with regard to refraining from offensive labor on Sunday and doing missionary work on that day in times of special crisis, is in conflict with what is said in "Great Controversy," page 605:

"The Sabbath will be the great test of loyalty, for it is the point of truth especially controverted. When the final test shall be brought to bear upon men, then the line of distinction will be drawn between those who serve God and those who serve him not. While the observance of the false sabbath in compliance with the law of the state, contrary to the fourth commandment, will be an avowal of allegiance to a power that is in opposition to God, the keeping of the true Sabbath, in obedience to God's law, is an evidence of loyalty to the Creator. While one class, by accepting the sign of submission to earthly powers, receive the mark of the beast, the other choosing the token of allegiance to divine authority, receive the seal of God."

It will be observed, however, from the foregoing quotation that the language in a most specific way defines its application, for it says that "when the final test comes;" but has the final test come upon God's people as yet? All will agree that it has not, and will not until all the nations have been warned against the beast, his image, and the reception of his mark. Does the reader know of souls in the vicinity where he lives who have not yet been instructed regarding the principles of the third angel's message? If so, we can yet exercise expediency and not compromise principle.

It will be noted further that the foregoing statement does not say that one will be paying allegiance to a power that is in opposition to God by refraining from offensive labor on Sunday; but it does say that they would be doing so if they should observe the false Sabbath in compliance with the law of the state. The difference between the two is broad and clear.

Illustrations showing the practical application of this principle in the South might be cited. For instance, in one of the largest communities of Seventh-day Adventists in the South, where our people were persecuted a number of years ago, they can now employ Sunday in doing most any kind of work they choose. This is because the people of the community have become acquainted with them, and know that the work they do is not done to antagonize others. A sheriff in this county, where this large colony of our people reside, in a letter says:

"Some three or four years ago our Grand Jury indicted quite a number of them (Adventists) for violating the Sunday law. Of course, all were convicted, and went to the work house. Since that time our courts have never interfered with them, but allow them to do as they please in the neighborhood where they live. Other citizens are their friends and say that they (the S. D. A.'s) are their best citizens, and that they have no desire to have them indicted in the courts; in fact, they don't want them bothered at all. The people of Graysville inform me that the Adventists' working on Sunday does not interfere in the least with any one or any other religious denomination in that town. The public sentiment of our people is with the Adventists, and very few of our citizens would care to have them prosecuted."

The difficulty is not that there has been a change in the instruction that the Lord has given us along this line; but but there has been a change from the radical and extreme positions that were taught some years ago on this subject, which were not in accord with the Spirit of Prophecy, or with good sanctified common sense. Seventh-day Adventists have not departed in any particular from the instruction that God has given them along this line. The Religious Liberty Department to-day stands as uncompromisingly opposed to paying homage in any way to the Sunday institution as it ever has, and we believe it will never retreat from this position.

K. C. Russell.

AT THE SANITARIUM.

The week of prayer just closed has been rich in instruction and blessed experiences. Daily services were conducted by C. W. Heald. Each evening some member of the family read the selection for the day, which was listened to with marked attention by helpers and patients. The testimonies given in the after meeting bore record of calm, thoughtful meditation of the Word of God, on the part of the young people of the Sanitarium. As the solemn words of instruction and admonition from the servants of the Lord

were read, a response came from the hearts of those present. Mistakes were confessed, and consecrations were renewed. Nurses and faculty are a unit in pushing forward the work of the third angel's message. All were brought to a realization of the nearness of the Lord's coming and the work that is to be done by this people. It is a consciousness of the need of this work that brings to the call for personal service, the response, "Here am I send me."

It was encouraging to those in charge of the work, to hear the many expressions, by the young people, of a willingness to go where the Master may lead—a fitting response from those within this monument of God's goodness, raised by his grateful people in Iowa. Success in this branch of the work is already written when we work together in union. May the blessings of this past week of prayer draw us closer together.

The people of Iowa have given of their means; this building has been put up and the work for which it was erected is just beginning. Let not your interest flag. Work in your own community by holding out to those whom you know are afflicted the benefits to be derived from treatments at the Sanitarium. These people may be reached with the message that otherwise could not be given to them. Those who, because of circumstances, have been unable to contribute money, may help the work along in this way. Christ, our pattern, let pass no opportunity to help those about him. "The Saviour was an untiring worker. He did not measure his work by hours. His time, his heart, his strength, were given to labor for the benefit of humanity." Test. Vol. 9, page 45.

The physicians and helpers are not measuring their work by the eight-hour system. Long days and nights of work and watching, by faithful nurses, and hurried answers to calls by weary doctors, mark the united efforts of the Sanitarium workers for the advancement of this branch of the work. Will all unite with us to bring about great results from the work started here and make possible the fulfilling, in us, of our Elder Brother's prayer, "Father, I will that they also whom thou hast given me be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory which thou hast given me; for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee but I have known thee and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto

them thy name and will declare it; that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Wilbert Wilcox.

FIELD REPORTS

LIBERTY CENTER, DAVIS CITY AND EUREKA.

In arranging for the week of prayer, the churches named at the head of this report were assigned to the writer. I spent the first Sabbath and Sunday of that week at Liberty Center. This church is located 7½ miles from the railroad, near a small village of the same name. I was pleased to meet a goodly company of our people there and we had some good meetings. A church building is greatly needed by this church, also a church school. Plans were laid during my visit with them, to build a meeting house. A building committee was appointed and a vigorous effort will be put forth to accomplish this desirable end. Officers were elected and plans laid for more effective church work. I trust every member will loyally rally about those who were chosen to lead out in the local church work and seek to uphold them in every way.

At Davis City, the brethren live in two companies from seven to nine miles in opposite directions from the church. Very few remain to uphold the standard in Davis City itself. I held two meetings in the church and the believers gathered from all quarters. One meeting was held at Pleasanton and one at Decatur. At the latter place three families of the Davis City church hold a Sabbath school and also maintain a church school under the efficient management of Calvin Starr. We hope that an interest may be awakened in this neighborhood that may be developed later by ministerial help.

The last three days of the week of prayer were spent at Eureka. Here, as at Davis City, the Sabbath-keepers live a long distance from the church. The meetings were held at Mt. Etna Thursday and Friday evenings, all coming together at the church on Sabbath. At this place I observed some things which I desire to mention. At our social meetings which were largely attended by young people, every one of them bore testimony with promptness and evident intelligence. In this church every child of every Sabbath-keeping family, old enough to understand religious obligations, is a church member. This speaks well for the faithfulness of the officers of this church in caring for the lambs of the

flock. Although most of the members live from six to eight miles away from the church nevertheless all aim to be present at the Sabbath services if the roads are passable. This is a worthy example for more of our people to follow.

I am glad to hear the good reports coming in from our churches generally as to the help received from this season of prayer and study. May the Lord help us all in our effort to reach a higher Christian experience during the year to come.

M. N. Campbell.

THE BOOK WORK

THE REWARD OF SERVICE.

Will it pay to enter the field now?

I have spent over a month in the field where the students and others have been canvassing the past two years, and I am surprised to hear the calls that are coming from those not of our faith, for public meetings.

These calls are coming from individuals who have either bought books or in some way come in contact with our canvassers.

Ellen Svenson writes that she found a lady keeping the Sabbath that had previously bought and read "Great Controversy." Another lady had read her book through and started to read it aloud to the family. Ellen expressed a degree of satisfaction at this evidence that her work in the canvassing field had not been in vain.

I found on entering the territory where Glenn Shelton has placed hundreds of dollars worth of books in the homes of the people, there are whole neighborhoods all astir over these truths. In one little town a young lawyer has made his office a place where those who are interested in Bible study meet and study our books and papers.

Bro. Shelton will tell you, the reward of service can never be estimated. The power of the Holy Spirit is manifest as he presents "Great Controversy" to the people.

On account of the illness and death of his wife, Bro. Thayne Hopkins was compelled to lay down his prospectus for a time, but as a result of canvassing work, there is very urgent call for meetings in their neighborhood. Bro. Hopkins has taken up the work again with renewed courage and determination.

If you cannot muster courage to take up the book work, begin to scatter tracts around your own home. If every believer would arise and take up the work

as designated by the Spirit of the Lord in Volume 9 of the Testimonies, Iowa would receive the witness before the close of 1910. Yes, it will pay to enter the field now.

C. W. Hollingsworth.

PERIODICAL WORK

THAT BOY OF YOURS.

Beginning with the February number of "Life and Health," there will be a series of intensely interesting, and extremely practical articles on, "The Boy." They will be so valuable on account of their practical nature, that every father, every mother, every teacher of boys, and every leader of boys' clubs, will feel that any one of these articles is worth the price of a year's subscription to "Life and Health."

The series will include some of the best suggestions by prominent workers for boys. Such topics as: The Background of Boyhood; What the Boy is Made of; The Instincts of the Boy; The Sins of the Boy; and the Sins Against the Boy; The World Your Boy Lives in; Boys' Clubs; The place of Play in Boyhood; the Big Brother of the Boy; Altruism, the Gospel of Boyhood; Purity, and the Boy's Preservation.

All who desire to secure these very desirable articles should send in their subscription to "Life and Health" some time during January. "Life and Health" for 1910 will be the best volume ever published. Price \$1.00. Special terms to agents. Address, Iowa Tract Society, Nevada Iowa, for all periodicals.

Mrs. McKee, in the January number of "Life and Health," portrays, in a very instructive manner, the character of three classes of girls, the modest, the curious, and the reckless girl, defines the character of each, and places the responsibility for the errors of the curious and reckless class. To parents especially, Mrs. McKee appeals in behalf of coming womanhood.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

UNDER this head, business notices not exceeding eight lines in length will be inserted for twenty-five cents an issue.

For Sale.—My property in Nevada, Iowa, consisting of nearly an acre of land, a five room house, barn, two hen houses and a corn crib. There are some fruit and shade trees on the place, also small fruit. For price and terms write to Ida Kuester, Nevada, Iowa.

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Nevada, Iowa, - - January 4, 1910

—Mrs. W. D. Parkhurst, of Des Moines, although not able to sit up, is improving slowly.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bowles, of Beaman, were welcome callers at the office Monday.

—Miss Ruth Percival, of Des Moines, has been spending her college vacation at home.

—A number of interesting reports that were crowded out this week will appear in the next issue.

—Dr. A. A. John, well known to many of our Iowa people, is again in the states after some years in Mexico.

—Miss Eva Smouse, of Mt. Pleasant, attended the Eidemiller wedding and furnished us with items concerning the same.

—T. J. Roach, who for many years was elder of the church at Afton, is now educational secretary for the North Missouri conference.

—Prof. W. W. Ruble was chosen to take the educational work of the Northern Union Conference in place of Prof. J. G. Lamson, who resigned to take up work at Stuart Academy.

—Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Lewis have been receiving the congratulations of Nevada friends, and will make their home here where Bro. Lewis has been located for the past year or more.

—Send clean copies of "Watchman," "Signs," "Life and Health," "Little Friend" or "Instructor," etc., to Margaret E. Young, Pineville, Louisiana, and they will be used to good advantage.

—Eld. M. N. Campbell went to Muscatine Friday where he was to have a leading part in the dedicatory services. He expects to visit Burlington, Davenport, and Dubuque before returning home.

—Extracts from a letter, in the "Educational Messenger," tell of the work of Prof. and Mrs. M. W. Newton in the Normal Institute, at Lodi, California. They seem to be enjoying their home, the garden, roses, lillies, geraniums and an occasional auto run of 43 miles to Modesta, the home of the professor's sister, Mrs. W. E. Tong, where his mother resides.

—The Conference Committee, at their recent meeting, selected the following named workers to represent Iowa at the Northern Union Conference which is to be held in Des Moines, February 22 to March 3: M. N. Campbell, E. G. Olsen, J. C. Clemens, G. R. Hawkins, W. D. Parkhurst, M. W. Lewis, J. W. Dorcas, E. Rosenwold, J. G. Lamson, Mrs. G. R. Hawkins, Mrs. Minnie Sype, Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas, J. W. McComas, L. J. Otis, M. M. Hare, S. B. Kephart, and A. P. Hansen.

—On Wednesday evening, December 22, at the home of Bro. George Eidemiller, of Middletown, a double wedding occurred which united in marriage his daughter Lydia Louise with Nathan W. Lewis, while Anna Rosa became Mrs. Henry Van Tuyl. Elder W. D. Parkhurst officiated. Some forty-five guests were present and the single ceremony which united both, "at one and the same time," was very impressive. Their many friends will wish them a happy and prosperous life together.

—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Glasscock, formerly of this state, but now of Broken Bow, Nebraska, have been at the College View Sanitarium, where Bro. Glasscock had an operation for appendicitis, he has recovered and returned to their home, but Mrs. Glasscock remains at the Sanitarium with the children, who are both down with typhoid fever.

—Arthur Rasmussen, whom many will remember as call boy at our Sanitarium a few years ago, stopped at Nevada for a look at the Sanitarium and office Monday, while on his way to Cedar Falls for a visit with his mother. He has been with the Chamberlain, South Dakota, Sanitarium for some time.

—G. C. Hoskin and family left this morning for Battle Creek, Iowa, where Mrs. Hoskin's parents reside and where she and Morine will enjoy a visit, while Bro. Hoskin is attending the Bookmen's Convention at College View, Nebraska.

—Eld. and Mrs. E. Rosenwold and little son, of Gowrie, have been visiting the home folks at Des Moines, and Elder Rosenwold conducted quarterly meeting services at the Swedish church, of which he is elder.

—Mrs. Harley Rentfro, Mrs. Wm. Philpott, of Creston, and Mrs. W. U. Hunt, of Ames, are making exceedingly rapid recovery from heavy operations undergone last Wednesday at the Sanitarium.

—Miss Myrna Campbell is recovering nicely from a minor operation performed at the Sanitarium last week.

—We appreciate the words of friendly commendation received from readers of the Bulletin and also the avalanche of renewals received during the past few weeks.

—P. E. Brotherson, formerly of Iowa, but more recently of New Jersey, is now located at 1643 N. Springfield avenue, Chicago, where he will labor for the Danish people.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

READING COURSE.

By this time many of the members of the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course have completed the study of "Quiet Talks on Service." The review questions on this book have appeared in the "Youth's Instructor." We trust that all who have not already done so are planning to take this written test and mail their papers to us. Should any not have access to these questions we will be pleased to mail a set upon request.

We would invite all to join us in reading the second book, "The Moslem World." This study should appeal to all since besides giving an insight into the customs, religious beliefs, etc., of the Mohammedan world it enables the student to better appreciate the work that must be done for these people.

BE ON TIME.

Missionary Volunteer reports for the quarter ending December 1909, are now due. Ample notice has been given all society leaders and isolated members and we trust these will be mailed to us, within the next few days.

OBITUARY

Died.—At Albia, December 18, 1909, Lillian Ruth Moore, aged 2 years 3 months and 10 days.

Little Lillian Ruth was born in Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 8, 1907. Her life was brief but her gentle, loving disposition endeared her to all. She was the only child of Brother and Sister I. E. Moore, and her sudden death has caused great sadness in their home.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer, using for a text, Psalms 116:15. C. W. Hollingsworth.