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## OUR SABBATH MEETINGS

BY WM. COVERT.

We believe our people hold one hundred meetings or more in Wisconsin each Sabbath day. These should be made helpful to the people. The burden of conducting them rests upon our local elders more than upon any one else. Not that the elder leads in every instance; but if he does not, some one appointed by him does lead. The elders and leaders in these meetings are not usually supposed to be pulpit speakers and orators; but instead, they should select a suitable topic, and direct in its elucidation.

It may be noticed, by carefully reading our denominational papers, that there is usually a current subject receiving attention. The leader of the meeting may often very properly make this subject the theme for the Sabbath meeting. At times the Sabbath school lesson opens into a boundless ocean of thought which can be only touched upon in the short time allotted for Sabbath school recitation. If the leader of the meeting has skill and ability to take the school and the church out into the wider expanse of the subject, and cause them to gather more of its rich treasures, he has done a very good work. But when this is undertaken, it should always be in harmony with the thought advanced in the lesson.

Of all the essentials for making a leader competent, prayerful Bible study is the best. The Bible should be studied until its living thoughts become verdant in the soul—yes, even till its branches yield rich clusters of gospel fruit. Then a congregation can be so led as to spend the Sabbath meeting hour gathering this fruit and feasting upon it, such a congregation will grow strong in the Lord and the power of his might. The people can help much. They, too, can study the Word, and they should do it. It is for them to co-operate with the thought of the meeting.

Let the spirit of praise and thanksgiving prevail in every meeting. Avoid all unpleasant reflections. Shun the very appearance of them, for they poison the air where they are spoken. The meeting should be full of life, and yet solid and serious. A constant study of the Bible and our good literature will be very helpful in providing a proper vocabulary. We are very much inclined, in our conversation, to use the style of language that prevails in the books and papers which we read. The Savior says our words come from the heart, or the thoughts which we habitually think. The theme of the heart being good, the testimony will reveal it. Our study furnishes thought, and the social meeting gives expression to it. Good things read, and good deeds performed during the week, assure a profitable meeting on the Sabbath day.

If any one thinks the meetings are not what they should be, let that one seek the Lord, that he may do his part better. Almost any one can become the means

in the hands of the Lord of improving a social meeting. An earnest, tender spirit is always helpful. Even a child may be the means, through the Lord, of bringing this into the meeting. All are to help. All should seek the Lord. All should study his word. All should do the things required. All should believe and praise the Lord. These things will bear the right kind of fruit, and make our meetings what the Lord designs them to be.

## THE GENERAL CONFERENCE DAILY BULLETIN

BY A. G. DANIELLS.

Arrangements have been made to issue a Daily Bulletin during the thirty-fifth session of the General Conference, to be held in Oakland, Cal., March 27 to April 13, 1903. A large staff of editors and assistants will be engaged in the preparation of the paper, by which we hope to make it even better than it has ever been in the past. It will contain complete statistical and general reports from our various conferences and mission fields, information regarding our organizations and institutions, as well as full stenographic reports of all Conference proceedings, and of the Bible studies. The Bulletin should be carefully studied by all our people who desire full information with reference to our work in all parts of the world, as brought out in the Conference. The subscription price is 50 cents for the session. All orders should be sent to the Pacific Press Publishing Co., Oakland, Cal., and at an early date to insure the receipt of every number from the first. Orders may be sent through any State tract society also.

## KOKOMO CHURCH SCHOOL

BY THOS. A. MORRIS.

I have been asked to say through the Reporter that the church school at Kokomo is so far a success. We have been running three weeks, with increasing attendance, facilities and confidence on the part of the patrons. It is quite interesting to see the children struggling against natural inclinations in giving up modern buildings, friends in class and on playground, and everything that goes to make schooldays happy, to take their stand where they think the Lord wants them. Yet they are coming, and willingly. Not only so, but some are pleading with unchristian parents for the privilege. It is wonderful to see the attitude of the children toward the public schools.

Most of our people here are kindly disposed toward the school, and some are very enthusiastic. The city superintendent is favorably impressed with our plan, and has helped us what he could. The courage shown by our people in the struggle to start the school is certainly commendable. But we are here by the grace of God, and here to stay. We need your prayers, your sympathy, and encouragement.

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ENTERED AS SECOND-CLASS MAIL MATTER.

## REPORT OF TITHES FOR DECEMBER, 1902

Akron .....	\$2 00	Marion .....	\$25 00
Barbers Mills .....	38 48	West Liberty .....	5 00
Denver .....	3 25	New Marion .....	26 59
Evansville .....	14 50	Patrickburg .....	10 00
Ft. Wayne .....	13 15	Salem .....	55 45
Farmersburg .....	167 20	Terre Haute .....	30 00
Glenwood .....	45 00	West Liberty .....	4 45
Hartford City .....	23 35	Windfall .....	4 90
Idaville .....	3 00	Elwood .....	3 00
Individuals .....	25 67	Michigan City .....	3 28
Indianapolis .....	292 04	Greenfield .....	4 44
Jonesboro .....	31 85	New Palestine .....	20 82
LaFayette .....	15 26	Mechanicsburg .....	39 50
Ligonier .....	39 34	Jefferson .....	3 55

Total December receipts .....	\$955 07
Paid laborers .....	\$1,052 19
Tithe overdrawn January 1, 1903 .....	1,133 56

DEAR BRETHREN IN INDIANA: I make the following statement at this time that you may know how we stand on the matter of paying our laborers. In January of last year (1902) we borrowed from the other conference funds \$1,300 to pay our force of workers the amount that was due at that time.

Coming to the close of the year 1902, we find that had we paid over to the General Conference and to the Lake Union Conference the \$894.32 that was still due them for the year just closed, we would have been owing our other funds \$2,027.88 instead of \$1,300. This would have made our December tithe report show up in a poor light. But such of the tithes as have been paid in since Jan. 1 this year was December tithes, and so on Jan. 25, 1903, we find that we have paid over to the two conferences above mentioned \$758.28 of the \$894.32 that was due to them at the close of the year; and were we to pay up all that is now due thus far in January, we should be owing the Indiana Conference only \$1,760.21. This is better than \$2,027.88 at the close of the month of December; but I feel sure that you are not well satisfied with the showing. I do not know how I can show you more clearly that we are slipping behind rather than reducing our tithe to the Conference. We know what the Lord says as to how many more laborers there should be in the field than there are at the present time.

One thing is apparent, and that is that we are not yet ready to meet the mind of the Lord as to sending more laborers into the harvest. Indeed, it is apparent that we are not supporting the few that we have in the field. Brethren, this will enable you to understand why our conference president is talking to the point on the payment of the Lord's tithe. What are we to do with the condition that confronts us? W. C. McCUARG.

Just at the present time, the beginning of a new volume, would be a good time to send in your subscription for the Reporter. Twenty-five cents a year.

## CHURCH CLERKS

BY A. L. MILLER.

Having to make a new list of the churches and members of the same, I hereby request the clerks of the various churches to send me a list of the members and officers in their church. Please make the list with the surnames in *alphabetical* order. This will greatly aid me in the secretary's work. I hope you will attend to this immediately. Remember the address, 1224 College avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

Of the Indiana Conference and Tract Society on January 1, 1903.

### RESOURCES.

Cash on hand January 1 .....	\$429.61
Deposited at Merchants' Nat. Bank .....	629.12
Present worth Ind. Con, Assu. assets .....	6,359.26
Pres. worth Ind. Conf. and Tract So. .....	1,736.66
Advanced on C. O. L. fund .....	172.53
Poor fund tithe, advanced .....	11.02
Indianapolis Food Co., advanced .....	197.34
So. Pub. Co., advanced .....	1.56
Ind. Industrial School, advanced .....	63.14
Bills receivable .....	4,104.39
Ledger accounts .....	2,329.73

### LIABILITIES.

Review and Herald .....	\$2,360.60	
Pacific Press, Oakland .....	108.87	
"    "    N. Y. ....	11.91	Paid since Jan. 1
The Life Boat .....	1.00	"    "    "
Good Health Pub. Co. ....	1.95	"    "    "
First Day Offerings .....	15 67	"    "    "
Oxford Uni. Press .....	66.06	"    "    "
A. J. Holman & Co. ....	8.10	"    "    "
Haskell Home .....	15.19	"    "    "
Annual Offerings .....	144.61	"    "    "
Foreign Missions .....	50.95	"    "    "
S. S. donations .....	18.30	"    "    "
Indpls church exp. acct. ..	50	
Indianapolis Sanitarium ..	24.35	
Em. Mis. Col., C. O. L. ....	6,351.70	
Bills Payable .....	5,854.80	

About \$900 has been paid on the above since January 1st. Although the State has taken on liabilities (C. O. Lessons) to the amount of over \$4,000 during the year, yet we stand over \$100 better than in our showing in November, 1901. I. J. HANKINS.

Since January 1st the Sentinel of Christian Liberty has been coming to us in the form of a weekly, instead of a monthly magazine. It presents a neat, attractive appearance, and is filled each week with short, stirring articles and paragraphs. It is just the kind of periodical to use in missionary work. Each individual should be a constant reader of the Sentinel, and every church ought to have a club of them coming every week to use for missionary purposes. The publishers, The Pacific Press Publishing Company, 11 West Twentieth street, New York city, will be glad to send sample copies free for examination.

## BOOK WORK

There is, perhaps, no time in the year when those who are engaged in the work of scattering the printed pages are more likely to become discouraged than this time. There are reasons for this. First, when one begins his work in the spring, it is one continual round of service until he closes his work in the fall. From time to time he makes a delivery; but when that is done, there are usually orders on hand to be delivered later, which inspires hope of such success as will enable him to continue in the good work. Again, this being naturally the hardest time in the whole year to sell books, this fact has its influence to lead one to engage in other work, and when once settled in a good, steady job, it is hard to break away again. I believe I can speak the feelings of all our canvassers in asking the prayers, at this time of all our people that the Lord will give wisdom and power and success to their work, and that the work the Lord has to be done may be finished. I can truly say that the past year has been the best of my life. I have had more evidences of the presence of God with me in my work, for which I feel to rejoice. Let us plead with God for a better fitting up, and that we may do better work next year than we have in the past.

B. H. WELCH.

Last year, while visiting among the churches in the interest of the canvassing work, I asked for donations to be used in the interest of the canvassers. I received from various churches and individuals as follows:

Fort Wayne.....	\$ 1.82	Boggs town .....	\$ 2.17
Logansport .....	1.40	Muncie.....	1.35
Olivet Chapel.....	2.80	Kokomo.....	3.00
Elwood .....	e.50	A. L. Chew.....	1.00
Dr. Eastman.....	2.00	Sr. DeWolfe .....	2.00
E. E. Nash.....	5.00	Total.....	\$24.04

This money has been loaned to the different canvassers at times when they were in need. Some traveling and other expenses have been paid out of this fund as a donation to these workers. The following is an itemized statement of the canvassers' account:

Received cash, \$24.04. Cash on hand, \$10.94; loaned to canvassers, \$6.50; donated to canvassers on traveling expenses, \$6.60.

F. L. MOODY.

I have no trouble in delivering, as the people seem anxious for their books. I love to place these good books in the homes of the people. One lady came three miles to see me to get a book to give as a prize in her Sunday school class.

LIZZIE RICHMOND.

### A FINAL EFFORT

BY I. J. HANKINS.

Brethren Dunn, Lloyd, Ebert, Swartz, Sparks and Harris have taken the field, by special request, to enlist every Adventist in Indiana in a final effort on Christ's Object Lessons. Everybody says this work ought to be finished. The Lord says every man should help to do it. Now if every individual would enlist at once for service, and would then follow the instructions of the

Lord, the work would soon be completed. As these brethren visit the churches, let there be co-operation.

Bro. Dunn has been assigned Marion, Michaels, Muncie, Jonesboro, Hartford City, Anderson, Olivet Chapel, Kennard, Maxwell, Middletown, Mechanicsburg and Greenfield.

Bro. Ebert visits Frankton, Elwood, Windfall, West Liberty, Kokomo, Logansport, Idaville, Olive Branch, Honey Creek, Lafayette, Jefferson, Lebanon, Noblesville and Northfield.

Bro. Lloyd will visit Indianapolis, Dana, Brazil, Terre Haute, Farmersburg, Patricksburg, Linton, Sullivan, Salem, Elnora, Vincennes, Princeton, Evansville, Mt. Zion and New Harmony.

Bro. Sparks will labor in Pleasant View, Rocklane, Franklin, Boggs town, Rushville, Connersville, Waldron, Richmond, New Marion and Homer.

Bro. Harris will labor in Angola, Corunna, Auburn, South Milford, Ligonier, Warsaw, Fort Wayne, Huntington, Wabash, Barbers Mills and Wolf Lake.

Bro. Swartz will assist South Bend, North Liberty, Walkerton, Inwood, Etna Green, Akron, Rochester, Denver, Peru, Grass Creek and Mt. Vernon.

These six men are not going out to sell the books for you, brethren and sisters, but to organize the work better than heretofore, and to assist you in every way possible. Don't wait for them, however, but keep on, doing all you can till they can reach your church. Then give them a hearty welcome and helpful co-operation. Their plan will be to organize each church into several companies, appointing a leader over each company. The books will then be apportioned to the members of these companies, enlisting the service of every person who is willing to labor. We hope no drones will be found, and that no one will ask to be excused. In this work the blessing comes, not in dreading, but in doing. We have already been nearly three years in doing what ought to have been done in three weeks. Brethren, let us quit this dallying, and go to work with a determination to finish the work before the General Conference meets. If you were a soldier under a national flag, you would expect to move promptly at the word of command. Are we not soldiers under the gospel banner, and should we not move even more promptly at the word of our Captain?

Let no man belittle this work, or think it unimportant. Let no one put it off, for now is the time to do it. Read again what the Lord has said about it. The hosts of Israel said that they could not enter and possess the promised land; but two of their number said they could. What are we saying? Are we men of faith, or does unbelief prevail? Why should we shrink from this work? Who will put on the armor anew, and join the ranks in a final effort? While other States are engaged in a closing campaign, let us not come behind. Let every minister and laborer in Indiana make this his special work till it is completed. There is no better work for new fields. Let the leaders, previously appointed, continue in their respective districts, co-operating with these newly appointed men, except those who have been called to new fields. May our motto be, "a finished work."

Do not forget to send us your subscription for the Reporter.

## INDUSTRIAL ACADEMY

BY I. J. HANKINS.

Slowly the money is coming in on pledges and birthday offerings. The following has been received since last issue:

T. A. Goodwin .....	\$25 06	Mary Saunders.....	\$ 50
J. W. Goodwin .....	10 00	Mary Marrow .....	80
Dr. Eastman.....	5 00	Bertie Banta.....	50
Mary Ellinger.....	1 48	Mrs. Matthews .....	50
J. E. Smith.....	71	Anna Matthews.....	25
Harriet Smith.....	74	Mrs. Chapman.....	25
John Davidson.....	64	Addie Hutchinson.....	1 00
Catherine Davidson..	58	J. S. Shrock.....	1 66
Ettie Dudley .....	50	Leroy Minier .....	15
Evaline Gremmons..	63	Total.....	\$51 28

As the money comes slowly, the work on building must necessarily progress slowly. Our readers will be glad to know that the wheels are not blocked. The Lord has said that the work which lies nearest our churches is the education of our children. Surely no one who believes this will hesitate to send one cent for every year of his life toward the erection of suitable buildings in which to carry on this educational work. Church elders, librarians, treasurers and Sabbath school superintendents, will you not assist us by collecting these birthday offerings in your respective churches? Visit personally every member, and let the children send their offerings. We hope to receive a complete list from every church in Indiana. Surely every soul can give as much as one cent for every year he has lived, while others can give \$25, \$50, \$100, \$400, or even \$1,000. Forward your offerings, great or small, at once, and let not the Lord's work be hindered.

## OBITUARY

BY A. L. MILLER.

Charles Howard Goodwin, son of T. A. and Georgia H. Goodwin, was born at Mechanicsburg, Henry county, Indiana, April 21, 1890, and died at Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 7, 1903, aged 12 years, 8 months, 16 days. His last illness, diabetes, was of short duration, being confined to his bed only about thirty hours. He passed away peacefully and quietly as though taking rest in a natural sleep. His life, though short, has not been in vain, for he loved the Lord, and gave himself to Him. His words are, "I belong to the Lord, and whatever He does will be all right." His influence among his associates and schoolmates was good, tending to instil right principles into their lives.

Services were conducted at the home in Indianapolis and at Mechanicsburg, where most of his life was spent. The writer was assisted at Indianapolis by I. S. Lloyd, and at Mechanicsburg by Elder P. G. Stanley. Many relatives and friends assembled at each place to pay their last rites of respect to the departed. "We sorrow not as those who have no hope... Words of comfort and consolation were spoken from Psalms 103:13-18 and Rev. 14:13. Burial was in the Mechanicsburg cemetery.

**WANTED**—Good farm hand who understands gardening and berry culture. Good position to faithful S. D.A. hand; single man preferred. Address,

E. LIGHT, Princeton, Ind.

### REPORT OF CANVASSING WORK FOR TWO WEEKS, ENDING JANUARY 18, 1903.

NAME.	PLACE.	Hrs.	Ex.	D. or A.	D. & R.	G. C.	C. K.	H. or M.	H. B.	L. Gd.	Bib. R.	P. & P.	Orders	Value.	Value Helps.	Del.	Value.
*H. S. Browning	Indianapolis	62				2		1				5	10	\$37 25	\$43 00		\$69 80
R. H. Hazelton	Ft. Wayne													7 25	24 50		124 50
G. G. Davis	Miami County	23				1								2 25	2 50		119 75
Thos. Hubbard	Miami County					12								30 25	1 00		64 98
Mollie E. Keener	Anderson					1								2 25	2 25		170 00
B. H. Welch	Spencer													16 00			37 22
T. J. Clark	Franklin													6 75			5 00
Mrs. T. J. Clark	Franklin													3 50			14 70
Edna Spratt	Indianapolis													11 95			23 90
Olive Huber	South Bend					1								4 25			10 13
V. B. Frost	Brown county							1						1 25			
Lizzie Richmond	Tangier													1 25			
No. canvassers, 12																	
Totals																	
\$98 50 \$117 20 \$639 98																	

The December canvassing, including the several orders for books received from those who do not canvass regularly, amounts in round figures to \$300 sales. This is not a large showing, but does not include the sales of Object Lessons. Considering that it was the time set by many of the canvassers for deliveries, we feel that we should speak a good word for brethren who sold the books. Mrs. Viola Shrock and Mrs. Hinton, Muncie, and Maggie McColley, at Waldron, Ind., are giving some of their time to the sale of our books, with good results. We would be glad to know that all the canvassers are to remain in the field.

# UNEMPLOYED MEN AND WOMEN

It will pay you to read every word of the following unsolicited letter from one of our salesmen:—

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.  
During the past few months I have been canvassing more or less in Battle Creek for the Magic Pocket Vaporizer, and have found that well-directed efforts meet with success. One prominent business man remarked, "It is the best selling thing I ever saw, because everybody wants it."

I find little difficulty in getting recommendations from influential people, having secured half a dozen testimonials from among the clergy of this city. The canvasser needs but little capital in selling this instrument, as deliveries are made as fast as opportunity affords, and in this way he will find his influence constantly increasing. A splendid opportunity is also afforded to do missionary work among the suffering, and the canvasser can make good wages besides.

I predict a large sale for the Magic Pocket Vaporizer.  
W. ARKOLD.

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