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A CALL TO DUTY.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS:

More than a year and a half ago Sister White laid before us a plan which the Lord had given her for removing the great burden of debt that has so long rested upon our educational institutions. The plan was very simple. She gave her book, "Christ's Object Lessons" to this enterprise. The brethren and sisters everywhere united in giving the material necessary to make the book, and the printing houses gave the labor required to produce it. Lastly, our people were to give their time to the sale of the book.

It was estimated that the sale of six books per member, or about 300,000 in all, would remove the entire indebtedness of our schools. To everybody this plan seemed simple, feasible and effective. The price of the book was \$1.25. The subject matter of the book is charming. Times have been prosperous. Money has been plentiful, and the people have been spending it freely. We have a population of over seventy million people to whom to go with the book. Now it does seem as though we ought, under all the circumstances, to be able to sell at least six books per member during an entire year. The task is not by any means an impossible one—indeed it is not a heavy task; it is one that could easily be accomplished with a little zeal and perseverance. This has been demonstrated in every possible way. Our agents who are accustomed to selling books have found that it is an easy selling book. Our young people who have never before engaged in the sale of our books have met with most encouraging success, and many of our brethren and sisters who are far along in years, and who have never before sold books, have succeeded splendidly in their efforts to sell Object Lessons. Some of our brethren from fifty to seventy years of age have sold from ten to fifty books each. By actual trial, people of all ages and all stations in life, in cities

and in the country, under all conditions, have demonstrated that the book can easily be sold; and yet we have disposed of only one-sixth of the number required to roll away the great reproach.

Is it not time that a stirring call was sounded from one end of the land to the other, calling for our people to arise, and take hold of this work with energy, perseverance, and a determination not to cease their efforts until the debt has been lifted from our schools.

A few weeks ago, while in conversation with Sister White, she expressed great sorrow of heart because so little effort has been made by our people to carry out this divine plan for the removal of our debts. She pointed out that the work would have been a blessing to our brethren and sisters; the light contained in the book would have proved a blessing to the people who purchased it; and the means received would have been a great boon in the hands of our brethren who are struggling with the debts of our schools. If all could have seen the burden this dear servant of the Lord carried on account of our neglect, their hearts would have been stirred to earnest action.

We should have begun this work with great earnestness at the very beginning of the winter. Now the season is nearly gone. But it is not too late to take up the work and dispose of this entire business this spring. Earnest efforts are being made in some of the States to do this. During this month our brethren and sisters in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana are to enter upon a great campaign for the sale of Object Lessons. It is estimated that all of our members in these four States should sell on an average four books per member. As there are 15,000 Sabbath keepers, that would mean the sale of 60,000 books. These States have taken hold of this work with a determination to push it until this result is accomplished.

Dear brethren, let me appeal to you to respond to the Lord's call to

service along this line. Is there a Seventh-day Adventist in the States mentioned, who will not make an effort to do his part in the sale of this book? If every member would take hold of this work with a determination that he would never lay the burden down until he had disposed of four Object Lessons, the task would be accomplished in a month. Surely any one who has mind enough to grasp the meaning of the Third Angel's message, and courage enough to take his stand to live it out, has the ability to sell to his friends and neighbors one copy of Object Lessons per week for one month; and this done, the burden of debt is removed. What a glorious result for so small an effort!

One church-elder relates an experience like this: As soon as the plan was made known, he felt that it was the Lord's plan, and that it was his duty to co-operate with God in carrying it out. So he purchased his quota of books and began selling them. When he came to the Sabbath meeting he related to the brethren his experiences during the week, and called upon any others who had been selling the book to give their experiences. This brought life and freshness into the meeting. Then the elder exhorted every member of the church to take up this work in God's appointed way. The next Sabbath all who had endeavored to sell the book were asked to relate their experiences. A good meeting followed. This work was continued in that church until it had disposed of its entire quota. This winter this church is going right on with the work, selling double the number apportioned to them. If all the churches in the country had done this, the great burden of debt on our schools would have been removed last winter, and now we might have been engaged in the sale of the book for the very object pointed out in the Testimonies, namely, to provide a fund for the education of our young men and women whom God is calling into missionary fields, but who have

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not the money to secure the needed education.

Much more might be said, but space will not permit. We appeal most earnestly to every lover of the Third Angel's message to show his love by faithfully responding to God's call to service in the sale of Object Lessons. Dear reader, do not lay this paper down, nor dismiss this question from your mind until you have resolved most earnestly before God that you will do your duty in this matter. The responsibility rests upon you. You can not delegate it to another. No one else can discharge it for you. The Lord says that a great blessing will come to every one who takes hold of the work. Furthermore, a great blessing will come to those who purchase the book; and still further, a great blessing will come to our schools that receive the proceeds of the sales. The Lord has told us that it is the essence of true faith to do the right thing at the right time. The duty for the present hour is to co-operate with God in this divine plan of rolling away the reproach of debt against our schools. Who will now take up this work, and press it until the task is accomplished? I pray the Lord to put it into the hearts of his people to do so.

A. G. DANIELLS.

ARE WE LOYAL?

If we are, we will be quick to respond to duty's call. The call to-day is to every Seventh-day Adventist in Indiana. Go into the field and carry to everybody the precious gospel revealed in Christ's Object Lessons. This is a crisis, an emergency—and in order to accomplish the work our Captain has laid out, we must be prompt. We have undertaken a task. It is God's work, and he requires no impossibilities. Let no one show cowardice now. Brethren in the ministry, are we not paid for doing

the Lord's work? Shall we not show an example of prompt and persevering action in carrying this work to a grand finish, a glorious success?

Church and Sabbath school officers, will you not co-operate with the minister in your district? Dear brethren and sisters in the churches, will you not each become responsible for four books, and sell them among your neighbors? We will be glad to supply isolated Sabbath-keepers with what books they can and will sell.

Each leader will have full charge of the work in his district, and will be responsible for books received. Let the next four weeks be an experience of active labor for God in his own appointed way, and then report your blessings; for you will have them without fail and in bountiful supply. I. J. H.

GREENFIELD MEETING.

Nearly all the ministers and workers were present at this meeting, and best of all, the Lord was with us. Bro. Prescott conducted several Bible studies, which were practical and therefore very helpful. On Sunday he gave the dedicatory address to a well-filled house. The church is neat and commodious. The amount collected at the dedication will settle all accounts against the building, but there is still a deficit on the lot.

A prominent feature of the meeting was the Object Lessons campaign. Plans were more fully matured for the prosecution of this work. It was encouraging to see how ready the people were to engage in the sale of this book. Elder Lane gave helpful instruction in this line, and also spoke especially to those not of our faith who attended the evening services.

A most commendable feature of the meeting was the very hospitable manner in which the Greenfield church entertained all who attended the services. It reminded us of former days, the days of our first love. A spirit of unity and love prevailed in all the services, and faith and hope were rekindled in the hearts of the people. We were all made to rejoice in God, and have returned to our homes and our fields of labor with renewed courage in His service.

I. J. HANKINS.

BOOKS ORDERED.

The Conference committee recommended that 2,000 Object Lessons be ordered for this State. To save expense and time, these books have been ordered to persons in different parts of the State, as shown in an-

other column. From these points they can be carried to a leader, or in some other way distributed to the other churches in the district. I hope there will be enough books to supply every member a copy. The book may be sold out of hand, or if more convenient to the purchaser, and if you have one book, orders may be taken and delivered as soon as possible, confidently expected that you will take at least four books, and turn the money for them. This will complete our quota. This order has been done one year ago and are therefore, just one year behind this work. The leaders in the different divisions (see last Reporter) will organize the work, and that every man and woman will do his full duty in this matter. Let us not hesitate now. God has spoken and there is no reason for doubt or questioning. I.

H. S. Browning, Indianapolis.

J. H. Crandall, Albion, 109.

Fifty books were sent to the following persons:

Bert Johnson, Boggs town.

Mrs. M. S. DeJelsbeck, LaFayette.

Elder R. S. Donnell, Elmore.

W. T. Pitcher, Farnsworth.

A. L. Chew, Glenwood.

R. H. Sparks, Connersville.

Peter Saffor, Osceola.

A. F. True, Knightstown.

James Cummings, Daleville.

J. H. Niehaus, Greenfield.

P. G. Stanley, Muncie.

W. P. B. Gray, Anderson.

J. J. Fellow, Windfall.

Bert Hughes, Kokomo.

J. H. Anderson, Hartford City.

C. B. Turner, Marion.

G. W. Mann, Ft. Wayne.

E. Haines, Huntington.

C. K. Davis, Bluffton.

Joel Yeager, Ligonier.

H. C. Winslow, South Bend.

E. C. Swartz, North Liberty.

Virgil Buntin, Lebanon.

B. F. Anderson, Denver.

Dr. Wm. Hill, Rochester.

Chas. Harrison, Grass Creek.

Wm. Grugel, Reynolds.

Mrs. Sarah Davis, Idaville.

S. J. Townsend, Richmond.

U. S. Anderson, Elwood.

E. Vince, Terre Haute.

F. M. Roberts, Jonesboro.

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NOT ONLY READ, BUT STUDY,

The real value of our books and periodicals are seen and appreciated when they are read and studied. The truths in them are not on the surface, but must be searched for as for hid treasure. In the General Conference Bulletin, third quarter 1901, I glean the following which enables us to see the growth of "present truth" to the present time. Starting in infancy in 1845, with only a few believers, the statistics as given in the Bulletin mentioned, helps us to see the guiding hand of God in this work, and gives us reasons to thank Him for the growth of His precious cause in the earth.

According to the Bulletin mentioned we now have two general, nine union and fifty-six local conferences, 42 mission fields with the work divided into different departments, conference, tract and missionary, Sabbath school, educational and church-school work; twelve publishing houses which publish numerous books, tracts and periodicals; forty-nine denominational periodicals, and forty-nine local papers; thirty educational institutions, including colleges, academies, industrial and training schools, and church-schools are being established in every church as fast as possible; twenty-nine sanitariums, besides treatment rooms, health food stores and helping-hand missions in many places; one hundred and eleven physicians; one hundred and seventy-five medical missionaries in the field, besides the large number in the different sanitariums at work and others under training; two benevolent institutions; eight hundred and fifty-five ministers and licentiates, more than five hundred missionary licentiates, and over seventy-five thousand believers in the world.

The increase in our publishing work is wonderful. In 1855 a copy of each book, pamphlet, tract, and a year's subscription to each periodical could have been purchased for three dollars. To-day to buy a copy of each book, pamphlet, tract, maps, charts, and a year's subscription to each periodical will cost in the neighborhood of three hundred dollars. It is an acknowledged fact that we publish the best literature and do more to get our works before the people than any other denomination in the world. A minister in this city made

this statement to me just the other day, and said that there was nothing in our books that would hurt the people.

While we rejoice in what has been accomplished and the progress that has attended this cause, it behooves every believer in "present truth" to redouble their diligence, redeem the time and hasten the speed of this special truth, this last message of mercy to earth's remotest bounds, and we will see greater developments in the near future than have been seen in the past.

Study our books and periodicals and the old time missionary spirit will revive, and that spirit will be a power in us to spread the truth.

J. E. DUNN.

A SURE PROMISE FOR 1902.

A few additional papers have returned since our last issue, and I hope the work may go on until every church and every member will be represented in this worthy enterprise. Let the ministers assist the church elders as they visit the churches, until every name shall appear on this list of helpers.

South Bend 10 names, 80 cents per week; Farmersburg 4 names, 70 cents per week; New Harmony 5 names, 42 cents per week.

Now brethren, do you not see the possibilities in this plan? Let every church send in its list promptly. One month is already past. I. J. H.

Sabbath School Conventions.

Indianapolis Sabbath school expects to hold its convention March 22. We cordially invite all to attend. We would be pleased to have our visitors study the topics in the program sent to your school, and be prepared to join in the discussion of the papers read upon the different topics.

We hope every Sabbath school will hold their convention soon. We expect to see our Sabbath school work advance as well as other lines of the work, and it will if we will faithfully do the work the Lord has given us. CLARA T. MILLER.

Church School Teachers.

Following are the names and locations of church schools and teachers in Indiana:

Mabel Starks, Indianapolis.
Ida Achor, Olivet Chapel.
Lizzie Masters, Tell City.
Lucille Ford, Dana.
Mrs. T. B. Creager, Salem.
Elsie Stanley, Linton.
T. B. Johnson, Boggs town.
Elmer Kenney, Francesville.

If there are others, I would be glad to have their names and addresses.

MRS. CLARA T. MILLER,

Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF TITHES FOR JANUAR

Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1901.		\$228
Akron church.....	\$ 2 45	
Angola.....	28 00	
Anderson.....	10 87	
Boggs town.....	85 00	
Connersville.....	10 42	
Denver.....	25 82	
Dana.....	29 98	
Evansville.....	17 13	
Elnora.....	49 07	
Ft. Wayne.....	29 47	
Farmersburg.....	69 00	
Frankton.....	67 73	
Grass Creek.....	100 86	
Glenwood.....	15 00	
Hartford.....	23 71	
Idaville.....	51 14	
Individuals.....	39 02	
Inwood.....	13 97	
Indianapolis.....	246 30	
Jonesboro.....	47 72	
Kokomo.....	68 63	
Kennard.....	16 20	
LaFayette.....	12 83	
Lebanon.....	2 25	
Ligonier.....	4 20	
Linton.....	8 70	
Mechanicsburg.....	27 07	
Michaels.....	16 56	
Marion.....	53 40	
Maxwell.....	13 38	
Middletown.....	94 82	
Mt. Zion.....	24 08	
Muncie.....	26 28	
Mt. Vernon.....	48 11	
North Liberty.....	48 50	
New London.....	3 38	
Northfield.....	25 00	
Noblesville.....	19 81	
New Marion.....	18 55	
Olivet Chapel.....	62 50	
Plymouth.....	20 00	
Patrickburg.....	7 90	
Princeton.....	3 99	
Rochester.....	32 75	
Reynolds.....	5 00	
Richmond.....	31 20	
South Milford.....	6 00	
Salem.....	22 66	
South Bend.....	45 62	
Terre Haute.....	48 46	
Waldron.....	29 25	
Walkerton.....	25 76	
Wolf Lake.....	75 26	
Windfall.....	6 65	
West Liberty.....	43 75	
Elwood.....	14 12	
Michigan City.....	6 95	
Greenfield.....	122 68	
Received during Jan.....		\$2,104
Total.....		\$2,332
Over Dratt Jan. 1.....		365
Paid labors in Jan.....		\$2,698

The Indiana Conference association and Tract society placed \$1,300 to the credit of the account, to pay arrears due to the Indiana conference laborers. We hope that brethren will see to it that the tithes will be in sufficient to soon reimburse the conference on this loan. W. C. McCUBBER.

CANVASSERS' REPORT

BIBLE READINGS				Hel
	Hrs.	Ord's	Val.	
R. H. Hazelton.....	109	20	\$46 25	8
H. S. Browning.....	5	10	75	44
MARVEL OF NATIONS.				
Mattie Bailey.....	59	17	18 55	5
Lizzie Bailey.....	39	11	17 00	2
COMING KING.				
T. J. Clark.....	45	7	3 50	21
HEALTH BOOKS.				
H. S. Browning.....	3	7	50	
DANIEL AND REVELATION.				
Fred Hall.....	18	10	14 05	2
MISCELLANEOUS.				
A. E. King.....	57	13	10 00	
Mrs. L. Brown.....	7	3	25	
Sarah Hinton.....	12	11	9 25	
Individuals.....			15 25	
SUMMARY.				
No. of Agents 10,393	108	153	65	84

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Since it was first proposed to prepare a book for use in the Missionary Reading Circle study, the general scope of the work has been changed, and the original plan has been merged into the larger idea of the Forward Movement. This led to enlarged plans as to the nature of the book and the field to be covered by it, and it has been found impossible to have the book ready as early as at first proposed. The Central committee regret this unavoidable delay in the issue of the book, but still feel that in the end it will be more satisfactory to take sufficient time for the work than to hasten its issue at the expense of that carefulness in preparation to which a treatise of such importance is entitled.

In view of this delay, the Central committee has arranged for the preparation of a series of practical studies, one of which will be printed each week. These studies will deal with the use of water in the treatment of some of the more common ailments, but will include more than arbitrary directions for giving a few treatments. Many people have learned by experience or from observation that a hot fomentation will relieve pain in many instances, while in other cases a cold application may produce a favorable result; but there are comparatively few who can tell the nature of the disorder in the system which is the cause of the pain, or what change must be produced in order to set things right again, or why the application should be hot in one instance and cold in another, or when or why they should sometimes be alternated. The principles which lie at the foundation of these questions, and the more direct causes of many common disorders, can be understood by any person of ordinary intelligence *who is willing to study*; and it is for the purpose of bringing some of this information within the reach of those who are willing to study, that these lessons are to be printed. They will be prepared by physicians of experience, and the information given will be scientifically accurate; but a special effort will be made to clothe the ideas in simple language, avoiding technical terms as far as possible, so that none need be deprived of the benefits of the les-

sons through the lack of previous medical training.

In order that the most may be made of this opportunity, and that the results may be as beneficial as possible, the Central committee suggests that a weekly gathering be held in each church or company in which these studies may be taken up and the practical work actually done. It only demands interest and leadership to make the movement a success. In many cases some will be found in the company whose previous experience can be used to excellent advantage in this effort.

The first study will be printed in the Review of February 18, and the studies will then follow in regular succession. In the meantime the matter should be considered, the plans laid, and all preparations made so that the studies can be begun not later than the first of March.

In behalf of the Central Committee,
W. W. PRESCOTT, Chairman.

OBITUARY.

KARR—Vashti, daughter of Matthew and Susan Karr, died at Fair Oaks, Ind., Dec. 15, 1901, of pneumonia, aged 9 months and 5 days. Bro. and Sister Karr do not sorrow as those who have no hope, for they look forward to the time when the Life Giver will bring again from the dead their little Vashti, and in immortal glory restore her to their embrace. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Matt. 19; 14.

A little infant sleeps in death;—
How beautiful and fair!
Yes, even now, though void of breath,
God's impress still is there.

When Jesus bids it rise and live
With all the saints in light,
A glorious body then he'll give,
Resplendent to the sight.

ANDREWS—Amanda J. was born Oct. 22, 1861, and died Jan. 24, 1902, aged 40 years, 3 months and 2 days. Sister Andrews was united to Geo. W. Boston, Sept. 29, 1881. To this union was born four sons and four daughters, five of whom are still living. At the age of 13 she became a member of the M. E. church, but in 1889 she accepted the Third Angel's message, and died in the faith of the soon coming Savior. Words of comfort were spoken from John 14: 15-18; 16: 20-22 by the writer.

I. G. BIGELOW.

FREED—Near Millwood, Jan. 19, 1902, Sister Elizabeth Freed, after a

long illness, which she bore patiently, aged 64 years, 9 months, 24 days. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to a large audience.

F. M. ROBERTS.

CARPENTER—Margaret died in Wolf Lake, Jan. 29, 1902, aged 67 years, 4 months and 4 days. In 1876 she became connected with our people and has been a faithful Christian. One brother two sisters and three daughters with her husband are left to mourn their loss. Words of comfort by the writer.

J. S. SHROCK.

Homes Wanted.

I should like to get a home for a bright little boy of four, and his three sisters, the oldest a winsome little girl about eight years of age. Will not some of our good Indiana brethren open their hearts and homes to these homeless ones? Also, who will give homes to two motherless boys, and train them in the truth their mother loved? The father of these boys is an Adventist, and a poor man, and his work keeps him away from home, so he cannot bestow upon them the care and teaching he desires them to have. A golden opportunity to obtain the blessing of Isa. 58. Who will respond? Address the undersigned at 1422 E. Main st., LaFayette, Ind for particulars.

L. F. ELLIOTT.

Pledges for Material Fund.

All of our friends have noticed from the published figures in the Review & Herald that the great \$50,000 fund for the relief of the schools is rapidly climbing to the point of completion. The last figures showed that over \$35,000 in cash has been paid into the treasury.

We have still a large number of pledges on our books, and as we have some heavy bills to meet in the near future, would very thankful to our kind brethren and sisters everywhere, if they will do the very best they possibly can to meet these pledges. Money should be sent by bank draft, express or post office order to Percy T. Magan, Berrien Spring, Mich.

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