

Missions.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

FROM S. D. DAVIS, General Missionary.

Before I received my call from the Board for this Conference year I had received a pressing call from our German Seventh-day Baptist brethren in Bedford county, Pa., to do missionary work among them.

I spent the closing days of last month in attendance upon our Quarterly Meeting, which convened here. The attendance was good, the weather delightful, the exercises interesting, the hospitality such as characterizes Seventh-day Baptists everywhere.

JANE LEW, June 1, 1885.

FROM J. W. MORTON, General Missionary, Illinois and Wisconsin.

MILTON JUNCTION, Wis., June 2, 1885. According to custom, I herewith present my report for the latter part of the quarter just closed. Since the date of my last, I have been chiefly engaged in routine work in Chicago.

Our preaching services have been attended by about the usual number. Another friend, from this place, Dr. B. F. Rogers, has come to Chicago to stay, having taken an office at the corner of W. Madison Street and Ogden Avenue.

work wherever I go; but it makes me sad to be obliged to leave my work in such an unfinished state as I am often forced to do. We have, however, a few very efficient workers in the Chicago Church, and I trust they will carry on the work in my absence.

I report 13 weeks of labor, 31 sermons, other religious meetings, about 12, besides many religious calls on strangers and the sick.

Yours in Gospel Bonds.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DEWITT, Ark., May 17, 1885.

We are still trying to follow the Lord. We have held our Sabbath-school weekly, the last three months, and a good number of our neighbors' children have joined our small class, and seem very much interested.

As to growth from immigration, it is as yet uncertain. I have before me correspondence representing over fifty who are thinking of coming here, and I think Bro. A. S. Davis's correspondence is larger than mine, but land is rapidly rising in value and is being taken.

Yours in Christ,

J. L. HULL.

MISSIONARY BOARD MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Board of Managers of the Seventh-day Baptist Missionary Society was held in the vestry of the Pawcatuck Seventh-day Baptist church, Westerly, R. I., June 8, 1885, at 9.30 A. M. W. L. Clarke in the chair.

Prayer by D. E. Maxson, D. D. Twenty members present, and thirteen visiting brethren. All visitors present were cordially invited to participate in the deliberations of the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were read corrected and approved. On the request of the Ashaway Sewing Society, \$25 having been paid, Mrs. I. L. Cottrell was made life member of the Society.

The following persons were appointed a programme committee for the coming Anniversary Exercises of the Society: A. E. Main, O. U. Whitford, Wm. L. Clarke.

The matter of employing theological students in missionary work during their Summer vacation was left with the Corresponding Secretary to act as he had heretofore.

The request of the Rock River Church, Wis., to continue their appropriation from March 1st to September 1st, 1885, was granted.

The following report of the Treasurer was received and ordered to be put on record.

Table with financial data: Cash on hand April 1st, \$270 19; Board Meeting April 8th, 561 31; Cash receipts by contribution in April, 205 30; May, 205 30; June to date, 112 33.

The Committee on Permanent Fund, Bequests and Devises, presented its report which was received and ordered to be placed on file.

The following resolution was offered by Geo. B. Utter, and after remarks was adopted:

Resolved, That our Investment Committee be instructed to inquire whether we, through them, may not profitably co-operate with representatives of Societies similar to our own in securing a modification of the law of New York, which forbids a person leaving a husband, a wife, a child or a parent to give more than one-half of his or her estate to Religious, Educational or Benevolent Societies.

Quarterly reports from the following missionaries were read by the Corresponding Secretary: S. D. Davis, C. W. Threlkeld, Horace Stillman, L. C. Rogers, Perie F. Randolph, H. P. Bardick, E. H. Soewell, J. F. Shaw, A. Carlson, J. W. Morton.

The following orders were granted for salaries and traveling expenses for the quarter ending May 31st, 1885: A. E. Main, \$268 79; L. C. Rogers, \$210 41; H. P. Bardick, 140 09; J. W. Morton, 207 05; A. Carlson, 36 75; J. F. Shaw, 16 60; expense; E. H. Soewell, \$25; Perie F. Randolph, \$25; Horace Stillman, \$63 50; C. W. Threlkeld, \$20 83, for five months; S. D. Davis, \$64 60.

The Treasurer was authorized to settle with G. J. Crandall, D. K. Davis, C. J. Sindall, S. W. Rutledge and T. G. Helm, when their reports have been received and approved by the Corresponding Secretary.

The Treasurer was authorized to obtain a loan not to exceed \$2,000, to pay present indebtedness of the Society. Adjournment. O. U. WHITFORD, Rec. Sec.

MISSION PLEDGES FOR 1885.

Table with pledge data: SHANGHAI MEDICAL MISSION FUND. Previously reported, 21.8 shares, \$218 00; Women of Farina, Ill. church 2 shares, 20 00; 22.8 shares, \$238 00.

AMONG the fruits of the recent revival at Kalgan, North China, is a Mongol, who who is probably the only individual of his race who is a communicant in a Protestant church. The Mongols number two millions, and occupy a region larger by one-half than the United States east of the Mississippi River.

THOUGH the production of opium is doubtless connived at by many Chinese officials, some of them certainly do their utmost to suppress the raising of the poppy and sale of the drug. We are glad to find among them the governor of the Province of Shansu, where a new mission is located, who has, with success, requested authority from the Emperor to dismiss a magistrate who neglected to show proper energy in enforcing the edict against the cultivation of the poppy.

ROMANISM in California, is lengthening its cords. It was the first there, and there it has been 100 years or more. It claims primacy, it means supremacy. Statistics give them some 200 churches, one archbishop and his colleague, two bishops, 187 priests, 13 asylums and hospitals; but all these to us are as nothing, when we face their 40 institutions of learning, including among them thoroughly endowed colleges, academies, convents, parochial and select schools, with an average attendance of some 10,000 pupils, or double the number we can show in our Protestant colleges, seminaries, academies, asylums, private and parish schools, including even our State University and two State normal schools.

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NEBRASKA.

We have received from some unknown friend the April number of "The Leading Industries of the West," published in Chicago, Ill., and Lincoln, Neb. Its object seems to be to place before us who were "brought up amid the staid, stolid and old-fashioned ways of the centennial," enchanting pictures of western progress, prosperity and settlement.

The following statements in regard to the whole state will be of interest to those who are watching the wondrous development of the great north-western country, although some allowance is to be made for the writer's evident and natural enthusiasm.

NORTH LOUP.

Still would I tarry if I might with these, If but in pleasure of the past to dwell. In May, the most beautiful of all months in the calendar, in the year 1872 a small but determined band of Seventh-day Baptists reached that point in Valley county where the Mira valley and that formed by the North Loup river verge into one grand stretch of bottom land, for the purpose of making permanent settlement and bringing from the fertile soil so generously provided by nature, not only the comforts of life but to lay aside for the education of their children a sufficient sum of money.

The grain product of Nebraska had increased from 10,000 bushels in 1874, to 100,000 bushels in 1879, an average increase of 200 per cent. per year. The increase since has also been very great. In 1878 there were raised in the state 295,000 hogs, and in 1879 a total of 700,000, an increase of nearly 250 per cent. There are raised annually at the present time here over 300,000 cattle and 250,000 sheep. It has an approved common school system grounded on a land grant of 2,443,148 acres which will yield a fund of not less than \$15,000,000. The state is in a most excellent financial condition, and is abundantly supplied with schools, churches, colleges, and the various charitable and reformatory institutions.

It certainly will be surprising to those who have never given the matter particular attention to learn that Nebraska has a proportionately larger area of land susceptible of the highest cultivation than any state or territory west of the Missouri river. Out of a total area of 48,640,000 acres more than 92 per cent., or 45,000,000 acres are rated as the very best agricultural lands.

A remarkable feature connected with the settlement of Nebraska has been the spreading out of the rain area, which has followed the footsteps of the farmer westward, slowly but surely, as the statistics show. The total rain fall of the entire state for 1882 was thirty-seven inches; in Southern Nebraska for the same period, thirty inches, and in Western Nebraska, twenty-seven inches. The rain is plentiful, coming as it does during the seasons when it is most needed, and not when with harvest at hand a rainy spell is about the worst thing that can stare a farmer in the face.

a church building of their own, but as they aided by personal contributions toward building that of the former, the Seventh-day Baptists give them the use of theirs, and as one meets on Saturday and the other on Sunday, it works harmoniously. However the Presbyterians will probably erect a church this season.

The Press is represented by the "Mirror" which reflects the interests of North Loup and Valley county as faithfully as though they were pictured in a fair glass.

Perhaps it would not be out of place to present for the consideration of our readers a few figures to substantiate what we have said of the wonderful growth and flourishing condition of this grand young state. As the state auditor only makes his reports biennially and we wish to deal with thoroughly reliable statistics, we can only present the latest report of the official aforesaid for 1882. It is safe to say, however, that the figures for 1883 have increased fully seventy five per cent although the year just closed was not one of the exceedingly prosperous periods for Nebraska.

Table with agricultural statistics: Corn, yield per acre, 41 bushels; Potatoes, Irish, 147 bushels; Potatoes, sweet, 114 bushels; Hay, average tame and wild, 112 tons; Sorghum, yield per acre, 149 bushels.

In ten years, from 1870 to 1880, the taxable property of Nebraska has increased nearly seventy per cent, and during the same period the population has grown from 122,993 to 452,542 nearly four-fold and it is now nearly 700,000, and its capacity for supporting any increase is at present unlimited. With a settlement as dense as Ohio, being nearly seventy-five persons to the square mile, Nebraska would contain 5,700,000 souls; as dense as Massachusetts, or 230 to the square mile, it would comfortably afford a home for 17,480,000 people.

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THE WORK OF THE TRACT SOCIETY.

At the late session of the Association, two hours were given to the consideration of the work of the Tract Society.

George H. Babcock, the Secretary of the Society, announced: "What is the work of the Tract Society? It is to proclaim the law of the gospel of Christ to all. Ours is a proselyting work, as it is a preaching the truth, — Sabbath truth, — the truth."

In answer to the question A. Platts mentioned three reasons why we should do this work: 1st. Because the gospel should be preached to all men, all Christians are agreed that truth sustains an important place in the character of the church, and more and more recognized; and to teach the only Bible Sabbath, strable beyond the possibility of contradiction. 2d. We ought to work, because we are the only ones who hold and teach Sabbath truth, with gospel truth, or as a part of our system of Bible doctrine. Some teachers ignore the importance of Sabbath, some antagonize it, while recognizing the importance of Sabbath, teach unsound doctrine. It is ours, therefore, to give it more prominence than other things, more important than other things, because it is so much neglected. 3d. God is opening to us the opportunity to do this work, in a noble manner.

The methods of doing the work suggested by A. H. Lewis. Good men shall be reached with the instrumentality of men who understand the truth. This may be done by the printed page, by the teacher, or by the printed page. The method is now being used very successfully in our work, about twenty-five magazine pages having been circulated the past three years. A wide interest has been awakened among our country by the reading of some. Some have embraced the Sabbath, more are inquiring after the Board of the Society is now publishing a small monthly sheet, the laity of the country, as fact addresses can be obtained. In this new publication, The Light will be started in July, with not less than 100,000 copies. Names can be procured it will to half a million.

The question of means for the work was discussed by our increasing work calls for contributions. The need is the of such sums as the people give, not alone the large sum, wealthy, but the smaller sum, many. Methods should be devised which will include everybody, and income.

Following these interesting E. Main, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, read a valuable paper, "Christian giving." This paper prepared for the Missionary Society was postponed to this hour for the paper is a most earnest and regular systematic plan of work. Hoping this paper will be published, we do not attempt to reproduce it.

SUNDAY EXCURSION

There appeared in the West Advocate of September 17, 1884, from the Catholic Examiner, a heartily sanctioned by the West Advocate, on "Sunday Excursion," states that "they are unlawfully, now, where no law is in no transgression." Rom. 4:15, friends speak so much about the what the Lord says: "Remember the Sabbath-day, to keep it holy: six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work [Sabbath day of the week, included]; thou shalt not do any work." The Lord also calls it his holy day. What law our friends mean, unless it is the law that commands to be kept as a weekly Sabbath law comes from no higher authority than man. "Public opinion oppo

...rance. A fiend he looked. He had the knife, still wet with the blood.

...missionary, like the man among the heathen, had himself belonged to the dead.

...You must ask Jesus, who saves to most, to save my poor father?

...He bowed in penitence before me, and lay down to sleep that night.

...RED SUNSETS.—Professor Kiessling, of Hamburg, has given especial attention to the famous sunset question.

SOMETHING ABOUT CLOVES.

...and been very sick. She was getting old, could sit up a little while each day.

...such a funny apple. It was a large red one, with a green stem.

...HEALTHY HOMES.—There is some consolation, after all, in being poor and having a plain-furnished house.

...clove apple. The cloves are what make the apple so good.

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