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THOUGHTS ABOUT MINISTERS.

We are not going to give ministers a Chapter of Advice; so, if one of that class should chance to see this caption, he may read on without the fear of being bored in that way. A minister whose heart is really in his work, needs little advice, for he is taught of God; and one who is lukewarm, is seldom benefited by the best of advice.

ing and unwelcome such a debt is, and how many serious misunderstandings may grow out of it. The feeling, that perhaps we have been remiss and negligent ourselves, only intensifies the irksomeness of the obligation. No matter what other means a minister may have, he should set a price on his services, and it should be paid to the last penny.

Another article of our creed is, that a minister should give his whole time to his pastoral duties. It has been said, that divided service is no service at all, and it is true, in part at least. We know that if a man carries on two different branches of business at once, one or the other, or both, generally suffers. Now, however "smart" a minister may be, he is no more capable of carrying on, successfully, two kinds of business, than any other person. His mind is necessarily divided, his time is divided, his duties and his associations are divided.

One of these is, that a minister, to be thoroughly useful in his calling, should own but little property. This seems a "hard saying"; but the more we consider it, the more clearly we can see its truth. If a minister were ordained to serve one certain church, it would, perhaps, be no disadvantage to his work to hold property. But he is ordained to serve the whole denomination to which he belongs. No minister expects to live and die in the service of any one church. Probably very few would like to be under obligations to do so. Most ministers are engaged to preach from year to year, and if they tire of the people, or the people tire of them, they must move on, or trouble is sure to ensue.

My arrival there seemed opportune. The brethren were about to write to me to come; but knew not where to find me. They felt that the time had come to decide their future course. After looking over all the interests and prospects of the society, I decided it was advisable to organize a church there. This was the unanimous wish of the society. Accordingly, I organized a church, with the name of Brookfield, Linn County, Missouri, on the 13th day of April, with fourteen members.

with reference to the Sabbath. The one preached on First-day was listened to with marked attention by quite a good number of First-day people, mostly Methodists. "It is in place here to say, that some four years ago, through the efforts of Bro. J. R. Irish, the members of the late Seventh-day Baptist Church of Ulisses, who declined becoming identified with the Adventists, became members with us here at Hebron. Such, however, is their remoteness from us, that their connection is but little more than nominal.

received in return but comparatively few responses. In order to make out our report, the clerks must be prompt in sending us their reports. Only a few weeks more are left us to complete our work, before the Conference meets, and we would suggest, that the clerks of churches who have not already done so, will act in this matter immediately.

UNITY OF OUR EDUCATIONAL WORK. In the Recorder of July 11th, occurs, in the article on the "Commemoration Week at Alfred," this passage: "Other schools or colleges may arise in our denomination, and find a hearty welcome; but Alfred University, if she prove true to her responsibilities, will always be our denominational school."

Our work is too noble—to much like the disinterestedness of the gospel, which would have us "sow beside all waters"—for any school to be envious at the success of others, or to ignore the solid claims which they have upon our people. At our last General Conference, at Alfred Center, the inspirations of our work apparently moved every heart to say to all our institutions, eastward and west, "Fall into line! forward! march!"



MISCELLANEOUS

PLANTING TREES

It is not generally known, that by a peculiar course of treatment trees may be successively removed for a month after the budding of their buds...

SPARE THE TREES

There is yet all over the country, and particularly in the West, except upon the prairies, where necessity has been a teacher...

It is well in transplanting at any season to remember this bit of philosophy. Hence do not let the roots dry, even for a moment...

Some very clever workmen will tell you that there has been enough roots there to satisfy anybody...

The writer has not proceeded to give these hints, as he fears too many are written by sitting in his library...

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OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

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