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THE FORWARD MOVEMENT

A Revival of the Study and Practical Application of the Physical Side of Spiritual Truth in its Relation to the Second Advent of Our Lord.

"PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD."

THE SPIRIT OF HEALTH PRINCIPLES.

"The body is dead . . . but the sprit is life" so said the Apostle Paul and his pregnant words may be applied to the principles of health. Take the divine life away from these principles and they become dull, arbitrary rules, a veritable yoke of bondage, an instrument of death instead of the minister of life.

The life of the health principles is Christ. The true motive for building up the strength and beauty of the body, is in order that it may be the fit temple of the Holy Spirit. The glory of God should be the uppermost thought in the mind of every intelligent creature. How the glory of God is His perfect character, of which His law, both natural and moral, is a revelation. Therefore the desire to glorify God impels one to seek to know and strictly obey the physical laws governing the health and well-being of the body.

Quibbling over small matters is one way to take the life out of these great principles. Prescribing for others precisely the same rules as you have adopted for yourself is another way of losing this life and attractiveness of true health reform. Remember that principles are living things. If they are to thrive, they must have fit soil and an abundance of the divine sunshine. Moreover, they must be allowed to grow and adapt themselves to the circumstances just as any other living thing. As soon as you have put a limit to the size of a given tree, you have pronounced its death sentence, for a tree cannot live without growing. Just so, when you precisely define a divine principle it becomes in your hands a dead thing. You may embalm and adorn it so that it may appear beautiful to the eye; but the action is wanting. The same power is not there, and the thing is practically worthless.

It is a very hard thing to live by rules: but it is a most easy and natural thing to live in accordance with divine, living and life-giving principles. Health reform while ap-

parently pertaining especially to the physical organism is essentially a spiritual matter. We have put away fleshly lusts not only as health destroying but also because they war against the soul. In fact, rightly considered, the interests of body and soul are identical. Correct physical habits and a pure diet help to build up a pure body, which is the only fit instrument of a pure mind.

Because health principles are spiritual, we need the aid of the spirit in order to properly comprehend them. On a casual examination, many things may appear inconsistent; but prayerful, earnest, persevering study will reveal only beauty and harmony. That which Christians especially need to realize in these days, is the close connection between physical and spiritual things and the obligation resting upon all to glorify God in their body as well as in spirit.

H. E. OLSEN.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK.

Since coming to St. Louis, I have given some time to the study of the religious liberty work and how we can engage in it in a practical way the present winter. Dr. Craft, of Washington, D. C., recently spent two days in this city, speaking of the reforms necessary in successfully operating a world's fair from a moral stand-point. Many of his suggestions were excellent, but very insiduously he brought in as chief among the needed reforms, the Sunday closing of the exposition. He boasted that the reform bureau which he represented had already secured an act of congress, closing the St. Louis Exposition on Sunday, and that he had the honor of drafting the bill. He said also that they had successfully conducted through Congress fifteen other acts during the last four years.

The fact that so much success had attended their engineering of reform legislation seemed to give inspiration to their work. One feature upon which I noticed that he builded with much confidence was the fact that President Roosevelt was in sympathy with their reform work.

How significantly all of these items show that we are living in the closing events of unfulfilled prophecy! They are planning to make the present winter a season of special education along Sunday-closing lines by sending out literature for free distribution all over the country in defense of the Sunday closing act of the Louisana purchase exposition and other reforms.

Now what are we going to do at this time? A word to the wise is sufficient. It needs no argument to convince those who are loyal to the message that we now have an opportunity to educate the people upon the principles of re ligious liberty. Shall we be awake to our opportunities of allow the people to go unwarned into the deceptive trap of religious liberty? The Third Angel's Message is in the world to meet this very issue. We are here to proclaim it. This winter will be an opportune time to distribute literature that will educate the people. Ask your tract society officers for a list of suitable tracts and send in your order and prepare for work at once and the Lord will bless you in the proclamation of the message.

R. C. PORTER.

REPORTS.

DEAR READERS OF THE WORKER:—Our school has been in progress four months, and the power of God has been manifested in various ways.

The majority of our pupils are from families outside of our faith, yet their interest seems as great as ours. Parents visit the school and speak approvingly of the work done.

The way is not always smooth but we praise God for the victory. Eccl. 11:6 gives me much courage.

ANNA C. ANDERSON.

During the week of prayer I visited Ellsworth, Kanopolis and Salina. Found the brethren of good courage and enjoying the blessing of God. At Ellsworth the average attendance was not over 6. But there was a good interest. Two were added to the church. The donations were \$17.76.

May God help us as a people to arrise and shine, and send the Gospel to the dark corners of the earth is my continual prayer.

J. A. RIPPEY.

SEVERY.—I cannot help writing you something about our meetings here. The church has experienced such a revival and drawing together as it has not had for years, and the word has gone with power. Five expressed a desire to unite with us, and two others, after hearing the instruction in regard to baptism, which was given to these, and wit nessing their immersion, wished to follow them. After being instructed in and accepting all points of our faith, they, also, were baptized. One of these had never heard but one sermon and the other none. Truly God does not require human aid in this work.

H. G. LEFFINGWELL.

ELDORADO.—I am glad to report good meetings at ElDorado. During the week of prayer, though few in number, there were some faithful ones who came out to hear every reading and took part. The Lord came very near by His sweet spirit. We believe that the jets of light were seen in different parts of the land and ElDorado was not missed. We had but one meeting a day, except Christmas, at which time,—while those around us were partaking of things perishable, we met and had a real feast with the Lord. We hope that the blessings received during this week of prayer may bring forth fruit unto the Kingdom of God.

H. P. MANNY.

At the request of the Conference President, I visited the companies at Pratt and Sawyer. The adversary has been at work at Pratt to divide the company there and to rob them of the privilege of meeting together in unity. I visited with each member and endeavored to get them to see the need of pressing together in meeting the enemy of souls.

The evening before I left we had prayer meeting. All were present, each taking part, and I hope for better days there. At Sawyer the few faithful ones were longing for some help as it has been almost two years since they were visited, but they are of good courage. I spoke to them three times, and also celebrated the ordinances with them. I talked with each of the company and with some outsiders. Sold three books and took a yearly subscription for the Signs.

J. B. ASHCRAFT.

During the week of prayer I was with the Otis church part of the time and the rest of the time at Nekoma. The last Sabbath that I was with the Otis church, during the week of prayer, fifteen souls united with the church. The donations were \$61.40, and one brother promised the money for a heifer, as soon as it was sold.

Sunday following the week of prayer the annual business meeting was held. The report of the faithful librarian, H. A. Schneider, showed that over \$520 were handled by the Tract and Missionary Society of this church last year. A good share of this money went to the Southern field. Realizing the importance of the times in which we are living, and that delay shall be no longer, but that this gospel must be preached everywhere before we can expect our Saviour to come in His great glory, the brethren agreed that much more must be done the coming year. This was not all in theory, but it was put into practice. The club of papers taken by the society last year was ten, but it was now raised to twenty-five.

Although everything is not as it should be or as it is our privilege to have it, yet most of our brethren of this church have taken new courage and are determined to press forward and help to carry this gospel to the ends of the earth.

Last Sabbath a Sabbath-school was organized at Nekoma. I praise the Lord for His presence. He has blessed me wonderfully the past few weeks.

J. G. HANHARDT.

We clip the following from a private letter from Eld. W. S. Hyatt, of 28 A. Roeland St., Cape Town, South Africa:

From time to time as I see the Kansas WORKER I think that I would like to write to this one and that one but I do not get to do so. How does the message go in Kansas? I know that it is onward to victory and when one of the Lord's workmen drop there is need of others to step in and fill the vacant place made.

I am sure that you will be interested in the account of the death of Elder Mead. Three years ago Brother Mead was asked to go to Matabeleland and take charge of the Mission there. Elder Tripp had falled by the terrible malaria of that section also others of the workers there, but Brother Mead went there feeling that the Lord had called him to that field. He has labored hard during the time and from time to time has had attacks of the malarial fever. It was but a few months ago that he came to Cape Town to rest up and take some treatment. There are but few people that can endure that climate for any long period of time. The Missionaries of other denominations do not plan to stay there very long before they have a change for a short time at least. In this way they can do the work there very well.

We planned to hold our Conference in September and at that time we desired to have a council of all the leading workers in South Africa. We asked Elder Reaser to come down from Natal, Elder Freeman to come from Basutoland, Elder Mead from Matabeleland. This represents a large scope of country, and the two leading languages of the natives were represented. You see the Zulus are scattered up in the interior and their language is the foundation of the language of many of the tribes up there. In fact the Matabeles are a portion of the Zulus. A warlike chief with a band of followers went up into that country and conquered it some years ago. They took possession of the country and made slaves of the natives living there.

The Basutos speak another language that forms the basis of the language of several other tribes. A person knowing one of these languages can go among the people of many tribes and understand the speech of the people quite well.

Brother Mead accepted the invitation to attend our Conference and started down. The day that he arrived at Kim-

bereley he was taken sick so he went to our Baths there for rest and treatment. Fortunately there were three good and well trained nurses there to care for him and he had the best that they could give. Sister Webster is a splendid nurse of many years experience and she did all that she could with the aid of a good doctor.

At first he was taken with the pneumonia. But the crisis passed and then other complications set in. His liver was not right and the fever was at work also. Then the fact that he had been weakened by the climate placed him in a position that he was not able to resist disease and in ten days he died.

During the sickness we recieved a wire saying that he was sick and desired our prayers. Many prayers were sent up to the Throne of Grace to spare His servant, but Father knew best and laid him away to rest till the Life Giver comes to call forth the sleeping dead at the first resurrection. His burden for the Lord's work never ceased as long as he was conscious. He asked to have the message that we sent to him read over again and each time as he would hear that we were praying for him he would smile and appear glad.

On Sunday he seemed to be gaining quite fast and ate and slept as he had not done before, but at nine o'clock that night a change came and at four the next morning he fell asleep in Jesus as peacefully as a child would go to sleep. Thus it is that another pioneer has fallen at his post of duty with the harness on. One said "That next to living to see the Lord come would be to fall in a strange land with the harness on." I think that this is so. (At this moment a wire came from Johannesburg announcing the death of a brother who lived there.) Sister Mead and her two children, Walter and Lena. have our sympathy. I do not think that they will stay where they are very long. I certainly would not advise it. Brother Armitage is fully 100 miles further up country and away from the railway line. I hope that the Board will not allow him to remain there.

I do not think that it is necessary for our missionaries to try to live in those sickly parts of the country. We can go to the healthy portions and there educate the natives and send them back as teachers to their own people. The white missionary can go to those parts and remain for a portion of the year and direct the work, but it is not safe for him to try to live there. This is the way that many of the missionaries are doing of all the societies.

Our Conference was a good occasion, I think that it was the best one that I have attended since I came to Africa. There was a feeling of love and unity that we do not often see. The brethren have returned to their fields of labor with courage and hope. I assure you that the worker needs courage in this land to try to do anything at such a time as this. Cape Colony is now wholly under martial law, which makes it hard to get from one place to another, hence we are not able to do the work that we would be glad to do.

The coast towns are still open for work and there we are trying to bear the gospel of the Kingdom as best we can. We are sure that the Lord is helping us and there is seen some fruit for our labors. This is a great time for the use of papers and tracts. As you well know there are thousands of soldiers all over this country and they are anxious to get something to read. The military are quite willing to take bundles to any camp along the line of railroad. Then there are block houses about a mile apart all along the railroad where there are a few dozen men stationed to guard the line. These are very anxious to get something to read. Some of the officers say that we furnish the best papers that they have for the men. The most of the papers sent are but trash, but we are using thousands of the Sentinel, Bible Echo and Present Truth, besides many of the other papers.

Then we are placing many of our good papers in the Boer prisons and the hospitals. Thus you see we are reaching all classes of the people. We have a good supply of Dutch literature which we are scattering among these people. I wish we could get it to St. Helena and Ceylon, but we are not able so to do at the present time. We feel that it is our duty to sow beside all waters, knowing that it will bring forth fruit in the Lord's own good time. We are using a lot of paper and tracts and could use much more if we could get them or could pay for them. Our brethren in Australia have sent us a fine lot of the Bible Echoes for which we are very thankful.

The war drags on and I tell you we do long for it to close. When the time will come I do not know, but we hope that the day is not far away when the sound of shot and shell will no more be heard and the groans of the dying and wounded will cease. But I can not tell you any news along this line as it is the same old story from day to day.

I am glad to tell you that we are well as a family. In fact Cape Town is as healthy a place to live, as I ever lived in I think. This is true possibly with the exception of three winter months and then it is cold and wet. But then it is more disagreeable than sickly. My work calls me into the interior to some extent, but not into those sickly parts, and then I am there but a short time before I return back to the healthy portions again.

W. S. HYATT.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Owing to the inclement weather, the meeting at Severy, January 3 to 6 was not largely attended; but it was demonstrated that God's blessing was not confined to numbers, because it was an excellent meeting. At the close of it seven were added to the church. The most of those who were thus received, had never before made a profession of religion. Officers were chosen for the church and the ordinancies of the Lord's house wore celebrated. Elders McReynolds and Parmele were associated with me in this meeting.

Elder D. H. Oberholtzer and I held a general meeting at Independence January 9-13. There was a fair attendance of our people at this meeting, and the Lord seemed to bless in all of the services. Two or three united with the church, and some two or three expressed a determination from this time to walk in the way of God's commandments.

On the same date Elder R. W. Parmele conducted a general meeting at Altoona. Brethren were present from Thayer and Buffalo. There was also a good outside attendance. The Lord's blessing attended the effort, on the Sabbath several came forward for prayers, and all expressed themselves as much encouraged by the meetings. By invitation of the pastor the meeting was held Sunday morning and Sunday night in the Congregational church.

January 16-20 Elder Parmele and I conducted a meeting at Grand Summit. Some were present from Winfield, Cambridge, Chautauqua and Grenola. It was an enjoyable occasion to all, and all expressed themselves as much benefitted by the meetings. Two arose for prayers, and expressed a desire to walk in all the ways of the Lord blameless.

At this writing we are at Wichita, and I expect to remain here over the Sabbath and Sunday, and Brother Parmele will go to Wellington to be with them during the same time.

Next week I expect to be at ElDorado Monday and Tuesday, and Wednesday and Thursday at Pontiac, and on Friday will go to Hetchinson to remain over the following Sabbath and Sunday.

After his visit to Wellington, Brother Parmele will go to Newton for a day or two before returning to the office in Topeka. E. T. RUSSELL.

January 23, 1902.

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FIRST SABBATH POOR FUND.

Let all remember that the first Sabbath in each month is the time to take up a collection for the poor. I hope all will give liberally as the state "Poor Fund" is depleted and calls are constantly coming for help. Will the church officers be sure that a collection is taken up Sabbath, Feb. 1, as we must have means with which to help the needy and we need it now.

It is to be hoped that no church will plan to selfishly use the collection within its own borders, as some churches have many poor, and other churches but few needy ones. There fore it seems best for all collections to be sent to our state treasurer, T. J. Eagle, and under direction of the Conference he can disburse the funds to the needy ones throughout our state.

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Sister J. M. Spooner at Wakefield, Kansas, desires clean papers for a reading rack at that place. Our papers can be sent at 4c. per lb. Send all postpaid.

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