

Missions.

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

THERE has been some delay in the details of work pertaining to the office of the Corresponding Secretary, the past quarter, owing to his unexpected absence from home.

AN OPEN LETTER TO PASTORS.

Dear Brethren:—Our denominational Societies must depend upon you for success more than you can easily realize.

1. Our forty-third Annual Report contains a very careful survey of the entire field and work.

2. There are many who do not take and read the RECORDER; and matters of great interest are often overlooked by those who have the paper.

3. Many smaller offerings are much more desirable than a few larger ones.

4. Missions should be a subject of prayer in the pulpit, at the home, and in the prayer-meeting.

5. The interest of the churches will not be likely to go beyond your own; and yours will be determined by the degree with which you keep yourself in intelligent and hearty sympathy with this grand work of the church, Christian Missions.

Your fellow-laborer, A. E. MAIN, Cor. Sec'y.

FROM J. F. SHAW, General Missionary in Arkansas and Texas.

QUARTERLY REPORT.

TEXARKANA, Ark., Dec. 1, 1885.

The time has come for another report, and I feel thankful to report progress in the cause.

On the 9th of September I went to Mesquite, Texas, 213 miles distant, and on the Sabbath commenced a meeting at Rose Hill, 6 miles north of Mesquite.

who embraced the Sabbath, and on the last day of our stay, Bro. Smith and wife, Sister Anderson, and Bro. Hooser, met at Bro. Mayes's residence at Mesquite, with Bro. Mayes and wife.

We spent the 4th Sabbath in September with the church at Texarkana. The 1st Sabbath in October had been appointed, several months before, for a meeting at Texarkana to effect an annual meeting of Seventh-day Baptists in Texas and Arkansas.

During the week following, I went to New Boston and remained till the day after the 2d Sabbath. While there I had the pleasure of baptizing an elderly lady, a Sister M. J. Devore, who had professed faith twenty years before, but could not get the consent of her mind to unite with any of the denominations in the country, until she began studying the Sabbath question, when she became convinced as to the Sabbath, and desired at once to be baptized and unite with our church.

The interest at DeWitt, Arkansas, kept up to such an extent, after my last visit there in July, that upon a pressing request from the brethren, I went on the 15th of November.

At the close of the services that evening, a sister, Mrs. Amanda Stephens, the widow of a very prominent physician of long standing in that country, and largely related, signified a wish to unite with the church, stating that she had been convinced on the Sabbath question for some time.

I came home in time to spend the last Sabbath with the church here, and remained

till after the 1st Sabbath in November, and then went to Rose Hill to aid in the ordination of Bro. Mayes. Bro. J. A. Millikin met me there, and on the following Third-day Bro. Mayes apart to the work of the gospel ministry. He was also installed pastor of the church. I remained and preached every evening till the next First-day.

I learned of one lady in Montague county, who had embraced the Sabbath, and whose husband had become convinced through some of the Tract Society's tracts, furnished by Eld. Mayes.

Since coming home I have received a letter from a brother in Clarke county, Arkansas, to come immediately, if possible, and hold a meeting there. Then I am under promise to go to Lovelady, Texas, next.

I have written lengthily, I know, but I cannot forbear to suggest that the Tract Society might effect a great amount of good by a colportage work for the sale of Sabbath and Sunday, and such of their publications as are too costly to give away.

FROM A. G. CROFOOT, General Missionary in Minnesota.

ALDEN, Minn., Dec. 1, 1885.

I started from Alfred Centre, N. Y., the first day of October for my field of work. I attended the Semi-annual Meeting of the Minnesota churches, at Dodge Centre, where I staid four days, and assisted in the meetings. I then went to New Auburn with my family, where we are settled for the present.

Sabbath, Nov. 14th, was a day of rejoicing to the church. I baptized one young lady and welcomed her into the church; then we had a covenant meeting and communion.

November 16th I came to Mr. North's, near St. Peter, where there are three families, or parts of families of Sabbath-keepers, and from there to Trenton, where I preached, and visited from house to house for more than a week.

time, for I believe that, with patient and persistent effort, there could be built up a strong Seventh-day Baptist Church.

Last Sabbath I preached to an audience of twenty, here at Alden. There are but few Sabbath-keepers near here, still there are quite a good many within a radius of twelve miles.

FROM ANDREW CARLSON, Scandinavian Missionary.

RUSH POINT, Minn., Dec. 1, 1885.

I send you herewith report of my labors in the mission field for current quarter. On account of sickness in my family, I have been prevented from devoting but very little of my time in the beloved work; and consequently could not undertake the long journey to Dakota, as I was requested to.

I report two weeks of labor; have visited and preached the Word to the Isanti Church, and I am glad to state that good unity prevails, and a general desire is felt to shine, through the daily practical life, as lights in this world.

I spent last week and Sabbath with the church in Burnett county, Wis. The meetings I had were well attended, and a good interest was manifested.

MISSIONARY BOARD MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Board of Managers of the Seventh day Baptist Missionary Society, was held in the Seventh-day Baptist parsonage, Westerly, R. I., Dec. 16, 1885, at 9.30 o'clock A. M.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

The following report was presented by the Treasurer, which was approved and ordered to be put on record:

WESTERLY, R. I., Dec. 16, 1885.

Table with RECEIPTS and Total receipts of \$2,457 81.

Table with DISBURSEMENTS and Total of \$2,366 94.

Correspondence read by the Corresponding Secretary:

- 1. Quarterly Reports of the missionaries and missionary pastors.
2. From S. D. Davis, in reference to a request from the Sabbath-keeping Germans in Pennsylvania...

BUSINESS FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE.

Orders on the Treasurer voted:

Table listing amounts for S. D. Davis, L. C. Rogers, H. P. Burdick, Horace Stillman, etc.

APPROPRIATIONS VOTED.

To the Daytona Church, Florida, at the rate of \$100 a year from Sept. 1, 1885 to Sept. 1, 1886...

To the North Loup Church at the rate of \$150 for the year from Sept. 1, 1885 to Sept. 1, 1886, toward the support of G. J. Crandall as pastor.

To S. W. Rutledge at the rate of \$100 for the year from Sept. 1, 1885 to Sept. 1, 1886, for labor as missionary.

Voted, that S. D. Davis be permitted to visit the Sabbath-keeping Germans in Pennsylvania as they request.

Voted, that D. H. Davis deposit the money which he reports raised in China for the Medical Mission, in the bank, in his name, as the Agent of the Seventh-day Baptist Missionary Society of the United States of America...

Voted, that J. W. Morton be located in Chicago instead of Milton, at the rate of \$800 a year.

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the bill of medicines, when presented, which the Corresponding Secretary had ordered for Dr. Ella F. Swinney.

The matters contained in the letters of G. Velthuyse, H. Hull, P. F. Randolph, H. B. Lewis, and L. T. Rogers, Clerk of Rock River Church, Wis., were referred to the Corresponding Secretary for reply.

The Corresponding Secretary was requested to write to S. R. Wheeler in behalf of the Board; and express their regrets in view of his illness, and consequent withdrawal from the field of home mission work...

Adjourned. O. U. WHITFORD, Rec. Sec.

Sabbath

"Remember the Sabbath-day Six days shalt thou labor, and the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." — Exodus 20:8-10.

At the request of Bro. Allen just received says: "all right and I have distributed will soon distribute the re they will do the most good Sabbath-keeper in the town seed we must trust in the ing upon our labor." If bath-keepers were to faithful in this way, an abundant h be reaped.

PROSECUTION OF SABBATH-KEEPERS IN ARKANSAS.

To the Editor of the Sabbath Recorder: It may be of interest to RECORDER to know of the commenced upon Sabbath-observers of Arkansas.

The Seventh-day Adventist sent missionaries to that State ago. These laborers were ing a foot-hold there, and in they had a fine church ed membership at Springdale, Fayetteville, as well as o places in the State. A c of these people: "They ha first, apparently, an indu fearing people, the chief of them and other Christian t they observe the seventh bath according to the com though the original law al serve any day they please thing the Legislature of t do on meeting last Winter clause which gave them t the day of their choice. Th for men to show their big shown in the days of the the late persecutions of Se in Pennsylvania and Rhode professed Christians, man thty of a better cause, pre man to the law of God, hav ecutions to compel Sabbath the heathen Sunday. Indi found against several mer enth-day Adventist church case is that of Eld. Scoles isters, which is to be mad preme Court, as to the c the recent act of the Legia

Other people of other d of no denomination at al day law all over the State while Sabbath-keepers thr are being complained of, a trifle of the religious p characterized the Dark A the gospel pleading in a with the open Bible in h erty to keep God's comman eight in this country of b ligious freedom! But, ad ing of the court in this c rights of conscience whic inated by laws handed dow the heathen gods! If th thus to control the religio constituents, there is no t see in the way of enforced creeds and dogmas.

Much interest is felt in the decision is anxiously l higher courts. The late of the Seventh-day Advent held at Battle Creek, Mi question, and passed res the necessary means to t ality of the law, to its c courts.

A HELPLESS

The cry for help alw sympathies of the good When the cry is for help rendered it becomes pit where whose peculiar faith a world have made it natur we study the Sabbath qu seen, for a long time, that day was fast losing its ho people; while the irreligio a civil holiday. Evidenc relating that, in this view Sunday, we have been in some teachers are lamenti some cases strenuous effo to turn the tide backwar of Sunday observance a they may be; but in their Sunday, they seem to hav

