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A WORKING CHURCH

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

A living church is a working church. The precious light of Bible truth, like a lamp that burneth, is to shine forth from every church member. God will use his believing ones as his instrumentalities; through them he will minister to souls fainting for the bread of life. Words of hope and cheer falling from lips that have been touched with a live coal from God's altar will revive and comfort those who are weary and distressed.

Time is precious. The destiny of souls is in the balance. Many more of the lay members, if consecrated to God's service, could give the warning message of mercy to the multitudes who are not acquainted with the truth for this time. All around us there are souls perishing in sin. Every day there is something to do for the Master.

Every Christian is to let his light shine forth in good works. His words are to magnify our Lord Jesus Christ. Instead of waiting for *great opportunities* before doing anything, he is to do the work lying nearest him. Thus he will increase his talents and gain a preparation for wider service. Wherever he is, there is his field, in which he is to show forth in word and deed the saving power of truth. He is not to wait to see what others

do. He has a personality of his own, and he is responsible to Christ, whose servant he is, for every word and act.

God's people would put on joy and gladness as a garment if they would only receive that which he is waiting to give them—that which would make them strong to help those in need of help. Our people need the breath of spiritual life breathed into them, that they may arouse to spiritual action. Many have lost their vital energy, and are sluggish, dead, as it were.

In the service of God there is work of many kinds to be performed. In the service of the temple there were hewers of wood, as well as priests of various orders bearing various degrees of responsibility. Our church members are to arise and shine because their light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon them. Let those who know the truth arouse out of sleep, and make every effort to reach the people where they are. The work of the Lord must no longer be neglected by us, and made secondary to worldly interests. We have no time to be idle or discouraged. The gospel is to be proclaimed to all the world. The publications containing the light of present truth are to go forth to all places. Canvassing campaigns are to be organized for the sale of our literature, that the world may be enlightened as to what is just before us.

In many States there are settlements of industrious, well-to-do farmers, who have never heard the truth for this time. Such places should be worked. Let our lay members take up this line of service. By loaning or selling books, by distributing papers, and by holding Bible readings, our lay members could do much in their own neighborhoods. Filled with love for souls; they could proclaim the message of present truth with such power that many would be converted. Let us remember that it is as important to carry the message to those in the home field who have not heard the truth, as it is to go as missionaries to foreign countries.

There is abundant work for all who know the truth. Approach the people in a persuasive, kindly manner, full of cheerfulness and love for Christ. The Savior is ever near with grace and power to enable you to present the gospel of Salvation, which will bring souls out of the darkness of unbelief into his marvelous light. Reach out after those who are ready to perish. Call attention to "The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

I wish that all our people could see the many doors that are open before them. Beside all waters we are to sow the seeds of truth. O, how my soul is drawn out for sinners, that they may be won for Christ! If those who have received the truth would exercise a living faith in Christ, if they would realize that they are to be his workers, wholly consecrated to his service, what a work might be done! When God's people surrender themselves unreservedly to Christ, they will use every power of mind and body to his Name's glory, and his work will make rapid advancement.

The things of this world are soon to pass away. This is not discerned by those who have not been divinely enlightened, or who have not kept pace with the work of God. Consecrated men and women must go forth to sound the warning in the highways and byways.

I urge my brethren and sisters not to engage in work that will hinder them from proclaiming the gospel of Christ. You are God's spokesmen. You are to speak the truth in love to perishing souls. Remember that one day you will stand before the Lord of all the earth, to give an account of the deeds done in the body. Then your work will appear as it really is. The vineyard is large, and the Lord is calling for laborers. Allow nothing to keep you from the work of soul-saving. By earnest prayer obtain power that will make your influence a savor of life unto life. The Master Worker will put his spirit upon all who labor for him with whole-hearted devotion.

MISSIONARY RALLY.

Sabbath and Sunday, Nov. 21 and 22, 1903, is the time designated by the General Conference to begin a grand rally and forward movement in the work of circulating our literature throughout the United States and the world.

The Missionary Board has prepared readings and a program for these services. It is expected that not less than three meetings will be held—two perhaps on the Sabbath, and one on Sunday, unless a minister is present, and it is deemed best to hold more meetings.

The special Signs devoted to the subject of Capital and Labor, will be in the hands of our people at this time, and it has been decided to begin the campaign by selling and distributing this paper. We could have no better literature with which to open this campaign than this issue of the Signs devoted to the subject of Capital and Labor. This is a live issue at the present time, and one in which the whole world is interested. If our people engage in this work with the zeal that the importance of the time demands, there will be no trouble in disposing of the one million copies which the publishers expect to print.

This occasion is, we trust, only the beginning of a continued forward movement in the circulation of other literature, which we hope will continue until the world is thoroughly warned and every soul has taken his stand upon one side of the great controversy.

It will be impossible for us to furnish a minister, or even a licentiate, for each church in the conference. In fact, at this time our laborers will be engaged in other interests, so that but few of them, perhaps, will be able to meet with our churches. However, as far as possible, we will try to supply the best help at our command. We have arranged for the elders of our churches and some others to exchange with other churches, so that we trust the most of our companies will be supplied with some one to lead in these meetings. In some instances it has been impossible for us to arrange for any one to visit certain churches on this occasion, but we trust the work will not be neglected on this account, but that a greater responsibility will be felt on the part of these churches, and that they will take hold and make this

occasion a season of great blessing, not only individually, but to the work in their respective localities.

More definite instruction will be given in personal letters to church officers. Below we give a list of the churches and the names of persons we have asked to be present on this occasion and conduct services:

Elder J. W. Covert at Auburn; Joel Yeager will visit Wolf Lake; Brother Kern at Ligonier. We ask the church at Corunna to go to Kendallville, and that B. M. Hall conduct services on the Sabbath, and arrange for some one to take the Sunday service, and that Bro. Hall meet with the South Milford church on Sunday. Dallas Stone is asked to take charge of the meeting at Etna Green; Joel Locke at South Bend; John Davidson at North Liberty; D. C. Dale, at Mount Vernon; Jesse Wood at Logansport; Thad. Crawford, at Grass Creek; D. H. Overly at Honey Creek; Stephen Boze at Idaville; Will Grugle, Olive Branch; Henry Hoover, Akron; Henry Baker, Denver; B. F. Anderson, Rochester; J. H. Charles, Peru; G. W. Mann, Huntington; E. Hayes, Wabash; John Hanna, Fort Wayne; J. J. Fellow, Windfall; Arthur Buck, New London; A. D. Jones, Kokomo; Ora Stephenson, Lebanon; Elder C. H. Bliss, Muncie; W. A. Greenlee, Anderson; R. F. Zirkle, Olivet Chapel; Mrs. R. W. McMahan, Middletown and Mechanicsburg; J. F. Cummins, Elwood; B. F. Halstead, Noblesville; Martin Dunn, Kennard; J. E. Dunn, Connersville; H. S. Browning, Greenfield; P. J. Miller, Pleasant View. We ask that the church school teacher take charge of the meeting at Reek Lane, and that C. J. Boyd lead the services at Boggstown. B. F. Machlan, Franklin; J. W. Johnston, Waldron; A. C. Ford, Terre Haute; the church school teacher at Dana take charge of the services there; S. S. Davis at Farmersburg; M. M. Kenny, Elnora; U. S. Anderson, Unionville; Ellsworth Light, Petersburg; Ezra Vaughan, Princeton; that the church officers and teacher at Mt. Zion arrange for the services.

As there will be a general meeting at this time at Jonesboro, we request that the churches at Marion, Hartford City, Michael and West Liberty meet with the Jonesboro church.

There are a few companies that we have failed thus far to secure any one to assist them in the services, but we

request that they make use of the literature sent them, and we believe the Lord will bless them in the efforts put forth.

It may not be possible for all these persons chosen to lead these services to be present with these churches on this occasion, but we earnestly ask that as far as possible they will try and arrange to carry out this program.

Yours in behalf of a great forward movement in the Indiana conference
W. J. Stone,

THE SPECIAL SIGNS AGAIN

Those who are taking the Review and Herald and our conference paper are fully informed about the special issue of the Signs of the Times, which is wholly devoted to the subject of "Capital and Labor," and will be issued so that our brethren can procure it about the middle of this month although it will bear date of December. This is the most important issue of the paper that has ever been published. Twenty thousand copies at least should be sold in this conference. Our people should not wait to be urged to send in their orders for this special number; a simple notice of such an issue should be sufficient to cause hundreds of orders to be sent in for the paper. This will be the case when we are awake to the importance of the situation as it really is, and sense the perilous times now upon us.

We appeal to our workers throughout the conference to engage actively in the work of circulating this special issue themselves, as well as to interest our brethren in the work, and to send in large orders to sell and circulate themselves. We also ask again that the officers in all our churches take up the matter in their respective churches and write our office at once the number of copies you will use.

We held a meeting in the Indianapolis church a few days ago, in the interest of this special number of the Signs, and the brethren agreed to take all the way from 10 to 100 copies each, until over 3,000 had been subscribed for. It is true a few hundred of these were taken by brethren who were attending the institute and council. We expect the Indianapolis church to take a much larger number than this.

I also visited the church at Pleasant View, and after talking a few

minutes to the little company assembled there, they ordered 100 copies. This is a small company, and all the brethren were not present. We expect they will take a much larger number than this.

We earnestly appeal to our brethren throughout the conference to consider this matter at once, and send your orders to W. C. McCuaig, 626 E. Eleventh street, Indianapolis.

The price of this paper will be three cents a copy where 25 or more are ordered to one address. Now is the time to place the important truths of the Bible regarding this great question of Capital and Labor before the people. May the Lord help us to improve the opportunity.

W. J. STONE.

TO THE BRETHREN AND SISTERS IN THE INDIANA CONFERENCE.

We have just completed the audits of our workers in the Indiana conference, having spent one solid week in this work and in council with the Indiana conference committee.

We feel it our duty to express to our brethren and sisters throughout the conference our convictions concerning the present situation and the outlook for future work.

Many perplexing questions were before the committee for consideration, and we realize as we have not in the past the great responsibility that rests upon the conference committee.

In auditing the accounts of our laborers, we tried to deal honestly and fairly with every laborer, and yet to guard sacredly the means that our brethren have placed in the treasury of the Lord. The committee felt that it was necessary to retire some from the work, or withdraw conference support, and to counsel others to greater diligence in the work if they expected to be retained in the employ of the conference. Some were dealt with really more liberally than the committee felt justified in doing, because of the decisions rendered concerning their future work.

Our brethren are demanding that more faithful work be done by many of our laborers, and that more aggressive plans shall be adopted, that the world may be warned of the perilous times in which we are living. It was evident to all the members of the committee that a change must be

made in the manner of conducting the work in this conference. No hasty decisions were made, but much prayer and careful thought was given every case and every subject considered. Some of our brethren may be disappointed and feel that wrong moves were made; but we believe time will demonstrate the wisdom of the decisions rendered.

After being together one week, and witnessing the careful consideration of the different branches of the work in the conference, we wish to say to our brethren throughout the State that we have great confidence in our present conference committee, and we believe that the actions taken in this meeting are in harmony with the Testimonies and the teachings of the denomination based upon the Word of God; and we exhort our brethren and sisters throughout the conference to give the committee their hearty support. We also ask our church officers and brethren generally to do all they can to increase our treasury by faithfulness in paying tithe.

We find, after auditing the accounts of our laborers, that the old audits last year have not been settled, and that the tithe fund is in debt about \$4,000. This is no fault of the present committee, and they are not discouraged with this condition of the treasury, but believe that our loyal brethren will come to the rescue, and that greater confidence will be restored, and that the coming year will greatly replenish the treasury and place the conference in this respect out of debt.

Other matters were considered that will doubtless be reported by others; but we felt, after being with the committee for one week, that it was our duty to place before our brethren and sisters in the conference some of the matters we have been considering.

Praying God's blessing upon our brethren and the future work in this conference, we are

Your brethren in Christ,

B. F. ANDERSON,
T. A. GOODWIN,
MILTON OVERMAN,
EVERMONT NASH,
J. W. JOHNSTON,
THOS. HARRISON,

Members of Auditing Committee.

The first article in this paper has just been received by Elder Stone from Mrs. E. G. White, and is a call to our brethren to engage in the forward movement which is now being

inaugurated. We ask for this article a careful reading, and then let us energetically put in practice its teachings.

TITHES FOR OCTOBER, 1903

Akron	\$5 00
Angola	54 32
Anderson	10 73
Auburn	
Barbers Mills	
Boggs town	142 41
Bethel	
Brookston	10 00
Connorsville	32 20
Corunna	25
Denver	65 21
Dana	34 01
Evansville	3 75
Elmora	
Elwood	13 40
Etna Green	
Fort Wayne	
Farmersburg	
Frankton	24 74
Franklin	
Grass Creek	119 51
Glenwood	
Greenfield	8 47
Homer	
Hartford City	18 43
Honey Creek	20 24
Huntington	7 87
Idaville	2 00
Individuals	7 50
Indianapolis	107 66
Lawood	1 00
Jonesboro	21 46
Jefferson	11 00
Kokomo	59 63
Kennard	13 66
LaFayette	12 61
Lebanon	5 25
Ligonier	
Logansport	
Linton	9 00
Michaels	66 65
Mechanicsburg	
Marion	115 40
Maxwell	
Middletown	7 06
Mt. Zion	36 67
Mt. Etna	
Mt. Vernon	30 46
Muncie	139 18
Michigan City	
North Liberty	48 78
New London	22 57
Northfield	
Noblesville	8 40
New Marion	22 53
Northfield	
Olivet Chapel	56 65
Olive Branch	12 43
New Palestine	
Plymouth	
Patrickburg	15 95
Princeton	12 10
Priam	
Pleasant View	
Petersburg	
Rochester	19 31
Richmond	
Rocklane	18 00
South Milford	5 00
Salem	10 43
South Bend	30 63
Terre Haute	17 61
Unionville	11 20
Waldron	18 24
Walkerton	16 00
Wabash	5 10
Wolf Lake	54 00
West Liberty	5 40
Windfall	3 50
Waterloo	
October receipts	\$1,630 56
Total October disbursements	873 05
Overdraft October 31, 1903	\$292 61

WANTED—Some experienced Seventh-Day Adventist women to do light housework, and one who would like to do missionary work. Send reference. Will furnish good home for the right person; three in family; will pay reasonable wages. Address Mrs. EMMA FELLOW, Greentown, Ind. R. F. No. 3.

REPORT OF CANVASSING WORK FOR TWO WEEKS, ENDING NOV. 6, 1903.

NAME.	PLACE.	D. of A.	D. & R.	G. C.	Bb. R.	P. & P.	Misc.	Orders	Value.	Value Helps.	Value Del.
H. S. Browning	Indianapolis...	8	13	12	10	11	2	56	\$144 50	\$51 10	.....
A. F. Light	Spencer County	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	5	5 75	4 25	.....
Mollie Keener.....	Anderson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jas. Blankenship.....	Medaryville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bert Yeazell.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3 canvassers,	Totals	8	13	12	10	11	7	61	\$150 25	\$56 35	.....

NEWS AND NOTES.

B. R. Wirt, of Atkinson, is one of our new subscribers for the Reporter.

Miss Maud Henry writes that she is now teaching the church school at Oolitic.

Elder Curtis expects to visit the church at Waldron next Sabbath and Sunday.

Ellsworth Light will canvass for the Capital and Labor Signs and for Paradise Home at Princeton.

Elder A. W. Bartlett is now holding a series of meetings in our school building in the eastern part of Indianapolis.

At a recent meeting of the Indianapolis church subscriptions were taken for about 2,500 copies of the Special Signs. They have since increased to nearly 4,000.

Already orders have been received at our office for about 5,000 copies of the special Signs. We trust that at least 20,000 or 25,000 copies will be circulated in this State.

Our church treasurers will please send their quarterly report of tithe blanks to Elder W. A. Young, New Britton, Hamilton county, Ind., and not to the Tract Society office.

On another page of this paper will be found an article from the lay members of the recent auditing committee. We ask our brethren and sisters to give this article a careful reading.

Elder Harris goes to New Albany this week, to assist Bro. Collins in a series of meetings at that city. Shall not our prayers follow them, that the Lord may give them souls in that place?

Mrs. Lizzie Richmond is using many of our small books at Tangler, Park county. She sends an order for \$15.75 worth, saying that she will continue to take orders, and will need more books in a few weeks.

Bro. Browning reports a new experience in his canvassing work two weeks ago. He worked three days

without taking an order, but on the fourth day he took orders for \$39.50 worth of books. He says the reason the space opposite his name was blank was because he was too busy to report.

Let all remember that the week of prayer this year is from Dec. 12 to 19. This is a departure from other years, but many felt that it would be better to have this season of seeking the Lord separated from the festivities of the holidays.

Elder S. S. Davis will engage at once in a series of meetings at Linton, and will also enter the special Signs work as soon as they are received. He was at our council in Indianapolis, and returned to his field full of faith and courage.

Mrs. Almeda Gettys, of Hartford City, and Mrs. A. M. Hand, of Plymouth, write that they will try to take up the canvassing work in the near future. Shall we not hear from others who can give at least a portion of their time to canvassing?

Charles F. Volz and wife, of Marble Hill, Jefferson county, desire clean copies of our periodicals, with which to do missionary work among their neighbors. We are sure they will appreciate any literature our people may send them. Address as above.

Mrs. L. B. Coe writes from North Manchester that she wishes to take up the canvassing work there. This sister is poor, and a stranger in that place. We hope to see her succeed with one or two of our small books, such as Coming King and Paradise Home.

Elder Stone and family visited the Pleasant View church last Sabbath, and held services with them. He reports an interesting meeting, and a willingness to take hold and help to push in the forward movement. One hundred copies of the special Signs were subscribed for.

Nov. 21 and 22 have been set apart for a special rally and consideration of the subject of home missionary

work and the forward movement. Readings will be sent to all of our churches, and to our lay brethren and sisters who will send in their order at once to our office. Read the announcement elsewhere in this paper concerning the meetings appointed for Nov. 21 and 22.

The Lake Union conference has sent Bro. Buhalts to assist the Indiana conference in Object Lesson work. He will go from church to church and assist them in disposing of the books. Will those who desire his assistance please write to Elder W. J. Stone, at 3840 N. Meridian street, Indianapolis.

Let all read carefully the tithe report in this issue of the paper, and if the report from your church or company is not correct, please report it at the office. We are much gratified to see so large a tithe for the month of October. I trust that this is the pace set for the months to come. We wish to thank our brethren, and assure you that we appreciate greatly this faithfulness in bringing the tithe into the storehouse.

GENERAL MEETINGS FOR INDIANA

During our recent council meeting it was decided to hold two general meetings between now and the first of the year. The first one is appointed for Jonesboro, beginning Nov. 18, and closing Sunday, Nov. 22. We ask that there be a general attendance of our brethren and sisters from all the churches in that vicinity. Several of our ministers will be present, and the meetings will be important occasions because of the forward movement of the work that is to begin at this time.

The second meeting, if the arrangements can be made to care for our brethren and sisters, will be held at Logansport, Dec. 3 to 6. More definite information will be given concerning the latter meeting in the next issue of the Reporter.

Let all who are living in the vicinity of these places who possibly can, arrange to attend these gatherings. Important questions will be considered which we trust will greatly advance the work in these localities in the coming winter months.

I trust that I shall have the privilege of meeting and forming the acquaintance of many of our brethren and sisters upon these occasions.

W. J. Stone.