# HOME 

Battle Creek, Mich., October, 1894.

## THE WORK BEFORE US AS A PEOPLE.

The preaching of the gospel of the kingdom in all the world is the last and surest sign of the end, Matt. 24:14. While God is restraining the nations of the earth from war and strife, it is for the people of God to proclaim to the inhabitants of the world the gospel of the kingdom. When this is done, the work is over. When it has gone to these nations as a witness, then the end will come.

But what shall be understood by "all the world"? Does it mean every particular people and tribe? or is the expression a general one, meaning here and there a person in these different nations? To how many nations, kindreds, tongues, and peoples on this earth is the gospel to be preached? An answer is found in Rev. 14:6. If the expression, "Every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people," was inspired by God, who dares limit it? Who would presume to exclude one single nation, or tribe, or people? There are hundreds of tribes in Africa who know nothing of the gospel's joyful sound, and many of these are entirely distinct from the others, having nothing in common. With such it would be looked upon as a greater act of impropriety for persons of different tribes, although of the same color, to intermarry, than it would be for the whites and the blacks to intermarry in this country. India represents the Asiatic countries and religions much the same as the United States does the European. In India there are over one hundred and forty different dialects. It is the same in Japan. Now shall we conclude that any of these will be passed by? If so, which? The earth is said to be lightened with the glory of the mighty angel that comes down from heaven ; and as extensive as is the light of the sun on this earth, so extensive will be the call of God in the proclamation of the truth for this time. Rev. 18:1-4; Ps.' $50: 1$.
From the king upon his throne, to the humblest peasant in his cot, all, rich and poor, high and low, will hear the sound; and some from all these classes, even kings and queens, will aid the work directly or indirectly, thus preparing the way for the knowledge of the gospel to extend to all the world. "Rev. 10 :

11 ; Ps. $49: 1,2$; Isa. $49: 22,23$. In no one place or country can it be expected that large numbers will accept the truth and be saved, but the work will be to gather a few here and a few there, from all portions of the earth. Mark $13: 27$. These saints must be in every portion of the earth, or the Saviour would not have said, "From the uttermost part of the earth to the attermost part of heaven." They will be gathered like fruit at the harvest. Isa. 24:13; Micah 7:1, 2; Isa. 17:4-6. From valley to hilltop, even to those who dwell in rocks, in the tops of the mountains, and to the islands of the seas the gospel will go ; and in its triumph, when the Lord pours out his Holy Spirit, there will be voices heard from every land, praising God. Such will be the triumph of the third angel's message. Isa. $24: 14-16 ; 42: 10-12$.

There are mountains of solid rock in India, and in the tops of them are eave-temples; the auditorium in one of these is one hundred and twenty feet long, forty feet wide, and twenty feet high, and the ceiling is supported by forty massive pillars which have never been severed from the rock at the top or the bottom. Outside of these pillars is a walk eight or ten feet wide, all around three sides of the room. In the farther end is a large rock, shaped like a sugar cone, with some apertures which are made to honor in some way the god they worship. In these temples the people live, and in some of them there are hundreds of persons literally dwelling in the rocks. When the tourists visit the caves, they come out like swarms of bees in the morning. For a description of them, see article entitled, "A Visit to the Karlee Cave," in the Review, Vol. 68, pp. 186, 187 (March 24, 1891).

But the question may be asked, How are those who live in such isolated places to be reached? An answer to this is found in Jer. $16: 16$. It would seem. that the prophet, in viewing the world, saw fishers and hunters seeking their game, and he takes them as a figure to illustrate how it will be when those who fear God search in these secluded spots of the earth for souls. Men and women as colporters, canvassers, Bible readers, and preachers, in fact, those engaged in every phase of the work, will go into these foreign
fields, and hunt for souls who will finally receive the truth; and.when the work closes, there will be some praising God in all these places. It would be no more marvelous if some who read these lines should be among the number to go to these foreign fields and search out these precious jewels for whom Ohrist died, than it was for humble fishermen to be chosen as apostles in the days of Christ, or than are some things that have already happened in this work.

Islands of the sea will be found, whose inhabitants are waiting for the law of God; and Christ will not be discouraged in the work until they have heard. Isa. 42: 4. The missionary ship "Pitcairn" has already visted Tahiti and other islands. About one hundred years ago, the first missionaries, who came from the West, reached these islands. After crossing the day-line, or the one hundred and eightieth meridian, they did not change their reckoning, and so they kept Saturday for Sunday. Thus the natives, when they embraced Christianity, did the same. About fifty years ago the French took possession of some of these islands, and compelled the natives to change their Sabbath to the first day of the week. But now some of the natives, learning from our friends that there are those who observe the seventh day, are anxious to return to the keeping of it, thus literally fulfilling the scripture, "The isles shall wait for his law."
Even isles which have never heard the gospel will hear of the law of God, and some will embrace the truth. Isa. 66:19, 20. The term "litter" and other expressions now used in referring to the means of conveyance of missionaries and others in the northern portion of Ohina, are Bible expressions which show what will be the extent and triumph of the gospel in the last days. Our hearts need to be enlarged, that we may more fully comprehend this. When our prayers and sympathies run out with Christ in this work, we shall be more like him in our love. And if we can do no more than pray, and drop the weekly offering, however small, into the treasury, we are doing what we can to aid in the work ; and as it was said of one of old, "She hath done what she could," so it will be said of us. Because "thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things : enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." S. N. Haskell.
"Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then, said I, Here am I: send me." Isa. 6:8.

GENERAL REPORT OF FIRST-DAY OFFERINGS FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1894.
(COLLECTIONS FROM boxes.)

| NaIE OR CONPERENCR. | Whole Amount for Quarter. | Hem. of Conference. | Amount per Member per Quarter |
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Distriot No. 1.-Atlantic.



| Distaict No. 3.-Lake. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Illinois. . . . . . . . . . . . | \$115 | 23 |
| Indiana. | 56 | 26 |
| Michigan. | 253 | 16 |
| Ohio. | 152 | 87 |

District No. 4.— Northwest.

| Iowa | \$546 57 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Manitoba. |  |
| Minnesota. | 12862 |
| Nebraska. | 8012 |
| South Dakota. | 11842 |
| Wiscousin. | 15202 |
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District No. 5.-Southwest.

| Arkansas. | \$ 7 \% 0 | 351 | . 021 |
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| Colorado. | *117 18 | 560 | . 209 |
| Kansas | 12045 | 2,003 | . 060 |
| Missouri | 10498 | 847 | . 123 |
| Oklahoma | 718 | 223 | 032 |
| Texas. | 3221 | 519 | . 062 |
| Totals. | \$389 51 | 4,503 | . 086 |
| Distriot No. 6.-Pacific. |  |  |  |
| California........... | \$603 97 | 2,707 | . 223 |
| Montana. |  | 79 |  |
| North Pacific.. | 19943 | 1,100 | . 181 |
| Upper Columbia. ...... |  | 519 |  |
| Totals... | \$803 40 | 4,405 | . 182 |
| Foreign Distriots. |  |  |  |
| England..... ..... | \$ 8515 | 312 | . 278 |
| Honolulu . . . | 240 |  |  |
| South Africa. . | *234 04 | 181 | 1.453 |
| South America | 487 | 20 | . 243 |
| Totals. | \$326 46 | 493 | . $85 \%$ |
| Grand Totals. | 3,780 66 | 38,791 | . 111 |

[^0]GENERAL SUMMARY.


From April 1 to June 30, 1894.

| Forbian migbions. |  | hamburg bulliding | G fund. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Arkansas, | \$ 5000 | Iowa, | \$100 00 |
| Anstralia, | 12950 | Kansas, | 3800 |
| California, | 20670 | Upper Columbia, | 1560 |
| Colorado, | 50447 | Wisconsin, | 100 |
| Indiana, | 2850 |  |  |
| Iowa, | 10000 | Total, | \$15400 |
| Kansas, | 200 | scandivavian miss |  |
| Michigan, | ${ }_{4}^{513} 20$ | Atlantic (for Sweden), | \$ 600 |
| New York, | 432 87 80 20 | Indiana, | 10100 |
| Ohio, | 15532 | Iowa, | 1172 |
| Pennsylvania, | 80500 | Wpper Colnmbia, | 1000 |
| South America, | 4632 | West Virginia (for School) | 500 370 |
| South Dakota. | 19273 | Wisconsit, |  |
| Upper Columbia, | 198 | Total, | \$13742 |
| West Indies, Wisconsin. | $\begin{array}{r} 3048 \\ 17500 \end{array}$ | briplsh missio |  |
| Total, | $\xrightarrow{175980}$ | California (for London), Iowa, | $\$ \begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 17 \\ 59 \\ 59 \end{array}$ |
| hamburg mishion. |  | Total. | \$19 09 |
| Indiana, | \$ 1000 | Central european mission. |  |
| Michigan, | 1100 | California, | \$ 9900 |
| Minnesota, | 27400 | Iowa, | 4432 |
| Missouri, |  |  |  |
| Weuthern Mission, | 125 | Total, | \$143 32 |
| West Indies, | 304 | INDIA MISSION. <br> California, | \$ 3000 |
| Total, | \$300 04 | Iowa, | 1500 |

New York,

| Total, |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| TORKLSH Misslon. | $\$ 5000$ |
| Towa, | $\$ 500$ |

WEST AFRICAN MISSION.
California,
New York,
Total,
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Calfornía (for Mashonaland) $\$ 3000$ south african mission.
Maine,
AUSTRALIAN MISSION

| Caiifornia, | $\$ 200$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Colorado, | 1000 |
| Michigan, | 825 |
| New York, | 1000 |
| Total, | $\$ 3025$ |

NEW ZEALAND MISSION.
Iowa,
$\$ 1 \pi 50$
Michigan,
2500
Total,
California,
Vermont, (for Taibiti)
$\$ 16850$ 5000
Total, $\quad \$ 21850$
central american massion.
Michigan,
mexican mission.
$\begin{array}{lr}\text { California, } \\ \text { New York, } & \$ 500 \\ & 500\end{array}$
Total, $\$ 1000$
SOUTH $\triangle$ MERICAN MISSION.
Michigan,
$\$ 1000$
Grand Total, $\$ 4,18977$

## CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS RECEIVED SINCE MARCE 20.



## ITEMIZRD REPORT OF FIRST-DAY OFFHRINGS.

For Quartirr Ending June 31, 1894.


| Ohildstown. 625 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Camp-meeting don's, 4268 |  |
| Ellswcrth, | 200 |
| Iroquois, | 200 |
| Individuals, | 75 |
| Lakeside, | 10 |
| Milltown. | 350 |
| Sunny Side, | 419 |
| Swan Luke, | 825 |
| Vilas. | 738 |
| Westford, |  |
| Watertown, | 512 |
| Total, | 9618 |
| Belonging to prey.qr. 2224 |  |
| Am't in gen'l rep't, \$11842 |  |
| OHIO. |  |
| Akron, $\quad \$ 678$ |  |
| $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Broughton, } & 487 \\ \text { Bloomington, } & 3 \\ & 355\end{array}$ |  |
| Bedford, <br> Bellevilie, <br>  |  |
| Belleville, | 259 |
| Bowling Green, $\quad 100$ |  |
|  |  |
| Camden, $\quad 80$ |  |
| Chagrin Falls, | 560 |
| Coshocton, 82 |  |
| Cleveland, | 960 |
| Cincinnati, 871 |  |
| Clyde, | 315 |
| Dunkirk, 200 |  |
| East Liverpool, | ${ }^{79}$ |
| Fulton, 189 |  |
| Genoa, | 52 |
| Gilboa, - 405 |  |
| Grape Grove, 200 |  |
| Hamler, $\quad 578$ |  |
|  |  |
| Leesburgh, 200 |  |
|  |  |
| La Grange, | 685 |
|  | 240 28 |



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| :--- | ---: |
| Bowling Green, | $\$ 169$ |
| Cross Plains, | 163 |
| Edgefield Junction, | 166 |
| Knoxville, | 100 |
| Nashville, | 865 |
| Springville, | 170 |
| Miscellaneous, | 116 |
| $\quad$ Total, | $\$ 1129$ |

## SOUTHERN MISSION.

| Alabama, | $\$ 251$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Cumberland Mission, | 767 |
| Georgia, | 100 |
| Louigiana, | 295 |
| No. Carolina, | 100 |
| Total, | $\$ 1518$ |

## ARKANSAS.

## Argenta,

Springdale,
Van Buren,
Total,




[^0]:    * For more than one quarter.

