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## A CASH BASIS.

At the recent meeting of the auditing committee, it was recommended to place the business of the Indiana Conference on a cash basis. This means the Tract society, the Sabbath school, and every line of work. It also means that we have ceased to do business on the credit system, and that in the future cash must accompany all your orders. Brethren, this is a good system in your private business and home affairs. Try it.

I am glad to see the efforts of the local tract societies to pay their accounts at the office. If this effort is continued, our local societies and our State society will soon be out of debt. But the local societies cannot pay, till the individual members pay them; so let the work begin with the members who are in debt to the society. Pay up, brethren, as quickly as possible, and let us get our work established on a cash basis, and forever keep it there. If any one objects to this, let him report. I. J. HANKINS.

## THE SPIRIT OF HEALTH PRINCIPLES.

"The body is dead . . . but the spirit 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 in Christ. The true motive for building up the strength and beauty of the body is in order that it may be a fit temple of the Holy Spirit. The glory of God should be the uppermost thought in the mind of every intelligent creature. Now 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 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 saving 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 apparently pertaining especially to the physical organism, is essentially a spiritual matter. We have put away the 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.

M. E. OLSEN.

## CHURCH OFFICERS.

The annual election of officers in the churches is now in the past, and I hope the new officers will study to know their duty and will be faithful in their work. Let not church elders think they must preach every Sabbath. The Lord says we need teachers more than preachers—teach the people what is to be done, and show them how to do it. Every one should now be sowing seeds of truth, for it will soon be too late. Don't forget the "Sure promise for 1902."

Some good reports have been received. We hope to see a general response to this plan. Take time to work it up thoroughly. Don't deny the children a part in this work. Remember that if every member pays five cents per week, we will have \$5,000 in a year; and this, with faithfulness in all other obligations, will remove our debt. Let church officers present this blank promise to every member; and brethren, don't fail to put down your name for something. If you don't see how you can do it, then read "Giving like a Child," in the Review of Jan. 7. I. J. HANKINS.

## Bible Workers' Railroad Permits.

I learn through the secretary of the General conference that missionary licentiates are entitled to joint clergy certificates, on the condition that all such applications are endorsed at his office in Battle Creek. I have therefore sent the names of such workers to the secretary, H. E. Osborne, and these will be sent to the office of the Central Passenger Association, in Chicago, so your applications may be checked therefrom. I suppose this means Bible workers and such workers as hold missionary license. This may answer some questions that have been asked me with reference to this matter. We are glad for this information.

I. J. H.

We have the Young People's Society of Seventh-day Adventists organized in the Indianapolis church, with a growing interest.

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### THINGS AS THEY ARE.

Why is it that we do not find means in the treasury for the needs of the cause? Why is the spirituality of the church in our good State at such a low tide? And again, why is it that people who believe and know the truth do not obey? The foregoing questions are troubling more minds than one. Now let us give these questions a little thought—let us all, in the State of Indiana, examine ourselves and see whether we are honest with God, or not. Now, brother, are we actually giving the Lord his own? Do we carefully tithe everything? I do not believe we do, and for this reason: The Lord says, if we bring all the tithes and offerings into the storehouse, there will be meat and to spare. Now really, brother, do we believe what the Lord has said? If we do, then we know we are not dealing honest with Him, for the treasury can not meet its obligations.

Now brother, let us go at it, and right this wrong at once, and a great blessing will be ours. And that will arrange and correct our spirituality, for our spirituality will stay just where we are financially. And how can the Lord bless us, when we are really robbing him of his own. And has not the Lord told us that when we rolled away the reproach of our indebtedness, then we would sing the jubilee. Now I desire to sing the jubilee, and brother, I believe, from this time on, that all who truly desire to see the Lord come, and also that they may sing in that great jubilee, will come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, returning to the Lord his own, and live the Third Angel's message. Then you will see many coming into the church. But the Spirit of Prophecy, volume 6, page 371, tells us that until we get straight

on health reform, and do our duty otherwise as well, there will not be many come into the churches, and while we are dressing like the world, as many do, and while we hold to the old coffee habit, and some who hold a membership in the church are using tobacco, and some are talking of translation and are still slaying oxen and sheep and chickens, please read Isaiah 22:13, 14, and study Christian Temperance and Hygiene, by Sister White, and you will see that flesh-eaters will not be translated. Now, my brother, I believe the time has come to get ready for the coming of the Lord, which to me means translation. So let us put all these things away, for the Lord will soon come. And don't put all the blame on the minister for so few coming into the faith, until we come up on all these lines, for it is not what the pulpit teaches so much as what the church lines out that brings people to the faith. vol. 6, p. 260.

F. M. ROBERTS.

### Patrickburg.

From Nov. 1 to Jan. 6 I held meetings at Patrickburg. A full course of lectures on present truth was given, 77 sermons being preached. This was my first full course of lectures for twelve or more years; consequently there had to be a good deal of polishing up on old lines and putting them into new dress. This hindered in visiting, so only 42 visits were made. Six united with the church. Though many were convinced, no more could be induced to unite with us at present.

I have had some peculiar experiences during this series of meetings. Except in Christmas week, we were favored with a good hearing from first to last, and the attention given was splendid. The Lord gave excellent liberty in preaching, and many admitted the truth. A vigilant secret opposition was carried on, but prospects were good for quite an ingathering of souls. Where is the fruit?

In days gone by, when I could count more than 100 souls as a result of a year's work, I have held meetings with apparently no better outlook than here, where from 25 to 45, and even 50 in one or two instances, would take their stand with us. My heart is made sad over our failure here, when we know that the Lord brought them up to where we could see them, and where from 15 to 25

ought to have been added to the church; but alas they were not.

Brethren throughout the conference, there must be a cause for this. Yes, I am sure there is, and I am willing to bear my part of the blame. Will you bear yours? Perhaps you are ready to ask wherein are we to blame? Well, it is all because we are not living up to the light that God has given to us. And this, brethren, is why the laborers everywhere are meeting with such poor success in their work. I have often said that unless we can bring the truth into our practice as a people, God can not work to add very many to our number; and now God has spoken, telling us the same thing. I refer to the following, found in Test., vol. 6, pages 370 and 371: "The subject of health reform has been present in the churches; but the light has not been heartily received. The selfish health-destroying indulgences of men and women have counteracted the influence of the message that is to prepare a people for the great day of God. If the churches expect strength, they must live the truth which God has given them. If members of our churches disregard the light on this subject, they will reap the sure result in both spiritual and physical degeneracy, and the influence of these older church members will lighten those newly come into the faith. *The Lord does not now work to bring many souls into the truth, because of the church members who have never been converted, and those who were once converted but who have backslidden.*" What influence would these unconsecrated members have on new converts? Would they not make of no effect the God-given message which His people are to bear? Most surely they would; and brethren, from the above it is evident that God cannot do much in the way of bringing others in among us until we clean up ourselves and can give them a home that is free from all the impurities and defilements of sin. How can we labor with much courage? How can we hope for a rich harvest of souls when we know, that if the people take their stand and come among us, they will not find us living out the precious truths which we are laboring to present to them? When, oh when will we learn to obey God and cease to hold down the truth in righteousness?

Bro. Lloyd was with me at Patrickburg a little more than two weeks. His presence and help were

greatly appreciated. I believe that when possible, the Savior's plan of going forth by twos should be faithfully carried out. I am now at Farmersburg. I ask the prayers of all.

R. S. DONNELL.

#### Terre Haute.

The opportunity was given and I came to this city to spend the week of prayer with the church. The attendance was good throughout the week, and the many precious life giving principles presented in the prepared readings seemed to find response in hearts hungry for divine truth—manna from heaven. Our hearts were made glad to see some who for various reasons had failed to assemble for many months, resume their church obligations and fellowship; and the moistened eye revealed the work of the Holy Spirit upon the heart. For some time the situation has not been conducive to spirituality and growth in and of the church; but by the grace of God we look for an upward and forward movement, which we believe has already begun. The faithful in the church have done nobly, holding on against most discouraging influences, doing what they could to retain the financial equilibrium. Our seasons of Bible study have been marked by the Lord's approval, and it has been truly refreshing to note the eagerness of some to walk in all the commandments of God, and to see those who have been backward in returning to the Lord his own, decide publicly to prove faithful in the future with tithes and offerings. Elder Hankins met with us to conduct the ordinances, and assist in election of officers. We all enjoyed his timely assistance, and words of encouragement. It was thought best that for awhile, at least, I act as elder of this church, and so I expect to do what I can in this part of the Lord's vineyard. We are making a special effort to throw off the cloud of indebtedness which has been hanging over the church, and as this is in accord with the Word, we would not beg, but as brethren we invite any who may feel so disposed, to send along what financial aid they would like to give. Every dollar helps, and we are of good courage to believe the Lord will bless us in our effort to be free from debt. Send donations to the address given below.

Brethren, pray for us, that the word of God may here abound, and we be witnesses for the truth. To Him be all thanks and praise.

E. VINCE, 928 N. Seventh st. Terre Haute, Ind.

#### Anderson.

It has been a long time since there was a report from the church at Anderson. We have been in a disorganized state for more than a year. But the Lord moved on some to revive the work, and just before the week of prayer it was planned to meet each day for the study of the readings. As soon as we decided to have meetings the Lord provided us with a pleasant room, centrally located, where we have met for two Sabbaths and every evening until the close of the week of prayer.

Though all did not respond to the call to come together, those who did experienced a wonderful blessing from the Lord. All seemed to realize their need of repentance. Hearts were softened by the Spirit of the Lord, and a consecration of heart and life to the work was made that will we trust be shown by the results hereafter—in souls brought into the kingdom of God. Our Sabbath school was re-organized Dec. 28, with fifteen members present. At the close of the meetings we gave in our offerings, amounting to \$4. Our courage is good, and we expect by the help of the Lord to take up the work here in earnest, and do all that we can, "redeeming the time, because the days are evil." There are a few not of our faith who are interested, and have attended our meetings. With these we expect to hold Bible readings during the winter.

RACHEL W. McMAHAN.

#### New Albany.

The work here opens slowly, yet the past month has given us some good experiences. I have taken orders for 44 Object Lessons, and given away hundreds of pages of periodicals and tracts. We can use many more; while we find many willing to buy, yet we find a greater number who are unable to buy, and many of these souls are honest. So far we have had papers that we could give them; but we also need tracts and books to loan to those who are too poor to buy. How many of us have books and tracts laid away which if put to use would be saving souls. How many who read these words are longing to do something for the Master. If all such have any papers, books and tracts they are not using at home, send them to us, and we will keep them busy. This is a new field and needs your aid; who will

respond? Please prepay all charges, as we cannot meet any extra expense here.

I. G. BIGELOW.

#### How Many Church Schools?

Different persons have written to me asking how many church schools we have in this State. I have the names of a few of the teachers, and will be glad to have them all, that we may put a complete list of the names of teachers in the Reporter. We believe our church school teachers should be more closely united in their work, and if the letter chain idea pleases them we would be glad to begin here at Indianapolis, and form one link in the chain. One teacher writes me, "If I were in Africa I would know almost as much about the school work as I do now." Will all church school teachers please send name, address and place of labor to Mrs. Clara T. Miller, 1311 Central avenue, Indianapolis.

#### Independence.

After the camp-meeting I joined Elder J. M. Ellis at this place where he had secured the free use of a new church, built by the Baptists. We continued our meetings six weeks, during which time the entire community was deeply interested in the special truths for this time. Many times we were kept long after the services were closed, answering questions and meeting objections, and always the Lord gave victory for the truth. As a result of this effort five dear souls accepted the Third Angel's message, and many more acknowledged the truth, and some may yet embrace it.

Later, the conference decided that I should return and more fully bind off the work and canvass for Object Lessons. I remained nearly five weeks having thoroughly established the little company in all points of our faith, and organizing a small Sabbath school, composed of faithful and determined followers of the truth. One more precious soul stepped into the light while I was there, and since my return home I received a letter from another, filled with praises to God. This makes seven in all, with two or three others "almost persuaded." Brethren pray for me and this field. J. E. COLLINS.

Almost all of the Sabbath school secretaries have sent their reports for quarter ending Dec. Those who have not, please send to corresponding secretary as soon as convenient.

## REPORT OF TITHES FOR DECEMBER.

Bal. on hand Dec. 1, 1901.		\$221 21
Akron church	\$ 14 40	
Barbers Mill	42 64	
Boggs town	75 00	
Bethel	10 00	
Connersville	5 69	
Evansville	14 81	
Frankton	5 00	
Etna Green	26 00	
Huntington	29 05	
Idaville	4 00	
Individuals	16 06	
Indianapolis	218 85	
Auburn	38 60	
Jonesboro	89 50	
Kokomo	19 32	
Kennard	1 20	
LaFayette	28 61	
Ligonier	33 86	
Logansport	10 18	
Marion	68 39	
Middletown	44 47	
Muncie	92 33	
North Liberty	1 00	
Northfield	6 00	
South Bend	9 90	
Terre Haute	40 55	
West Liberty	4 95	
Elwood	11 40	
Pleasant View	3 95	
Noblesville	3 00	
Received during Dec.	\$ 968 71	
Total	\$1,189 92	
Paid labors in Nov	961 84	
Balance Tithes Jan. 1.	\$228 08	

## CANVASSERS' REPORT

BIBLE READINGS			
	Hrs.	Ord's Val.	Helps.
R. H. Hazelton	28	11 \$25.00	7 25
H. C. Carmichael	27	3 9 00	2 00
DANIEL AND REVELATION.			
B. H. Welch	50	2 4 50	\$26 05
MARVEL OF NATIONS.			
A. E. King	51	20 16 75	2 95
Mary J. Darby	19	20 11 00	7 50
Fred Hall	12	3 3 65	
W. C. Well	9	6 9 25	75
HERALDS OF MORNING.			
Ira C. Tibbets	2	2 50	
Lizzie Richmond	26	10 12 50	10 80
COMING KING.			
S. S. Grey	42	7 7 70	9 50
MISCELLANEOUS.			
S. Booz	14	19 75	
Martha Tibbets	3	9 25	
Flore Staples		4 65	
Mrs. V. Shrock		8 75	
Individuals	12	9 00	
DELIVERIES.			
T. J. Clark		34 25	
Ella Applegate	6	6 00	
Mary J. Darby	71	37 50	
W. A. Murphy	1	1 00	
Thos. F. Keener	5	28 75	
Mollie E. Keener	10	40 50	
R. H. Anzelton	18	49 50	

## Object Lesson—A "Heaven-born Plan."

How shall we carry forward the Lord's work? Surely no plans of our own are equal to his plans, and we cannot hope for his blessing upon our plans as we can upon his plans. The circulation of Christ's Object Lessons has been given as a "heaven-born plan" for securing means with which to erect the buildings of Emmanuel Missionary College. Men who believe in this divine plan are now needed to enter the field themselves, and to encourage others to enter, and sell this book. Don't be afraid to try this work. Study the book, and when you have become

partaker of its spirit, you will have no difficulty in disposing of it. Let ministers, church officers, Sabbath-school workers—yes, let everybody do something, and do it now. The obtaining of funds for the erection of buildings at Berrien Springs this coming summer depends largely on sales of Object Lessons. Brethren, let us not be cumberers of the ground, but let us be producers, in order that we may be blessed, and that the work of God may be advanced.

I. J. HANKINS.

## Combination Offers.

Every Adventist family should have the Review, and read it, and as many of our other papers also as they can afford. Now is the time to get the Review, Signs and Good Health for \$3.25; the Good Health and Signs for \$1.75; or the Good Health and Review for \$2. This is for a full year's subscription. Send your money to this office for any one of these combinations. You can use the papers for missionary work when you have read them. If you keep them clean, and use them soon, you can sell them by the single copy and get back more than first cost. Possibly your children could sell them, and thus get money for other missionary work. Brethren, how can we keep pace with the message without reading our good papers? Now is the time to subscribe.

I. J. HANKINS.

## A Good Report.

The workers and ministers have recently paid into the treasury in tithes, on pledges, Object Lessons, Tract Society accounts, etc., about \$700. Good! Some of the churches, too, have been paying in good sums, and the outlook is hopeful. The weekly pledges for 1902 are coming in slowly. Don't forget that we are now doing business on a basis.

I. J. H.

## New Book for Treasurers

We are sending to every church in the State fac-simile blanks of the new book that the Review office is getting out for church treasurers.

This book will enable any one to keep account of monies received and paid out, even though he may not understand book-keeping. Please examine these blanks carefully, and send in at once your order for the book if you desire to have it. The blanks are but a sample page of the book itself. We want to make an order to the Review, but do not know how many books to order till we hear from the churches. So please consider this matter and let us know at once if you want this

book, gotten out on the plan of the blanks we send you. The price of the book I have not learned, though the treasurer of the Lake Union conference assures me that it will not be expensive. We wait to hear from you. If you want the new book send your order at once.

I. J. H.

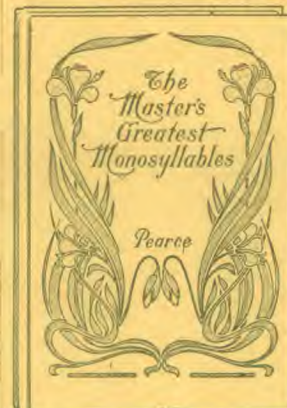
The "Testimony Study," or Questions on the Sabbath school work will be in the next issue of the Reporter.

The total contribution for foreign missions for the quarter ending September 30 was \$32,315.

There are at the present time 828 ministers and licentiates in our denomination.

## What More Can We Do?

We will mail to you Holman's Parallel Self-pronouncing Teachers' Bible, listed at \$6.00, postpaid, upon receipt of \$3.50—just two of these. Only one Holman, list price \$5.00; sent postpaid on receipt of \$2.85. Ten Holman Teachers' Bible, list price \$3.00; sent postpaid on receipt of \$1.75. Sale price on any of these 25 cents less where postage is not required. Only one Holman, list price \$5.00, minion type; sent on receipt of \$3.25. A number of cheaper Holman's at corresponding offers. All are limp covers. In sending the price describe the book wanted, and if it is sold, state next choice.



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