

SELF-SUPPORTING WORK

Extracts

As agents for Jesus Christ men are to be laborers together with God. Why then are so many acting as did Meroz, doing nothing, while those sitting in darkness receive no light, no help from those who claim to be children of God? How much do such idlers resemble the angel who is represented as flying in the midst of heaven, proclaiming the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus? Christ is saying to these idlers in the market place, "Go work to-day in my vineyard."

Angels who minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation, are saying to every true saint, There is work for you to do. "Go, stand and speak. . . . to the people the words of this life." If those addressed would obey this injunction, the Lord would prepare the way before them, putting them in possession of means whereby they could go. Ms. 152 '97

The Lord desires to manifest His power among His people. Where there is now one at work there should be more than a thousand, not ordained ministers, but men and women of faith and prayer, who can work for God without receiving wages. . . .

God's people throughout the world are to become one in interested action. We must eat the bread of life, the word of the living God. Both Seventh-day Adventists and those who do not profess to believe the truth are to be converted. In order that sinners may become children of God, those who profess to believe the truth must feel in their hearts and reveal in their lives the consecrating power of truth. Every church must become as the garden of the Lord.----H-12-1900

See 7T 23 on "Self-Supporting Missionaries
227 in the South.

Many fields ripe for the harvest have not yet been entered, because of our lack of self-sacrificing helpers. These fields must be entered, and many laborers should go to them with the expectation of bearing their own expenses. But some of our ministers are little disposed to take upon them the burden of this work, little disposed to labor with the whole-hearted benevolence that characterized the life of our Lord. 7T 254

The work is going so rapidly into new fields that it is becoming necessary for workers to plan how they can deny self. This is to be an individual work. Money cannot be drawn from the Conference for medical missionary work. The Lord calls for individual self-sacrifice. A deep interest must be awakened in every church to take up the work. Let none think that the medical missionary work is to be independent of the ministry. This work is a part of the gospel. And as worldlings shall see the good work being carried forward, they will be convicted of its genuineness, and will help. B-120 '99

More decided calls should be made for volunteers to enter the whitening fields. Unless there is more done than has been done for the cities of America, church-members will have a heavy account to meet for neglected duties. We pray, "Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth as it is ⁱⁿ heaven." We profess to believe that the commission given to the first disciples includes the followers of Christ in 1907. But what are we doing? I pray that the Holy Spirit may move upon human hearts, that many may go forth as did the early disciples, making their way to homes and to churches where men and women are waiting for a knowledge of present truth. My heart is sore when I see the blindness that is upon God's people.

There are among our church-members faithful souls who feel a burden for those who know not the truth for this time. But one will say to such, The Conference will not support you if you go here or there. To such souls I would say, Pray to God for guidance as to where you shall go; follow the directions of the Holy Spirit, and go, whether the Conference will pay your expenses or not. "Go work to-day in My vineyard," Christ commands. When you have done your work in one place, go to another. Angels of God will go with you if you follow the leadings of the Spirit. B-314 '07