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HOME MISSIONARY WORK

"For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability: and straightway took his journey." Matt. 25: 14, 15. This Scripture plainly tells us that God has given to every man his work "according to his several ability."

In Vol. 9 we read the following statements: "God expects personal service from every one to whom he has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time. Not all can go as missionaries to foreign lands, but all can be home missionaries in their families and neighborhoods."

"Christ accepts, O so gladly! every human agency that is surrendered to him. He brings the human into union with the divine, that he may communicate to the world the mysteries of incarnate love. Talk it, pray it, sing it, fill the world with the message of his truth, and keep pressing on into the regions beyond.

"Heavenly intelligences are waiting to co-operate with human instrumentalities, that they may reveal to the world what human beings may become, and what, through their influence, they may accomplish for the saving of souls that are ready to perish. He who is truly converted will be so filled with the love of God that he will long to impart to others the joy that he himself possesses."

"Human beings have no right to think that there is a limit to the efforts that they are to make in the work of soul-saving. Did Christ ever become weary in his work? Did he ever draw back from sacrifice and hardship? Church-mem-

bers are to put forth the continuous, persevering efforts that he put forth. They are to be ever ready to spring into action in obedience to the Master's commands. Wherever we see work waiting to be done, we are to take it up and do it, constantly looking unto Jesus. If our church members would heed this instruction, hundreds of souls would be won to Jesus. If every church-member were a living missionary, the gospel would speedily be proclaimed in all countries, to all peoples, nations, and tongues."

"There is earnest work for every pair of hands to do. Let every stroke tell for the uplifting of humanity. There are so many that need to be helped. The heart of him who lives, not to please himself, but to be a blessing to those who have so few blessings, will thrill with satisfaction. Let every idler awake, and face the realities of life. Take the word of God, and search its pages. If you are doers of the word, life will indeed be to you a living reality, and you will find that the reward is abundant."

There are so many ways in which we can advance the truth for this time. House to house visiting in the interest of our literature is a very important factor in soul saving, as is also the distribution of tracts in different ways; a tract placed in a letter to a friend may result in his conversion. A subscription to the *Signs of the Times* for a year may be the means of saving a soul.

Many people have been won to the truth by means of the distribution of the printed page. Reading racks placed in stations is one way of getting the truth before the public. Small reading racks may be placed by the door in the homes of our people, and in this way visitors may be supplied with our literature. Cottage meetings and Bible readings, and the systematic distribution of

literature are effective agencies in soul-winning work.

And last but not least the most important way of doing home missionary work is through prayer bands. Let two or three get together at an appointed time each day and make their requests known to God. We have an example where three sisters united in prayer for a certain business man of their town, and in one year he was attending the church. Many people have been converted because some one took an interest in their salvation. We all may so relate ourselves to God and the finishing of the work that we may hear the "Well done" said to us when Jesus comes. Surely, soul-winning is the important work for this time.

MRS. MINNIE SYPE.

NEVADA MISSIONARY CONVENTION

The magazine workers' institute and Home Missionary Convention, conducted by Elder S. A. Ruskjer and Sister Minnie Sype at Nevada, March 31 to April 7, was a source of inspiration and help to all who attended.

We were glad to be favored the first two days with the help of Elder Ernest Lloyd, who sounded the keynote for the entire session by reading the text found in 1 Cor. 15: 58. He emphasized especially the Christian's duty of "always abounding in the work of the Lord." The continuous and untiring missionary effort of the early church as set forth in Acts 5:42 was also brought to our attention. Here we have a record of real home missionary work, for not only was preaching done daily in the temple, but "in every house they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." The result of this consecrated activity, we are told in chapter 6:1,

was a great increase in the number of the disciples,—a result that always follows earnest service for Christ.

The evening services were held at the church, and the day sessions at the Academy. Elder Hoopes showed a splendid spirit of co-operation, giving the chapel hour each morning to the consideration and demonstration of practical lines of work. Elder Lloyd spoke Tuesday morning on the work of distributing magazines. The majority of the people of the United States, he told us, receive their education largely from newspapers and magazines. While hundreds and thousands of men have not time to sit down and peruse a large work, they will read these small magazines, because they deal with things in a condensed way and are suited to the needs of busy people.

He also called our attention to the many ways of carrying and distributing tracts, the King's Pocket League which suggests that the men reserve a pocket in their coats for these little messengers of truth where they will always be handy when opportunity for giving one away presents itself. In the same way the ladies were asked to give a space in their handbags for the same purpose. Surely this is a splendid plan, for who of us have not wished many times for a tract after having met and conversed with an interested person upon Bible themes. Let us be prepared to help souls at all times and have on the "whole armor."

The reading rack with its many possibilities was also considered. Every home should have one close by the door, well filled with an assortment of tracts, and no one should leave our homes without carrying away a tract, for every time one of these small leaflets is given out, an avenue is opened through which some soul may receive light.

Our people living in places where public reading racks can be maintained should endeavor to have one placed in as many depots and rest-rooms as possible. Care should be taken to have these racks always filled with clean, up to date literature. It is a good plan to have one individual given the responsibility of caring for them in order that they may not be neglected.

The forenoon sessions were devoted to considering different phas-

es of work and were of the round table nature, which is so helpful and instructive to all. The afternoon hour from two to three was spent in giving practical demonstrations in Bible, magazine and Harvest Ingathering work. During the hour from three to four we were favored with instruction and demonstrations on hydrotherapy, first aid, etc., given by Doctors Barbour and Warner, assisted by Misses Christiansen and Laing as nurses. This feature of the institute was greatly appreciated, and many resolved to study deeper into this line of work which affords such splendid opportunity for helping our fellowmen. The time from four to five was given to training magazine workers in scientific methods for arresting interest in and accomplishing the sale of our truth-filled magazines. Elder Ruskjer had charge of this work, and his instruction was greatly appreciated.

The last two days, Sabbath and Sunday, were filled with convention work and the meetings were held at the church. Papers on different subjects of home missionary work were read and discussed with profit. New resolutions to improve every opportunity for service were made, and the thought of finishing the gospel in this generation brought a new thrill to our hearts as we realized how quickly it might be done were we faithful in all things.

Stirring sermons, symposiums, etc., were given in the evenings at the church, and it can be truthfully said, the entire session was one of great help to us all.

The Nevada church and Academy gave a practical demonstration in carrying out the principles taught in Gal. 6:10, by generously providing for the entertainment of those in attendance. A spirit of unselfish ministry seemed everywhere present, and we believe as we all go forth taking up different lines of work, that we shall each remember our fellow-workers and unitedly seek to hasten the finishing of the great work entrusted to us.

ROSE E. BOOSE.

MRS. F. W. MEYER.

AN APPEAL FOR HOMES

It is absolutely essential that I receive at once a great many more names of our brethren who desire to entertain colporteurs during the coming summer. All of our insti-

tutes are now over, and they have netted a splendid corps of consecrated workers. However, not a few of them will be compelled to go to other states unless homes are open, for they feel that it will be discouraging to spend their Sabbaths and Sundays among strangers; that is, people not of our faith.

The following counties have been assigned:

Adair	Dubuque	Monona
Allamakee	Floyd	Muscatine
Appanoose	Franklin	O'Brien
Black Hawk	Hardin	Page
Buena Vista	Howard	Palo Alto
Butler	Ida	Plymouth
Cass	Iowa	Pottawattamie
Cerro Gordo	Jasper	Scott
Clay	Jefferson	Story
Clayton	Jones	Washington
Crawford	Keokuk	Webster
Dallas	Kossuth	Winnebago
Davis	Lucas	Winnesiek
Delaware	Mahaska	Woodbury
Dickinson	Marshall	Wright

Several very cordial invitations have come in, for which I am very thankful, but many more are needed. As has been stated in past appeals for homes, these colporteurs will be only too glad to render any assistance possible around the home so that their stay with you will be a help rather than a burden. Furthermore, they expect to pay for the privilege of a Sabbath and Sunday home, so it will not be a financial burden to you.

Not only do we need homes, but several of the young ladies will have to have rigs. Most of them are from the farm and will handle the horses with care.

Now please, folks, let me hear from you. This corps of about forty workers will be in the field by June 1, so in order to have all arrangements completed, it will mean rush. Write to me and let me know what you can do to aid in this soul saving work. Even though you may not live in one of the counties, write anyway if you want to see your county worked, for we can change the territory of a great many.

L. L. GrandPre.

MASON CITY

The Mason City church greatly enjoyed the privilege of having Sister Sype with them for the past several weeks. She held a short series of meetings at this place about a year ago, and at that time started the church in active missionary work. She also promised them that she would come back again this year if they worked faithfully

and the Lord was willing. The church worked on, looking forward to the time of her return. A hall was secured in the main part of the city, and was neatly decorated, bills announcing the meetings were printed and distributed throughout the city, and the city school board loaned a supply of good seats. Everything being in readiness, March 11, found Sister Sype once more giving the message to a well-filled hall of interested listeners.

A number of prayer bands were organized, and the members prayed earnestly for the success of the meetings. Night after night found the interest greater, and on Sabbath, March 29, four persons were baptized by Elder Olsen. Several others are deeply interested.

The Lord wonderfully blessed in all ways; the church was able to secure the hall, seats, piano, etc., at very little expense which was met by the collection taken up during the series. The help rendered by Elders Ogden and Olsen was also much appreciated by the church.

OLIVE I. COX.

THE LATEST

Word has just been received that the new book, "World's Destiny" by Elder Reaser, will be ready for delivery by the first of May. The "World's Destiny" is a book that covers a phase of the message entirely different from any other book we have had thus far. It takes up the great plan that the Lord has had for the earth and gives an explanation of just why people are here. The thorough manner in which the history of the world from the Lord's standpoint is covered, surely makes the book timely, as one has put it, "until the day before the Lord comes."

Chapter two brings out the fact that the Lord intended the earth to be peopled, and when man fell because of sin the Lord did not at once destroy his creation but permitted it to continue in order to demonstrate the nature of sin. As time went on and people drew farther and farther away from the Lord, his wisdom in providing a means of escape from the sentence of death that man had brought upon himself is disclosed, and as the great controversy comes to a climax, the reader is brought to a realization that he must be on one side or the other. The last chapter brings to

view the culmination of the Lord's plan; and the reward that comes to the faithful is portrayed most beautifully.

We hope that all who read these lines will set aside some time to help circulate this splendid book. We are advised that every illustration contained in the book is a new original drawing, not one of which has ever appeared before. The title "World's Destiny," is one that should appeal to the public and command confidence in the message presented. We anticipate a remarkable record in the distribution of this splendid book, trusting the Lord's blessing will go with it.

We will be able to fill orders sometime after the first of May, and the price in the paper binding is twenty-five cents per copy, post-paid. Fifty percent discount will be given on orders for ten or more copies. We have greatly appreciated the response to our former calls for the circulation of new books, and are making arrangements to promptly handle the scores of orders that we will receive.

R. F. WOODS.

SIGNS AND PRESENT TRUTH CAMPAIGN

During the past few weeks a systematic "Present Truth" campaign has been carried on at Estherville. When it was decided that we were to locate at Spencer and hold a series of meetings there, we did not think it wise to leave Estherville until something had been done to keep the fires burning while we were away.

The town was divided into four parts and given to three of the members and myself, and after visiting every house in the territory, we secured nearly three hundred annual subscriptions for the "Present Truth," and many of these are two year subscriptions. The price is fifteen cents per year, or twenty-five cents for two years, and very few refused to subscribe. Up to the present time, we have covered two-thirds of the town, and as one-third is still unworked, we have set the goal at five hundred copies.

We have decided to take the *Signs* weekly with the "Present Truth." The brethren and sisters at Spencer have already launched out in a similar campaign, and at Terril two of our faithful sisters have taken about fifty subscriptions.

The Lord has said, "My Word shall not return unto me void," and we are sure that a harvest of souls will be the result. We recommend this work to our brethren and sisters of our churches all over the State.

MRS. A. F. PRIEGER.

RICEVILLE

The following extracts are from a personal letter to Elder Ogden:

"We want to thank you for letting Elder Olsen visit our church. Before Sister Sype came, we thought there was no use in trying to do anything here, but after her visit, and then Brother Olsen's good talks and advice, we saw that we were not doing right by holding back and not doing our duty to our fellowmen. We are going to try with the Lord's help, to put out literature, praying much, and then ask for meetings to be held the latter part of the summer, and see if we cannot build up our church a little more. We are so few here now. Brother Olsen gave us such good talks, just what we needed, and we are so glad he came to see us. We miss Brother Beams, he was so faithful in laboring to hold us together.

R. HOFFMAN, *Elder.*

MRS. A. JOHNSTON, *Clerk.*"

OBITUARY

Olson.—Agnes Haavelson was born in Odness, Norway, February 24, 1866, and met with an accident which caused her death March 31, 1919. She was aged 53 years, 1 month and 7 days. She came to this country at the age of fifteen years, and was united in marriage with Chris C. Olson, November 1, 1889. To this union one son, William H., was born; he with his father are left to mourn their loss. Her mother, father and one brother in Norway are yet to hear the sad news. The services were conducted at the Methodist church by the writer, using 2 Sam. 14:14 as the basis. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church at Wallingford, Iowa. Interment was made in the cemetery at Estherville, Iowa, the city where she had spent the greater part of her life.

ALBERT F. PRIEGER.

Wanted.—A girl 12 or 14 years of age to do light housework and to care for children. Church privileges. Address Mrs. P. P. Anderson, Forest City, Iowa.

Pure Aco vegetable white cooking oil. 5 gallon can \$10.50. Two 5 gallon cans \$20.50. Mazola or corn oil \$10.00 for 5 gallons. A. J. Iden Nevada, Iowa.

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Elder Dorcas did not go to Lake City for last Sabbath, but hopes to go there next Sabbath.

Elder Weatherly expects to begin a series of meetings at Olin, Friday evening, April 18. The services will be held in the Christian church.

Elder Ogden was with Brother Slater at Hampton, Friday evening, and spent the Sabbath at Mason City. From there he went to Minneapolis to attend a Union Conference committee meeting Sunday.

A meeting of the Conference committee was held at Nevada, Wednesday, April 9. Several of the Conference workers were invited in for counsel in laying plans for the summer's work. A report of the meeting will appear in the BULLETIN later.

APPOINTMENT

Elder G. E. Leffler expects to meet with the Newell church for quarterly meeting service, Sabbath, April 19.. STEEN JENSEN.

ACADEMY NOTES

Brother Henry Jones returned to Waterloo Monday after a three weeks visit at the Academy.

John Scott spent the week-end with the homefolk at Des Moines. He was accompanied by Eldridge Smith.

Misses Lucile Whitnack and Dorothy Dugane were week-end visitors at Cedar Rapids.

Word was received last Sabbath of the death of Aileen Johnston, daughter of Brother J. C. Johnston of Mt. Etna, and formerly a student of Oak Park Academy. The most sincere sympathy of their many friends at Nevada and among the BULLETIN family is extended to the bereaved family.

Miss Ruth McKim spent Sabbath and Sunday with her parents at Marshalltown.

Brother Whitnack spent several hours Friday with his daughter Lucille. He was enroute to Fargo, Minnesota.

The grounds around the Academy buildings have been much improved through the efforts of Elder Hoopes and his helpers. The present plans are to plant shrubbery along the walks and driveways.

Messrs. Hannah and Habenicht left Thursday night for Chicago and other places in Illinois in interest of pure bred Holsteins for the Academy herd. From there, Mr. Habenicht went to the General Educational Council at Washington, D. C.

DUPLICATIONS

It frequently happens that individuals, in sending in their renewals for the BULLETIN, use a different name or initial than that to which the paper has been coming. Sometimes the husband's name, other times the wife's name or initials are used. Often those who make up the lists do not know whether the subscription is a new one or a renewal, for unless they are personally acquainted, they have no way of knowing whether Mrs. John Brown is the same as Mrs. Mary Brown, or Mrs. J. C. Brown is the same as Mrs. M. A. Brown. So in sending in renewals, always be sure to send it the same as it is already on the list, but if a change of initials or name is desired, indicate it, so that those handling the list will not be left to guess whether it is a new subscription or a renewal. This applies not only to BULLETIN subscriptions but to all other of our periodicals. A little care in this matter on the part of our patrons will save a great deal of worry and perplexity in the office, and often duplications. If there are those on the list now who are receiving two papers when they know they should receive but one, kindly notify us that the proper correction may be made.

IOWA TRACT SOCIETY.

MAGAZINE WORK

A business man, who had been buying our monthly magazines, expressed great pleasure in being able to secure a copy again. He greatly encouraged us in our work and ask-

ed us to call again. Many people are interested in our magazines when they learn that they are Seventh-day Adventist literature.

NETHA STUTSON.

I am indeed very much encouraged with the magazine work which is being carried on by the Mason City church.

One day a company of three started out, and in a short time nearly three hundred papers were sold. We have some faithful workers and hope to make a record in the magazine work during the summer. One busy sister, who has much housework to do, sold one hundred and twenty-five magazines in less than one day. Others are preparing to devote part, if not all of their time to this important work.

HERTHA BENSON.

Everywhere we find golden opportunities to spread the message. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand." Eccl. 11:6. We do not always learn of the direct results of our seed sowing, but it is encouraging to know that people do accept the truth through reading our periodicals.

A copy of the *Signs of the Times* found its way into the home of a lady in this State. She carefully kept it for one year, not knowing that any other papers could be obtained. She sent it to her son who is in the service in France, and told him to return it, which he did. She came in touch with some of our people and learned more of the truth, and as a result she was recently baptized, and is now rejoicing in the knowledge of this truth.

HARRIET MORSE.

Wanted.—At once, a man to work on farm by month; usual wages and church privileges. Address R. L. Johnson, Webb, Iowa.

Wanted.—A place to work on farm with Seventh-day Adventists by a boy 19 years old. Address Adelson Shaw, Jr., Route 2, Albert City, Iowa.

Professional.—Your photo developing and printing will be given professional attention. No charge for mailing finished work. I will hand color in oil any one print free. Address Mr. H. B. Cross, 1324 Griswold St., Burlington, Iowa.