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LABORERS TOGETHER

THE Lord associates with Himself all his true children in the work of saving men. In the case of the minister the Lord puts his power, the Holy Spirit and the tithe against the entire time and energy of His servant. So with all classes of laborers that devote their entire time to the Lord's work; therefore these are said to be "Laborers together with God." 1 Cor. 3: 9. It is not difficult to understand this; but in what sense are we *all* co-laborers? Some may reason that they pay their tithes to sustain the Lord's work, and that is their share in the work; but let us consider that for a moment: "The tithe is the Lord's." Lev. 27: 30; and when we have paid a tithe to the Lord, we have rendered unto him only his own, and have in no sense contributed to the cause and work of God. We have only made it possible for the Lord to devote his own towards the work of saving men. This being true, it is evident that we must add offerings out of our nine-tenths, and this constitutes us "Laborers together with God."

The Lord does not in terms state just how much we shall give, but he

regards it robbery if we withhold, Mal. 3: 8, because he has taken us into his association to accomplish a certain work. The Lord has not left us without a guide in the matter of offerings. First, we are to remember that it is the Lord that gives power to get wealth. Deut. 8: 18. The earth yields her fruit at his command, and he expects his true children, at least, to recognize this fact, and then in return he looks for them to purpose in their hearts what proportion they will devote to his work in the earth. 1 Cor. 16: 2.

It has seemed wisdom to our leading brethren to arrange that our foreign missionaries should receive their support largely from the offerings of the people, and if the Lord's plan were followed, and we all purposed in our hearts to offer a sum equal to one-half our tithe, there would be ample means for the present. We have not yet attained to this simple proposition of the Lord, to have some fixed purpose of giving on the basis of his prospering hand upon us; and now we are admonished to contribute at least ten cents a week for missionary purposes. This would be only five percent of two dollars each week. If the Lord is pleased with this meager sum, we certainly ought to be content to pay it. Let each one think this matter over for himself, and then act according as God gives wisdom. The Lord is soon coming, and the nations must hear the message, and the children of God in Christian lands must receive the reward of the faithful.

ALLEN MOON.

Pres. Lake Union Conference.

DRAGGED crosses are very heavy, but carried crosses are very light.

We trust our people will constantly remember the weekly offerings for missions. If our librarians have not the small envelopes for these offerings, write to our secretary, and they will be sent free.

THE REGIONS BEYOND

THE Third Angel's Message which God has intrusted to Seventh-day Adventists, and, in fact, that which has developed a church known as the Seventh-day Adventist church, is a message that is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, and the sooner we get our eyes beyond the borders of our own conference, and even beyond the borders of the United States and look upon the *world* which is waiting and calling for the message, the sooner this message will accomplish its mission and the work will close and God will gather to himself his people.

When we consider the millions and millions of people in distant lands who are in ignorance in regard to the message, should we not lay our plans to quickly carry to them the truth, and ought we not to spend even more money in carrying the truth to countries where the message has never sounded, than we spend in our home conference where the truth has been preached for the last 30 or 40 years? Shall we not awake to our duty and take a greater interest than we ever have before in the work in foreign lands?

How many of our churches are provided with the Second Sabbath Readings that give reports from our different missionaries scattered in all parts of the world? It is the purpose of the General Conference to send to every elder in the conference a Second Sabbath Reading the first of each month, and these readings should not be laid aside or put in the fire, but they should be carefully studied, and the second Sabbath in each month should be sacredly devoted to the consideration of this reading and our work in distant lands.

Will not all of our church officers at once take a deeper interest in this matter, and constantly keep before our brethren and sisters the matter of weekly offerings, that a constant

stream may be flowing to meet the expenses of extending our work into regions beyond?

Much has been said in regard to our people devoting ten cents a week for this purpose. There are those who can give more perhaps, and there are many who cannot give so much; but, let every person who has received a knowledge of present truth esteem it a privilege and feel it his duty to make a weekly offering either large or small to assist in carrying forward to completion this world wide message. If any of our churches are not provided with the offering envelopes, send to our office and we will gladly see that they are furnished to you free. These envelopes should be distributed one Sabbath and then gathered up the next Sabbath, and the offerings can be forwarded each month by the treasurer when he forwards the tithe to our state treasurer. Shall we not see a greater interest taken in the work in foreign lands, and a real awakening upon this subject in the Indiana Conference? God grant that it may be so. W. J. STONE.

IMPORTANT GATHERING

BRETHREN and sisters, God is calling for our youth to enter his service. Hear what he says.

"Let the overseers of the churches devise plans whereby young men and women may be trained to put to use their entrusted talents. Let the older members of the church seek to do earnest compassionate work for the children and youth. Plan ways whereby a live interest may be kindled. Train the young to do what is appointed them. Let not the youth be ignored; let them share in the labor and responsibility. Let them feel they have a part to act in helping and blessing others. *The Lord is not glorified when the children are neglected and passed by.* They are to be educated, disciplined, and patiently instructed. When the dew of youth is upon them, children should be trained how to do service for Christ. In these last days, children's voices will be raised to give this last message of warning to a perishing world.

"Will the young men and young women who really love Jesus organize themselves together as workers? Can you not form companies, and,

as soldiers of Christ, enlist in the work, putting all your tact and skill and talent into the Master's service?"

Shall we not now take up this long neglected phase of the work? Is it not time that we begin to get our children into work?

The Conference Committee feels the importance of this work so much that they have asked the Educational Department to arrange for a *state convention of our young people*, that they may spend a few days in studying the best methods of labor.

Consecrated young men and women of ability are needed as conference laborers. Shall we not assist such in getting the necessary preparation that they may be successful laborers for the Master?

It has been decided to hold a young people's state convention at the Manual Training Academy, April 14 to 16. We are very anxious that representatives shall be at this gathering from every church in the state. Parents, will you send your children? They cannot come unless you provide the means. All the particulars will be found in the letter from the Educational Department which has been sent out and was read in your church last Sabbath.

If you desire any further information write to the undersigned at Fairland, Ind., R. F. D. No. 1.

As soon as you decide to come and bring your children, or send them, please write me, so that I may know how to arrange for your entertainment. Educational Department.

W. D. CURTIS, Supt.

SHALL WE GIVE THE GOSPEL TO THE JEWS?

THE work which God has entrusted to us is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. This certainly includes the Jew. Yet thus far in our experience we have done comparatively little if anything for them. The Lord has spoken definitely to us as a people that work for the Jews ought to be done, and to this end a young man was raised up some thirty years ago, and was connected with the publishing house in Battle Creek. See Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 3, page 206.

Not very long ago, Elder F. C. Gilbert received a communication from Sister White, in which is contained the following concerning the

Jewish work: "The slumbering faculties of the Jewish people must be aroused. . . Souls will be saved from the Jewish nation, as the doors of the New Testament are unlocked with the key of the Old Testament. . . Many of the Jewish people will by faith receive Christ as their Redeemer."

Elder F. C. Gilbert has recently written a tract for the Jewish people. The cut in this article illustrates the first page of it, in a reduced size. It is written in two languages, parallel pages, Jewish and English. Now will not all our people take hold and distribute this tract? The Jews are found everywhere, and they are very willing to read anything to-day hear-

**ובא לציון
גואל ורשבי
פשע ביעקב
נאום יהודה.
ישעיה נט. פסוק"כ.**

אין דער ערלענער וואל קוועטן אין ציון און אדעקגעחטן דעם
ויגער פון יעקב. האט געזאגט ייִהוה ישעיה ק. נט. פ. כ.



AND THE REDEEMER SHALL COME TO ZION, AND TURN
AWAY TRANSGRESSION IN JACOB. SAITH JEHOVAH.
Isaiah 59:20. Hebrew Translation.

ing on the gospel Who has anything for the Jews to-day as Seventh-day Adventists have? Every truth we hold so dear the Jews once possessed before us. Shall we not give to them the gospel message for to-day?

The tract will be sent in any quantity to all who desire to circulate it, and it is hoped that thousands of them will be distributed. The tracts are sent *free*, but if you desire to send a freewill offering when you send for some, it will assist the work along so much more. Send all orders to Elder F. C. Gilbert, who has the oversight of the work. Address him at South Lancaster, Mass., or orders can be sent to Central New England Tract Society, South Lancaster, Mass. Be sure and send for some of these tracts. "God hath not cast away His people which He foreknew." Will you?

A. E. PLACE.

OLIVET CHAPEL

By the advice of the Indiana Conference committee, I came to this place the last of Jan., but finding a meeting in progress by another denomination, it was thought best not to begin meetings until later. I met Elder Stone at Anderson, and it was decided that I go to Fair Oaks and join Brother Swartz in some meetings there. We procured the use of the Christian church and held meetings four weeks with good audiences. There was some interest, but the time had come for me to return to Olivet Chapel, so I left the interest at Fair Oaks with Brother Swartz.

I reached Olivet Chapel March 3rd, and began meetings under somewhat unfavorable circumstances, being dark nights and muddy roads, but the interest has increased, and the Lord has blessed our efforts, so that up to the present, five have united with the church, and the interest is still good. The brethren are of good courage in the work. To the Lord be all the praise.

Pray for the work here.

F. M. ROBERTS.

A TEMPERANCE REVIVAL

THERE is a great temperance wave arising all over the land. In the South the prohibition movement is going like wild fire; the same is true in parts of the North. On a recent Sunday, temperance sermons were preached from two thousand Illinois pulpits. Unfortunately in the end all this will amount to but little as the root is not reached, but is not this a call for us who are far in advance of other people in practical temperance to step in while the waters are troubled and teach genuine gospel temperance, thereby creating openings to present the entire truth?

Therefore we have decided to issue the April *Life Boat* as a special temperance number. We will consider the patent medicine delusion, the morphine and cocaine evil, the liquor traffic, tobacco curse, tea and coffee, and the causes underlying all, and also present gospel deliverance from these curses.

This will be a good number to put into the hands of ministers and Christian workers. Names and addresses can be sent to us or *Life Boats* will be furnished in quantities at two cents each.

DAVID PAULSON, M. D.

MARTINSVILLE

THE interest here is still rising. A goodly number attend our Sabbath meetings, and last Sunday night the seats were nearly all full.

A lady teacher in the Christian Sunday-school has begun to keep the Sabbath. She has much opposition in her home and her husband will not allow us to visit there, but she has interested several of her neighbors with whom we are now holding readings.

Another young lady where we are holding readings Friday nights has begun to keep the Sabbath, and we have invitations to hold readings with some of the leading people of the city. So the work is onward. After the meeting Sabbath, I asked how many there were who would like to unite in church fellowship. There are 15 ready to go into an organization.

We are of good courage.

C. J. BUHALTS.

LETTER FROM ARIZONA

Dear Brother Stone:

I HAVE just finished reading the *REPORTER* of March 1, 1905, and it was such a source of encouragement to me, that I feel to write you a few lines concerning it.

I am away out here in Arizona, and while the work here is near and dear to me and I rejoice at its advancement, yet, when I read this last *REPORTER* and saw the feeling of courage, confidence, and advancement that exists in Indiana today, I could not help but feel to praise God that a new order of things has come in; and that instead of old debts, and discouraged churches, and individuals, we have before us a much improved financial condition, and churches, and individuals, who are advancing and growing spiritually.

I am glad to see aggressive work being done, and especially that Bible workers are being put into the field.

I know that the work in Indiana is moving along right lines, and that if the policy of the front page article is carried out, there will be confidence, and plenty of money as a result of that confidence, with which to carry on the work.

One thing that rejoiced me particularly was the note concerning Elder Curtis' talk on "The Relation of Ministers and Workers to the Young People." It speaks to me of advance-

ment to this cause. I do not know what he said, but am sure it was something good, and that there never was a time in the history of this cause more appropriate for remarks from our leading brethren and efforts along this line, than now.

We have enjoyed the winter here, and have been well, and not even had a bad cold. The fields are all green, and the flowers all out in their best dress. The sun shines warm and bright, and the evenings are cool. We expect to get home soon and take up our duties with renewed courage and zeal.

May the dear Lord bless, and may we see such advancement in the work as never has been seen in Indiana, is my prayer.

Yours for the truth.

G. A. ROBERTS.

OUR ANNUAL OFFERING

MORE than thirty-three thousand dollars, as a result of the annual offering to missions, have been received at the general office thus far this year. This exceeds the amount ever received during the same period from any previous offering.

We are sure our people who are interested in the work in foreign fields will be glad for this information. The fund is still kept open for a large number who have made pledges, and for those who desire to increase their offering at a later date. All are invited to have a part in this work. May the fund be swelled to fifty thousand dollars, or more, for our needy mission fields. Every gift, whether large or small, is appreciated. Let the prayers of the people go with the offering, that the Lord may greatly bless the work in these fields.

MISSION BOARD.

ELDERS CURTIS and STONE were with the Connersville church Sabbath, March 18, and the church enjoyed a real refreshing. It was good to be there. A board meeting of the sanitarium was held evening after the Sabbath, and plans were considered and steps taken to make the institution more proficient. The Sanitarium has reached a point where it is paying expenses, and is doing a good work.

SEND 25 cents for the *REPORTER* for one year.

NEWS and NOTES

Nothing will correct a libel quicker than correct living.

ELDER HARRIS was with the Elnora church Sabbath, March, 18.

ELDER ROBERTS reports five additions to the Olivet Chapel church as a result of his meetings.

ELDER BUHALTS sends a very encouraging report of the work at Martinsville. Others are taking their stand for the truth.

U. S. ANDERSON still reports a good interest in his work near Hartford City, and says that others have taken a stand for the truth.

AN encouraging letter has been received from Brother Grant Roberts from Arizona which appears in this issue of the REPORTER.

OUR school located at College View, Nebraska is conducting a "Home Improvement Course." The courses began March 1.

BROTHER ELLIOTT reports some very interesting meetings in the country from Logansport, and a good opening for a series of meetings.

ARE YOU a subscriber to *The Southern Watchman*? It is an excellent missionary paper and should have a place in the field with our other periodicals.

FOR the information of those who expect to attend the General Conference, will say, that they will be charged 25 cents a meal for food and \$9.00 for a tent with bed, wash stand, ect., for the three weeks of the conference. Or with two beds in the tent, the price will be \$11.00.

HAVE YOU ordered a Year Book for 1905? They are now ready. And with its present contents, it is a very valuable pamphlet to loan in doing missionary work. Order from our office.

THE *Signs of the Times* is doing an excellent work, and hundreds of very encouraging letters are being received from those receiving it, showing their appreciation of the paper.

SISTER ALMA KNAPP sends a very encouraging report of the school and young people's meetings at Wolf Lake. The Lord is greatly blessing our young people and the school at that place.

BROTHER ROBERT LEACH writes that there were twenty-one in attendance at the Sabbath-school Mar. 18, where they have recently been holding meetings, and that others are still deeply interested.

THE paper, *Life and Health*, is receiving hundreds of new subscribers. Are you a subscriber? If not, you should become one that you may obtain the valuable information that it contains from month to month.

THE Boggstown Academy after most generously giving more than \$30.00 to the Annual Offerings, has manifested anew its spirit of liberality by donating \$3.31 to the Religious Liberty Fund. Good! Praise the Lord.

ANY of our elders or scattered brethren and sisters who are not receiving the Second Sabbath Readings will have their names enrolled and receive the readings regularly if they will report their names to our office.

A BROTHER writes: "I pay ten cents a week (beside the tithe) on the envelope plan, which I like very much indeed. I think if all would form a system of giving they would find it so much easier and would enjoy it."

WE wish to remind our readers that the first Sabbath in April is the date for the semi-annual collection for the Haskell Home, and ask that all our people be as liberal as possible in their offerings, either in money or donating clothing etc. This home is doing a noble work.

THE church at North Liberty has been enjoying a refreshing by the series of meetings recently held there by Elder Hagle. Several have been reclaimed, but we have not heard the outcome of the effort. Elder Young was with them Sabbath and Sunday, March 18-19, and reports excellent meetings.

SISTER NIEHAUS is already finding interested readers at Connersville, and one of her readers was at the meeting when Elders Stone and Curtis were there, and enjoyed the meeting very much.

A BROTHER writes: "I am glad you folks are coming down to business, in a business like way. Stick to it and I am with you. Of course I do not amount to much, but every rill helps to make up the large streams. So I feel like adding my mite."

BROTHER STEELE writes that those who took a stand for the truth at Oxford are still faithful, although they have just passed through the trial of a sensational revival held by their former church. He reports the companies at Pleasant View and Rock Lane as much encouraged by meetings held with them.

THE Twenty-third street Indianapolis church enjoyed a refreshing Sabbath, March 11. It was "missionary day," and the second Sabbath reading was considered, different ones taking part. Elder Stone was present and gave a short talk in regard to the importance of always giving the second Sabbath readings the preference, and making the meeting interesting. He also spoke of the importance of the weekly offerings to support our needy missions.

THE matron at our Manual Training Academy, Sister Howard, has this to say of Wesson Cooking Oil: "We are using 'Wesson Cooking Oil' at the Academy, and consider it the best shortening we ever used aside from butter. We use it for shortening, seasoning, making gravies, and for general purposes where fat is required. It is the most economical shortening in use." You can procure it from the Indiana Conference office, 221 Unity Building, Indianapolis, in 2 or 5 pound cans, or in barrels or 1/2 barrels. Prices range from 7 to 10 cents a pound, owing to quantity. In 100 pound lots the transportation will be free anywhere in Indiana.

REPORT OF CANVASSING WORK FOR SIX WEEKS, ENDING MARCH, 25, 1905

NAME.	PLACE.	Book.	Hours.	Orders	Value.	Value Helps.	Value Del.	Orders from Office.
Blankenship, James.	Medaryville	Bible Read	87	28	\$ 80 00	\$ 50		
Browning, H. S.	Indianapolis	Miscellaneous						
Bartholomew, F. N.	St. Joseph Co.	B. R. & C.K.						
Bernard, F. G.	Goshen	Miscellaneous		3	2 75			
Ford, A. C.	Clay Co.	Bible Read						
Grim, Martin	Green Co.	Helps	38		80 00	5 50	70 00	
McCuaig, W. C.	Goshen	Dan. and Rev.	24	4	8 75	3 00		
Randall, Albert	Huntington	Coming King						
Young, C. L.	Putnam Co.	Bible Read						
Totals			111	73	\$171 50	\$ 9 00	70 00	

THE INDIANA REPORTER

SUPPLEMENT.

MARCH 29, 1905

THE WORK NOT FINISHED

To our loyal brethren and sisters in every part of the world, whose eyes are turned towards Washington at the present time, I am thankful to say that the largest, and in many respects the most encouraging meeting ever held by Seventh-day Adventists in Washington, D. C., was the meeting held at Lafayette opera house Sunday evening, February 19. A large number of people of a most excellent class filled the main auditorium and the first gallery. There were also quite a number in the gallery above. Elder Luther Warren spoke on the subject of the power and working of Satan as contrasted with the power and working of Christ in the last days.

Let us take up any work that God gives us, with courage. The end is in sight. Let us be strong to do his work. Now, dear brethren, there is one special work which is not finished. Let us finish it while the day lasts, for the night soon cometh, when no man can work. I refer to the work of selling "Christ's Object Lessons." In the future I shall give a few statements from those who have had interesting experiences. I can only quote in this article one statement, and that from Brother W. C. Sisley, with whom nearly all our people are well acquainted.

"I have had a very precious experience in selling 'Christ's Object Lessons,' both in the States and in England. I have sold over 300 copies without interfering in the least with my regular work. Most of the books were sold to business men, and I have been surprised to find how many of these men are interested in spiritual things. One notable case: A keen business man when approached I found to be a Sunday-school superintendent. We were both melted to tears while I showed him the pictures illustrating the Prodigal Son. I could see nothing but the amazing love of Christ in these pictures. He bought thirteen copies—one for each of his twelve teachers, and one for himself. The blessings

received while selling these books are still invaluable to me."

J. S. WASHBURN.

CANVASSING EXPERIENCE

SINCE I have been canvassing and reporting to the conference some of my experiences, I have been asked to write some of my blessed experiences for the REPORTER. I am quite sure that others have had similar experiences, and we would be glad to hear from them.

I have had blessings from the very beginning of my work as a canvasser,—the Lord has wonderfully blessed me many times, and helped me to get orders. I mention one instance where I was canvassing in a neighborhood and came to a German settlement. When I got in that neighborhood I could not make the people understand me. I succeeded in selling one German Bible Reading, however, and left there and canvassed in another place. The time came for me to make my delivery. I delivered that German his book, then he loaned it, asking me to canvass the whole German settlement with it. I did so. As soon as I started, those people began to go ahead of me and tell their neighbors what a good book I had, and all I had to do was to get the names, order the books, and deliver them. I find it no trouble to take orders for our books; there are no nicer books published than ours; and why should they not sell? "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness, . . . and then shall the end come."

The Lord has told us that these books contain present truth, and can be sold, and that there is no better way of getting the truth in the homes of the people. "The canvassing work rightly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order." Brethren, I find it so. I have had men to enquire for me in town (men who had bought Bible Readings), and ask me if I had any other books. One man asked me whether or not I could sell him the

book, Daniel and the Revelation. He said he saw it quoted so many times in Bible Readings, that it had interested him enough to purchase it. I procured it for him, and he became deeply absorbed in its contents, and spoke of the soon coming Saviour. I told him to prepare to meet him. He promised me he would. Another man said, "I would not take \$25.00 for my Bible Readings and be compelled to do without it."

I can not tell all my experiences this time, but I write this that our brethren and sisters may see that my experience has been that of seeing precious souls walking in the light of his truth by scattering these precious pages, and I can not help from seeing victory every step of the way. "Say not that yet four months, and then cometh the harvest; the field is ripe already for harvest." Lord, send more canvassers in the field, is my prayer. J. M. BLANKENSHIP.

A DREAM THAT CAME TRUE

"THE fifty copies of the *Signs*, dated January 18, came all right. Sunday morning as I was on my way to the jail with *Signs* and *Life Boats* on my arm I saw a man in a buggy talking with two women. As I came near them, he said, 'I don't know whether we are doing what the Lord wants us to do or not,' speaking of working on Sunday. I said 'Here is a paper that will help you out.' I then handed him the *Signs* and he said 'Yes, I do want that paper.' I turned to the women and said, 'Sisters, don't you want the paper too?' They took two and another woman who was looking on took one also. Two men then came along and each bought a copy. One man asked me to bring a copy to his house every week. One woman said 'I dreamed the other night that I saw a lady on the street with papers on her arm and a crowd gathered round.' She, as well as the others, felt that the Lord had sent me, and how they did appreciate the papers." Mrs. W.

HOW ARE WE REGISTERED?

* "I BEHELD scenes in the coming judgment" said the Lord's faithful servant, in relating how the "Spirit of the Lord rested upon" her.

We cannot use space to reproduce what is said of the conviction and trembling that seized upon individuals who stood before the "person of majestic appearance," as "his glance seemed to burn into their very souls." "Several books were before him, and upon the covers of each was written in letters of gold, which seemed like a burning flame of fire, 'Ledger of Heaven.'

"One class were registered as cumberers of the ground. As the piercing eye of the Judge rested upon these, their sins of neglect were distinctly revealed. With pale, quivering lips they acknowledged that they had been traitors to their holy trust. They had had warnings and privileges, but they had not heeded nor improved them. They could now see that they had presumed too much upon the mercy of God. True, they had not such confessions to make as had the vile and basely corrupt; but, like the fig tree, they were cursed because they bore no fruit, because they had not put to use the talents intrusted to them. This class had made self supreme, laboring only for selfish interests. Although professing to be servants of Christ, they brought no souls to him. Had the cause of God been dependent on their efforts, it would have languished; for they not only withheld the means lent them of God, but they withheld themselves.

"The names of all who profess the truth were mentioned. Some were reproved for their unbelief, others for having been slothful servants. They had allowed others to do the work in the Master's vineyard, and to bear the heaviest responsibilities, while they were selfishly serving their own temporal interests. Had they cultivated the abilities God had given them, they could have been burden bearers, working for the interest of the Master. Said the Judge, 'all will be justified by their faith, and judged by their works.' How vividly then appeared their neglect, and how wise the arrangement of God in giving to every man a work to do to promote the cause and save his fellow-men. Each was to demonstrate a living faith in his family and in his neighborhood, by showing

kindness to the poor, sympathizing with the afflicted, engaging in missionary labor. But like Meroz, the curse of God rested upon them for what they had not done.

"The scene then passed away, and I found myself still upon the earth, inexpressibly grateful that the day of God had not yet come, and that precious probationary time is still granted us in which to prepare for eternity."

What did we find to be so "distinctly revealed," as the "Ledger of Heaven" was open before the Judge? "Sins of Neglect."

The Lord has shown conclusively that if there is one line of missionary work more important than another, it is the "one that will educate men and women to do pastoral labor."

"Every one is not fitted for this work. Those of the best talent and ability, who will take hold of the work understandingly and systematically, and carry it forward with persevering energy, are the ones who should be selected. There should be a most thoroughly organized plan; and this should be faithfully carried out. Churches in every place should feel the deepest interest in the tract and missionary work.

"The volumes of Spirit of Prophecy, and also the Testimonies, should be introduced into every Sabbath-keeping family, and the brethren should know their value and be urged to read them. It was not the wisest plan to place these books at a low figure and have only one set in a church. They should be in the library of every family, and read again and again. Let them be kept where they can be read by many, and let them be worn out in being read by all the neighbors. There should be evening readings, in which one should read aloud to those assembled at the winter fireside. There is but little interest manifested to make the most of the light given of God. Much of it is concerning family duties, and instruction is given to meet almost every case and circumstance.

"God has caused precious light to be brought out in publications, and these should be owned and read by every family. Parents, your children are in danger of going contrary to the light given of Heaven, and you should both purchase and read the books; for they will be a blessing to you and yours. Many are going contrary to the light which God has given to his people, because they do not read the books which contain

the light and knowledge in cautions, reproofs, and warnings. Cares of the world, the love of fashion, and the lack of religion, have turned the attention from the light God has so graciously given, while books and periodicals containing error are traveling all over the country.

"Skepticism and infidelity are increasing everywhere. Light so precious, coming from the throne of God, is hid under a bushel. God will make his people responsible for this neglect. They do not realize their duty to obtain subscribers for our periodicals, including our health journal, and to introduce our books and pamphlets.

"There are many in the darkness who are seeking for light. If our papers, tracts, and books, expressing the truth in plain Bible language could be widely circulated, many would find that they are just what they want. But many of our brethren act as though the people were to come to them or send to our offices to obtain publications, when thousands do not know that they exist.

"Exalt the value of the books you offer. You cannot regard them too highly.

"My soul was agonized as I saw the indifference of our people who make so high a profession. I was shown that the blood of souls will be on the garments of very many who now feel at ease and irresponsible for souls that are perishing around them for want of light and knowledge. They have come in contact with them, but have never warned them, never prayed with or for them, and never made earnest efforts to present the truth to them. I was shown that there has been a wonderful negligence on this point."

It is because of negligence along these lines, that so few of our youth have engaged in that missionary work which will supply the fitting up needful for the ministry. I speak of the canvassing work.

"Missionary work — introducing our publications into families, conversing, and praying with and for them — is a good work, and one which will educate men and women to do pastoral labor."

Then! Is it not a fact that as parents and brethren, we have neglected to place the proper estimate upon the "products" of "the press"? Because we have not purchased the books and read them to our children, and because we have not circulated them among, nor read them to, "our neighbors, are we not responsible for the scarcity of canvassers and ministers?" Are we not responsible because of these things, "for want of men who will execute plans to widely circulate" our publications?

Why do our youth have no burden for this "missionary work of the highest order", if it is not because we have belittled and neglected it?

May our names be among the blessed and not among the cursed.

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