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THE BOGGSTOWN MEETING

I. J. HANKINS.

We were happily surprised to see so many present at this meeting, where we enjoyed a season of spiritual refreshing. Sabbath was a good day. Elder Stone and Elder Wm. Covert occupied the hours of service, and in the afternoon a very interesting social meeting was held.

Saturday evening was devoted to the educational work, and so great was the interest that the meeting did not close until 10 o'clock. The visiting brethren spoke of their appreciation of the school work, and of their desire to see it rise in Indiana. The teachers and matron presented the work of the Industrial school, the improvement of the students in scholarship and deportment, and the good beginning in the industrial work. The spiritual interests of the school have steadily improved. The students expressed their appreciation of the work that has been done for them, and all seem happy, and desirous of improving their opportunities to the best advantage, in order that they may be fitted for service in the Master's work. The patrons of the school commended the orderly conduct of the students, and spoke of the general interest in the school on the entire community.

Elder Stone expressed his interest in church and intermediate schools, and remarked that when people are converted to the principles of Christian education, there will be no difficulty in securing means to carry on this work. Dr. Strickler said he never saw a finer company of young people than those attending the school last winter. The school has been conducted in a building in his yard, and he has had opportunity to see the orderly conduct of the students. He was also gratified to note the mental and spiritual progress of the students. The time was fully occupied in short testimonies, showing the general appreciation of the work accomplished thus far in our industrial school.

On Sunday the brethren supplied carriages and wagons sufficient to take the entire congregation to visit the school grounds. All were interested in the building and in the work of the farm. About five acres of fruit has been planted this spring, consisting of apples, pears, peaches, plums, cherries, and the smaller fruits of different kinds. The Bethel Academy presented us with 2,900 strawberry plants. Brother Boyd has special charge of this line of work, and manifests a deep interest in it.

A collection was taken to buy a set of harness, and pledge papers were circulated for contributions to the school enterprise. The total amount received was about \$140. Most of the laborers present donated one week's salary, and it was proposed that blank pledges be circulated throughout the State, and that we ask our people to give one week's income, or earnings, to the school. If all would do this, it would be more than enough to complete and equip the buildings.

The meeting closed on Sunday evening with a discourse by Elder J. W. Covert. The brethren returned to their homes with new courage to go forward in the work, not only for the education of our young people, but in behalf of the general interests of the work which the Lord has committed to us.

CONFERENCE BUSINESS

The Conference Committee held several meetings while in Boggstown, and in council with leading brethren the following action was taken:

That the Indiana State camp meeting be held early in August, and that it be held in Peru, if suitable ground and facilities can be secured.

That a tent meeting be conducted by Brethren U. S. Anderson and E. C. Swartz in the vicinity of Bedford.

That we express ourselves in harmony with the action of the General Conference and the Lake Union Conference relating to the change of laborers in Indiana.

That the resignation of Elder I. J. Hankins be accepted, and that Elder W. J. Stone be chosen to the presidency of this conference, according to the recommendation of the General Conference.

That we accept the resignation by Elder A. L. Miller of his official positions in the conference.

That Elder I. J. Hankins be elected to fill the vacancy of Elder A. L. Miller on the conference committee, also to act as vice-president of the conference until his departure for South Africa.

That Bro. Gilbert be invited to visit Indiana in behalf of the Signs and paper work, as agent of the Pacific Press Publishing Company.

MY VISIT TO INDIANA.

W. J. STONE.

In compliance with an invitation from Elder Hankins to attend a meeting to be held at Boggstown May 15 to 17, and in response to a recommendation of the General Conference Committee that I labor in Indiana conference, I was in attendance at this gathering.

As already reported by Elder Hankins, many matters of importance and interest to the conference and the future of the work were considered. The school and finance questions were discussed with much interest. Some fears were expressed as to the outcome of the financial condition of the conference; however, my observation and investigation of the matter led me to take a more hopeful view of the situation.

It is true that the conference is in debt several thousand dollars; but this is no great thing, and will soon be righted, if all the Sabbath-keepers in Indiana grasp the situation and sense the importance of the times in which we are living, and consecrate their lives to God's service and work, as the great importance of the message demands.

God came into our councils at Boggstown, by his Spirit, and was our Counsellor. He brought hope and

courage to many hearts. Clear rays of light penetrated the darkness. "It is not by might nor by power" that the work is to be carried forward, "but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Man's wisdom and power avail but little, unless connected with the source of all wisdom and power.

I was very favorably impressed with the talent present at this gathering, which, if fully consecrated to God, can accomplish wonders for his cause. God has the material in Indiana to make a strong working force; and I am confident there are no more loyal souls anywhere than the rank and file of the brethren and sisters that compose the Indiana conference. I was accorded a warm reception, and many assured me of their hearty co-operation in the work. As I come among you to assist in carrying forward the great work that God has entrusted to our care, it is "in weakness and in fear, and in much trembling." But our God can supply every lack. Our faith does not stand in the wisdom of men, but "in the power of God." I earnestly solicit the counsel and prayers of all. God has promised to be with us, and if our lives are consecrated to him, he will safely guide the ship over every wave of perplexity, and bring us safely into the harbor at last.

I was much pleased with the efforts being made to establish the Indiana Industrial Academy near Boggs-town. The building is well under way. The carpenters are now putting the roof on, and will soon have the building enclosed. It is a beautiful site, and sufficiently elevated to give good drainage and present a beautiful appearance. May God greatly bless this institution of learning to the good of many souls in Indiana. I am sure many will point with great satisfaction to this school as a means used of God in their salvation. I wish that all could realize the eternal value of a Christian education. If our Indiana people could sense the value of a Christian school in the salvation of the youth, the building now being erected would not be adequate to accommodate those who would be in attendance.

The brethren and sisters have been apprised of the fact several times that our tithe fund, with which to support the laborers, is greatly in arrears. This matter received attention at this meeting. We trust that all will be faithful to the Lord in this regard. I wish to assure all who are sending money to our State treasurer, that these funds will be sacredly guarded, and made to go the longest way. We who are laborers should be careful to give value received for every dollar taken from the treasury. I hope to have more to say along this line in the future.

I hope to form the acquaintance of the brethren and sisters of Indiana as rapidly as possible, but will not be able to meet many of you before camp meeting. May I not, however, at this annual gathering, have the privilege of meeting the majority of those in the State? We desire to have a grand rally at this meeting. It is centrally located, and we look forward to the largest gathering and the grandest meeting ever held in the conference. May the Lord direct in all our work.

Two precious souls were added to the Indianapolis church by baptism since our last issue, and others are at the point of decision.

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THE REPORTER

An article relative to the Reporter interests in our conference, received from Elder Stone for this issue, was lost, we are sorry to say, in the office, so we are not able to fully mention the points he wished to present to the brethren. However, attention was called to the fact that this issue will be mailed to nearly every Adventist home in the State, with the hope that those who are not now subscribers for our good little State paper will send us a year's subscription for it, so as to be in touch with the work and its needs in our home field.

The general camp meeting will soon be held, and a large attendance is desired. Elder Stone will not be able to visit all the churches in the State for months; but we are sure that all will be glad to talk with him about the work in general, and the camp meeting in particular, through the columns of the Reporter. May we not have the pleasure at once of entering your name on our list of subscribers? Please send us 25 cents, in stamps, and get the paper for one year.

I WANT TO KNOW IT BETTER

WM. COVERT.

Music: Hymns and Tunes, 1287.

I long to meet my Savior,
When he shall raise the dead
And ask one precious favor
Of Christ, my living head.
I want to know it better—
How he could die for me,
When sin, all dark and bitter,
Was what there was in me.

Chorus—I want to know it better—
And Christ can make it plain—
How drinking death, all bitter,
Could give me life again.

I know that he will cover
The grief, and all the stain;
But should he tell it over,
I'm sure he'd make it plain.
And when I think of glory,
So long, and yet so sweet,
I plead to hear the story
All told at his own feet.

'Tis true it seems the sweeter
As it is told the more;
But oh, to hear it better
As He could tell it o'er.
I think I'll listen closer
If he shall tell it then,
For He can make it clearer
Than letters from a pen.

I'm sure my ears will open
To all that vital chord,
And so, the dullness broken,
I'll understand my Lord.
For this I'll pray and labor
As he may think it best;
But still I'll ask the favor,
And he will do the rest.

AN EXPLANATION

The Conference and Tract Society owe \$10,196.08. To pay this debt, we have in notes, accounts and cash, \$3,665.80, not including the mission property, personal property, nor our stock of books.

We have not had tithe enough to pay our workers, and so have borrowed from the Tract Society \$2,140.57. We are now owing our own conference workers \$1,100, and the General and Lake Union conferences (first and second tithe) \$1,136.28. If we had the sum of these last three items, \$4,376.85, in hand, we could settle these bills, reimburse the Tract Society, and reduce the entire debt to \$2,153.43. This, of course, is counting the above resources at par value. It is nearly all owing to the society by Seventh-Day Adventists, and therefore ought to be worth "one hundred cents on the dollar."

How to replenish our tithe treasury and supply the funds for present needs, is now the question before every Sabbath-keeper in the conference. The Lord says that if we were faithful in tithes and offerings, there would be an abundance of means to carry on the work. There is not an abundance of means, but a dearth of means in Indiana, therefore as a people we are unfaithful in tithes and offerings. How can we hope to hear the "Well done, good and faithful servant," unless we are faithful in all things? We have heard much of the loyalty of the Indiana brethren, and now I am sure when they see the situation, there will be a hearty response, and that we may soon report a replenished treasury; our laborers all paid up to date; our tract society paid back the money advanced to laborers, and confidence restored among those who have been suspicious and critical. We shall experience also the blessing promised in Malachi 3:8-11—even an opening of the windows of heaven and a bountiful bestowal of all that is most needful for the "remnant." Brethren, let us not worry over the long-standing indebtedness in our conference, but let us each be true to God in tithes and offerings, and then the debts will vanish like dew before the rising sun. May our inquiry be, "Lord, what can I do to advance thy work and to bring deliverance to thy waiting people."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL PLEDGES

The following pledges were made at the meetings held in Boggstown May 15 to 17. All are due in one year, some in a few months:

B. F. Machlan.....	\$10 00	Elder J. C. Harris.....	\$12 00
Elder W. J. Stone.....	10 00	Elder C. H. Bliss.....	10 00
Mrs. Lottie Reese.....	30	U. S. Anderson.....	8 00
J. Theresa Thompson	5 00	W. C. and A. McCuaig	12 00
G. J. Boyd.....	8 00	Steward Rogers.....	1 20
Maude Henry.....	5 00	Mrs. L. V. Mann.....	10 00
E. C. Swarts.....	8 00	Eld. I. J. Hankins.....	5 00
S. L. Strickler.....	12 00	G. R. Underwood.....	6 00
Mrs. R. W. McMahan		Eld. F. M. Roberts.....	10 00

.....week's work

Elders Hankins and Roberts paid their subscription in full, and Steward Rogers paid 20c on his.

This is a small beginning, but an effort will be made to enlist all our people in making substantial offerings to raise sufficient means for completing and furnishing our Industrial School buildings this summer.

LIFE BOAT WORKERS IN INDIANAPOLIS

J. H. AND FLORENCE NIEHAUS.

To encourage others to enter the paper work at their homes, we give a short account of the work as carried on in Indianapolis by the young people of the church. We called a meeting, and after relating some good experiences on our trip to California, selling the Life Boat, we got the young folks interested. A number of papers were obtained, and in a few hours' active work about 400 were sent out on their mission of saving souls. Bro. W. B. Lowe took twenty subscriptions for the Life Boat, besides selling a number, in about an hour's good, faithful work. To the Lord be all the praise. We intend to follow up this work with the Signs, also. We have decided to locate here, and Mrs. Niehaus will engage in the Bible work in this city. I have connected with the Rational Sanitarium, and our address is 224 West Ohio street. It was our desire to visit all the churches of the State, and encourage our people in taking up this grand work of circulating our literature. Though we are deprived of this privilege for the present, we are willing and desirous of giving any information and instruction in our power, and will be pleased to hear from any who are interested.



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