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OUR OPPORTUNITY

The article in another column of this paper, regarding the recent action of the Federation of Catholic Societies, by Eld. K. C. Russell, brings a situation to our attention that should cause every Seventh-day Adventist to take notice. What interest do you have in the circulation of "Liberty" or "Protestant" magazines? Do any of your townspeople have the opportunity of reading either? Are you ready to have them forbidden to pass through the mail? Can we afford to have them cease their circulation? If they have ever been needed, they are certainly needed now. We admit that there is a bare possibility of the recommendation not passing, but it is a question of only a short time until these societies, in federation, will be strong enough to secure their demands, then it will be too late. This should stir our people as nothing else has, and every effort should be made to get more of these important pages into the hands of thoughtful, reading people. Men of good sound judgment appreciate these magazines. One man remarked a short time ago, "I tell you, —, your people have some smart, deep thinking men writing for that paper,"—referring to "Liberty."

We need to get these magazines into circulation if we have to sacrifice, and sacrifice heavily, to do it. You should have at least ten going into your neigh-

borhood,—if you live in a large place you should realize a greater responsibility. There are very few of our people who cannot afford to pay for ten yearly subscriptions, and a great many could pay for many more. Why not do it? Why not sense the importance of doing this, and doing it now. Don't wait for someone else to speak to you about it. If you have a missionary secretary, hand her the money and list of names; if you do not have one, or are isolated, send us your list of names and money. If it is not convenient for you to supply the names, but you wish to pay for several subscriptions, we will accept your remittance and order the magazine to a selected list of names for you. We will mail either "Liberty" or "Protestant Magazine," to any ten names you may send us, for one year, at the rate of 15 cents for each name. If you cannot afford ten subscriptions, get someone to take a part of them with you.

Do not lay this aside without acting. Now is the most favorable time for us to work, and we cannot afford to let this opportunity pass.

Who will be the next to add to this list? How many for you, brother? Remember the campaign for "Liberty" and "Protestant" magazines is on, and on in earnest. This week's list shows the last week's list more than doubled.

Send your ten names and \$1.50 to the Iowa Tract Society, Nevada, Iowa.

G. C. Hoskin.

CAUSE FOR ALARM

We have long expected that the time would come when the freedom of the public press and the use of the United States mails would be denied us.

It is a fact recognized by all thoughtful people that when any government denies to its citizens the freedom of the press, the situation is perilous.

We are glad that opportunity is still afforded us to use untrammelled the Unit-

ed States postal service in our work of warning the people against the beast, his image, and the reception of his mark.

There is, however, cause for alarm regarding this matter; for only a few weeks ago the organization known as the American Federation of Catholic Societies of the United States, at their national convention held in New Orleans, La., passed a resolution which aims at this very thing.

As will be seen from the report of the convention which appeared in the Associated Press report of that meeting:

"Congress was urged to amend the postal laws so as to include within the scope of the prohibited literature, books, papers, writings, prints, which 'outrage' religious conviction and contain 'scurrilous' and slanderous attacks upon the faith."

Should the promoters of this proposed amendment of the postal laws accomplish their purpose, all can readily see that there would be great cause for alarm. Such a law would necessarily exclude nearly every book and periodical published by Seventh-day Adventists; especially the magazines "Liberty" and "The Protestant." (Anything opposed to their faith would be considered an outrage.)

In view of the possibility of such a law being enacted by Congress, every Seventh-day Adventist should arouse and improve the golden opportunity that is now afforded in using the United States postal service to send forth the magazines. "Liberty" and "The Protestant," whose pages are freighted with a warning message against the beast and his image.

How disastrous it would be should such a measure become law, and we have failed to do our part in circulating these journals while there was such freedom in using the United States mails as there is at the present time. K. C. Russell.

FRIENDLY LETTERS

Think of what has been accomplished in this world by letters. At our missionary meeting recently, our elder mentioned them as a part of the work the Lord would have us do to hasten his coming. Some are awakened from sin's delusive dream, they see their own danger and that of their dear ones, and they hasten to be right with God. They are filled with gratitude that their backslidings are healed and also with the love of Christ for poor sinners, and they cannot rest unless they are doing all in their power to assist others. Humbly and sincerely, they go to God and exclaim, "Now that thou hast accepted me as thine own, what can I do that I may convince others of thy great love? To whom, of all thy little ones, may I minister?" And there comes an answer of peace; the Holy Spirit suggests the name of some one in need, the friendly missive is written and the writer becomes a minister in God's hand. Many such letters are read with joy and many are added to the fold on account of them.

A large part of the New Testament consists of letters written by some one to somebody. What loving letters they are, too. Have you read and studied them as being addressed directly to you? How much of this world's goods would you take and part with Paul's letters to the churches? Or with those of John, Peter and James? Are they not dearer to you than your own life? Think, dear reader, they, together with all the sacred writings, are our Father's friendly letter to us, to you and to me.

S. O. James.

FIELD REPORTS

DAVENPORT

My work here in this great city is only in its beginning, but in the half year I have been here, with the help of the Lord, I have been trying to do my best in house to house work. I have used 50 "Signs of the Times" and 100 German "Zeichen der Zeit" every month, and some Danish and Swedish papers and tracts; my work, as you see, is international. I give or sell the papers, and where I find the people friendly and interested in religious matters, I call again. I have never met so many German people without religion of any kind as I find here.

At the Sigourney camp-meeting I took twenty-four "Ministry of Healing," and

the Lord has given me grace to sell twelve of these, besides many others of our good books. November 23, it was my great privilege to baptize three dear souls, in the Baptist church here, and on the following Sabbath we held our quarterly meeting and God blessed us together. Sister Buck has good prospects that more precious souls will soon decide for the truth.

We had a good visit from Eld. Campbell, also Elders Dorcas and Lewis, and we hope they will remember this city with some good tent workers when the summer smiles again. Our church members are preparing the way, already, by selling "Ministry of Healing," and distributing the harvest ingathering "Review." They have also distributed many other papers and tracts which the good sewing society helped to furnish. We are expecting a great harvest here; but it will take time, hard work and much of the Spirit of God in it all.

We are holding meetings in the homes during the week of prayer and those who attend are receiving blessings from above. We desire hearts more pure, that the missionary spirit and power may be shown in our lives. O. Madsen.

KNOXVILLE

The Knoxville church was encouraged by the visit of Sister Emma Hawkins, during the week of prayer. In company with the writer, she visited all of our people who are living in town, speaking words of courage and offering prayer in each home. The church here was organized fifty-one years ago this 'al'; only two of the charter members remain and even those accepting the message later on are now old people. Many of the younger members have gone to other fields to labor as nurses, Bible workers and teachers. We found the members all strong in the faith once delivered to the saints, and of good courage. Our hearts were made glad by their cheery testimonies. Mary Emma Wall.

COUNCIL BLUFFS

I am still earnestly trying to lead people from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. I find some who are willing to search the Scriptures to see whether or not these things are so. One woman who attended our recent convention, is deeply interested in our faith and I believe she will take her stand for right and truth.

We have had printed, one thousand

copies of "Father Enright on the Sabbath" and these we will use, with as many of the Family Bible Teacher leaflets on Sunday Observance, and we hope by this effort many will be stirred to investigate for themselves.

We ask your prayers for the work in Council Bluffs, that the Spirit of God may go before us, to open the way and prepare the hearts of the people to receive the message. When I see the condition of our cities, I realize how Paul must have felt while at Athens, when his spirit was stirred within him as he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. How much we need earnest work in our cities now. W. A. McKibbin.

UNIONVILLE

We arrived at this place August 18 and began our meetings the following Sunday. We had a good attendance until we came to the testing points, when, as usual, the crowd diminished; but those really interested continued to come. We have had very bitter opposition from the Methodist minister from the very first, but nevertheless there are five keeping the Sabbath as a result of the meetings and there are others who are studying these questions. I am leaving the Family Bible Teacher in twelve homes each week and these are all receiving considerable study.

There being no Seventh-day Adventists here, we organized a Sabbath-school the first Sabbath we were here and since the tent season closed we have rented a small building where we hold Sabbath-school and prayer meeting each week. The attendance averages from six to nineteen and all seem to take a lively interest, in fact, I never attended better prayer meetings than we have here; nearly every one takes part in the prayer and social meetings.

Since closing the tent meetings, we have been holding meetings in a school house six miles north of town. We had a good attendance from beginning to close of the meetings. We closed this course December 4, and as a result of the effort, four have covenanted to keep all the commandments of God and walk in the light as fast as it is given them.

Pray for us and these dear souls who have started to walk in the straight and narrow way. S. B. Kephart,

Geo. J. Seltzer.

"Constant useful occupation is wholesome for body and mind."

JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

How swiftly we are passing down the stream of time; soon the year 1910, with all its blessings and privileges, will be in the past. Two weeks ago we came to this place. We were loth to leave Grenada, on account of the interest among our neighbors. A family of four adults, two teachers, are rejoicing in the truth and they are awaiting baptism. From ten to twenty attended our Sabbath evening prayer meetings. My heart aches as I see the many openings and think how few there are to work in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

The Lord is greatly blessing the faithful canvassers. Last month, in Mississippi, over \$2,400 worth of books were delivered and \$668.50 worth of orders were taken. In ten months, two canvassers took orders for, and delivered, over \$2,000 worth of books. Thus the seeds of truth are being scattered and fruit is appearing. There are scores of counties unentered and waiting; who will say, "Here am I, Lord, send me"?

I have been out among my neighbors, distributing literature and I secured four orders for "Steps to Christ." One day while at the postoffice, a youth said to me, "I have read the little book; Mama thanks you for bringing it to us."

We are now in the midst of the week of prayer; I go four miles each evening to the meetings. We are few in number but the blessing of heaven is with us.

There is a mission school—colored—at this place. They are in need of clothing; they have asked me to help them and I always turn my eyes to my friends in Iowa, and there is always a hearty response. They need children's clothing, also men's trousers. Let those who think of sending anything write to me immediately. I will see that the goods are wisely distributed and will let you know about it through the Bulletin. I am also in need of periodicals for distribution.

Mrs. Mollie Miller,
353 McKee St., Jackson, Miss.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

OUR CONVERSATION

The Word of God has very much to say concerning our conversation. By our words we are judged. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. From the beginning to the end of the Bible, God has cautioned and instructed us with reference to the use of our words. We are to consider them carefully before

we use them; for when a word has gone forth, we cannot call it back. Many times in the course of our lives we say things that we would like to call back. We see that they are doing harm, yet on and on they go, carrying trouble, perhaps, into many lives. On the other hand, a word of kindness may carry light and help into many lives. Yes, indeed, there are many reasons why we should choose our words. It is particularly necessary for one who is planning to do the work of the Lord, to make a special study of his conversation, for it is the duty of every worker for Christ to be cultured and to be refined in all things.

I remember when I was in college that a young man came from one of the Western states. He came from a farm, and was as uncultured as many other boys who have come from farms; but he had a purpose, the result of which is that he is now superintendent of an important mission field in a far-away land. I remember that among other things he determined that he would become a good conversationalist. You would often find him studying a newspaper, or some book, with this in view, and many times did I hear him say, "Well, now, there is a good thing for me to talk about," and he would remember it that he might have something intelligent to say. In one year the progress which he made in the ability to converse was very remarkable.

There are two things necessary to become a good conversationalist. First, have something to say; and then, know how to say it. There are many persons, and even many noted men, who have something to say, who have an abundance of knowledge which is of no use in conversation, because their powers of conversation have not been developed. Garrick said of Goldsmith, "He wrote like an angel, but talked like poor Poll," and the same might be said about a great many persons. But the most useful men are those who have an abundance of knowledge, ready to use on all proper occasions. That is what you are to seek for. You are to become conversant with the facts to talk about, and then acquire the ability to talk about these facts. We are to be disseminators of truth, and we must be wise in disseminating the truth. We must acquire ability to talk and to turn the conversation adroitly in the way of truth and righteousness, that those with whom we are conversing can get something good and helpful from conversation with us.

Let those who have nothing to say, say it. Blessed are they who have nothing

to say, and cannot be induced to say it. Make this your motto: If you have nothing to say, say nothing.—Prof. Griggs in Talks to Students.

SABBATH-SCHOOL LESSONS

The lessons for all grades during the year 1911 will be on the book of Acts, a book full of lessons for the remnant people.

As a help in this study, we have arranged to supply a made-to-order map, showing the countries and cities referred to in the Acts. The route of the three missionary tours of the apostle Paul, also his voyage to Rome, are very plainly marked.

The map is cardboard, and may be carried in the ordinary Bible. It is plainer and more convenient than the maps in the Bible. The Bible may be open to the place of the lesson, and the map be before the eye at the same time. Every teacher and pupil should have one. Teachers should interest their pupils, and send in a class order. Do this now, and be ready for the lessons the first of the year. The price is five cents apiece, or six for twenty-five cents. Order of the State Sabbath-school Secretary, Nevada, Iowa.

COLORED VIEWS OF SANITARIUM.

A beautifully colored picture of the new Iowa Sanitarium has lately been gotten out in postcard size and two copies will be sent free to any one sending to Dr. Heald the names of five or more sick persons. In sending in these lists, please state as far as possible the nature of the sickness. Do not send the names of any afflicted with contagious diseases as these are not received at the Sanitarium.

"When the Word is spoken, you should remember, brethren, that you are listening to the voice of God through his delegated servant. Listen attentively. Sleep not for one instant, because by this slumber you may lose the very words you need most,—the very words which, if heeded, would save your feet from straying in wrong paths. Satan and his angels are busy creating a paralyzed condition of the senses, so that cautions, warning, and reproofs shall not be heard; or if heard they shall not take effect upon the heart, and reform the life. Sometimes a little child may so attract the attention of the hearers that the precious seed does not fall into good ground, and bring forth fruit."

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Nevada, Iowa, - December 20, 1910

—A. R. Smouse spent last Sabbath at Boone.

—Earl Reynolds is spending his vacation at home.

—The Conference Committee is in session here today.

—G. C. Hoskin was with the Humboldt church Sabbath, December 17.

—Mrs. H. F. Meeker and two little sons have been visiting at the A. M. Will home.

—F. J. Chapman is improving rapidly since the operation mentioned in last week's paper.

—Miss Olive Shannon went to Kansas last week, where she will care for her grandfather, who is quite ill.

—Mrs. W. E. Stanfield, of Boone, is at the Sanitarium, taking treatment for bruises received in a fall last week.

—Mrs. A. G. Dwier returned today from Des Moines, where she has been visiting her friend, Mrs. Clinton Graham.

—Dr. Wm. J. Johnson, who is visiting with his sister at Marshalltown, was delegated to assist in the meetings there during the week of prayer.

—Mrs. Lizzie Joseph and Mrs. C. Hanna of Dubuque, Mrs. Bertha Joseph of Des Moines, and Miss Eleanor King of Stuart Academy, have been visiting at the B. O. Reynolds home.

—Miss Carrie Johnson, who is now able to be about, after a siege of typhoid fever, has gone to her home at Wesley. A social evening in her honor was enjoyed at the Sanitarium last Thursday.

—J. W. McComas went to Waukon, December 13, to conduct the funeral service of Bro. Ralston, father of Miss Eugene Ralston, who for many years has been connected with our work as proof-reader in our publishing houses and is now with the "Review and Herald."

—Mrs. T. A. Moore, of Hampton, gives some interesting items concerning the ingathering work at that place. Bro. Iden received \$10.00 from business men with whom he deals and other members of the church have been quite successful in distributing papers and collecting mission funds.

PETITIONS TO CONGRESS

This week we are sending to the church elders, leaders, and isolated Sabbath keepers, petition blanks to be used in securing signatures against the Johnston District Sunday Bill which is still pending in Congress. Inasmuch as no tariff or other legislation of an important character is likely to be attempted at this session, on account of the peculiar political conditions existing, there is all the more likelihood of their uniting to pass such laws as is contemplated by the Johnston District Sunday Bill. It is therefore, of the utmost importance that we send in a large roll of petitions at an early date, to head off as far as possible all tendencies in that direction. We urge an active campaign with the petitions. M. N. Campbell.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DAY

Sabbath, January 7, 1911, has been appointed as Missionary Volunteer Day. All our churches are asked to devote the time of the regular service for that day to the consideration of young people's work. The suggestive program will appear in the "Instructor" of December 20 and the "Review" of December 22. In the "Review" of that date will also appear the three general articles called for in the program. Having God's promise in Isa. 49:25, let us lay hold on it and spend Sabbath, January 7, in special prayer and study of the work for our youth.

INGATHERING NOTES

One of our sisters called at a house and after she had explained her mission, the lady said she had, that morning, received a letter from her mother, inclosing a two dollar bill, which was "to be used in some good cause;" and, with the remark that she guessed this would be as good a place for it as any, she handed it over as an ingathering offering.

Another sister called at a neighbor's house and found two or three ladies present. She secured several small donations from them, and a little boy five years of age, not to be outdone, went for his pocket-book and picked out pennies for a ten-cent donation to missions,—and those concerned were perfectly willing that he should do so. This experience was a source of encouragement to the one soliciting.

A brother sent three copies of the mission "Review" to the different members of a firm with which he was doing busi-

ness, and received a check for ten dollars in return.

One of our churches has ordered ingathering "Reviews" at four different times. They have received \$25.00 and expect the amount to be considerably increased before the campaign closes.

Ingathering donations received from the Des Moines church amount to \$115.31.

IOWA CANVASSERS' REPORT

"Controversy"			
	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps Totals
Thayne Hopkins	..20	1	\$14.75 \$17.75
*A. R. Scott	.....39	10	32.00
"Heralds"			
J. V. Trimble	.....5	3	.25 6.25
Ed Howell	.....14	16	.50 32.50
Anna Nordquist	.. 7	1	2.50 4.50
"Daniel and Revelation"			
Iver Hansen	.....33	8	1.00 25.00
"Coming King"			
A. R. Smouse	.....3	4	8.10 12.10
Mrs Alice Morgan	11		6.00 6.00
A. J. Morgan	.....13		7.75 7.75
Deliveries			
Thayne Hopkins	..		.50
J. V. Trimble	.....	3	6.00
A. R. Smouse	.....3		12.15 14.15
A. J. Morgan	.....		3.75
Summary			
No. of Agents	.....		9
Value of Books and Helps sold	.....		\$143.85
Value of Books and Helps deliv'd	.....		\$24.40
* Two weeks Week ending Dec. 9.			

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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

To Rent.—40 acres, good soil, including pasture, orchard and vineyard; well of excellent water. Other land obtainable near. References required. Address, Elva G. Wilcox, Guthrie Center, Iowa.

Wanted.—A place to work at once, for the winter and also next summer, by a young man twenty years of age. Address, Chris Jensen, Ringsted, Iowa, care C. W. Hansen.

A brother twenty-four years of age, who has just come from Germany, wishes some kind of work. He was born on the farm, has learned to make harness and can hang wall-paper. Also a German sister wishes work. Address, O. Madsen, 2906 Dubuque St., Davenport, Iowa.

—Miss Edna Morton will join our workers at Mason City this week, to engage in Bible work.