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## HOW CAN I SUCCEED IN MY BUSINESS?

NO. 1.

It is a fact that the majority of Seventh-day Adventists are not successful in their business—that is, they are not prosperous, so that they have means when calls are made to assist in lines of missionary and other work, or able to take our periodicals, and live in a comfortable manner. Why is this so? God has spoken concerning his true children once, yea twice, and has said, "Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." (Ps. 1:3). "The Lord shall command his blessing upon all that thou *settest thine hand unto,*" Deut. 28:8. There is no doubt expressed in these statements; they are positive; they are as sure as the word itself, and God cannot lie.

God designs his people to be prosperous. He does not want those who profess to be his children to go through this world half starved and so pinched for means that they are considered subjects of charity; for he has said, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper." (3 John 1:2). Then it is God's mind, his wish, yea his greatest desire, that his people shall be prosperous. Then who is to blame if this is not so? God has promised everything upon his part; the blame must lie with us.

"My Father is rich in houses and lands;" "He holdeth the wealth of the world in his hands." (Haggai 2:8).

Would an earthly father with wealth in abundance suffer his dutiful child to go in want, and lack for the necessities of life? Surely not. If we being evil, will bestow such blessings upon our children, what will not God do for those who are seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness? He has promised in Matt. 6:30-33, that all temporal blessings shall be given them. Here again we have the positive statement, "Shall be given."

Again we are led to ask the question, Why is it, then, that so many professed Christians are living, as it were, from hand to mouth? Something must be wrong. And as the trouble is not with the Lord, it must be with us. Have we not left the Lord too much out of our reckoning? Have we not been trying to get along in the world and bear the burdens and cares of life too much in our own strength, depending upon our ability, and forgetting that it is God "That giveth us power to get wealth?" (Deut. 8:18.) Shall we not, then, take God into our reckoning, and all our planning, and have all things done according to his will and according to the pattern shown us in the mount (Heb. 8:5). In that pattern shown us in the mount, one command says "Thou shalt not steal." Possibly some of us have been guilty of this great sin, and incurred the displeasure, the curse of God. "Let us examine ourselves, (2 Cor. 13:5), and if we have brought upon us the displeasure of God, so right matters that his smiles may rest upon us, and that we may reflect his glory.

God wishes us to take him into all our business relations. If you please he will be satisfied as a silent partner, if you will only recognize him in all your dealings. He will act well his part, sending the rain, the sunshine, the refreshing breezes, giving the fruit in its season, (Ps. 1:4). And all men, as they behold your prosperity, will be led to exclaim, "Of a truth God is with that man, for see how he is blessed." (Mal. 3:12).

W. J. STONE.

[To be continued.]

## WHY AM I NOT BLESSED?

Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.—Mal. iii, 8, 9.

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.—Prov. xi, 24, 25.

Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty.—Prov. iii, 9, 10.

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts.—Mal. iii, 10, 11.

Shall we not take God at his word and receive his blessings instead of a curse?  
W. J. S.

## DUTIES OF A CHURCH TRACT SOCIETY LIBRARIAN.

1. It is his duty to act as business agent for the church in its missionary work.

2. He should keep the records of the missionary meetings, should assist the leader in planning the programs and in devising methods of work.

3. He should keep the accounts of the tract and missionary society, receive the collections for missionary work, order all supplies from the State secretary, distribute them to the members ordering them, and *collect payment promptly* for them.

4. He should conduct a steady correspondence with the State secretary, laying before him the plans on which his society is working, and the visible results of the work; should lay before his society plans which the State secretary may suggest to him,

and do all he can to co-operate in the general lines of work which it may be desirable to carry forward.

5. He should not consider his duty done until he has every member doing active missionary work, either missionary correspondence, loaning of tracts, selling papers, tracts or small books, doing Christian help work by nursing the sick, feeding the hungry, and caring for the unfortunate, visiting the hospitals, and in other ways.

6. The librarian should study the church roll, and become acquainted with the qualifications of the members, so as to be able intelligently to assign each member some line of work which he can accomplish. The isolated ones should not be neglected, but should be instructed in some work which their circumstances will permit them to do.—*Review and Herald*.

Duty No. 1 is quite suggestive. As business agent, the librarian should acquaint himself fully with the financial showing of his church at the Indiana Tract Society office. He should have access to all invoices for periodicals, books, stationery, stamps, and other supplies required by his church, if it proves to be what it should be—a church at work.

Not only should it have a Sabbath school, but it should have a live missionary society, a young people's missionary society, and last, but not least, a church school. The librarian should keep himself posted on every purchase of school books and supplies for the school, which must be charged to the church tract society account if cash has not accompanied the order; and he should counsel with the church treasurer with reference to accounts unsettled at the conference tract society office. The librarian should labor earnestly to have church school patrons, as well as the other members of the church, make settlement of delinquent accounts. The funds so obtained should be turned over to the church treasurer, who should give the librarian a receipt for the amount.

The librarian should carefully preserve all invoices and statements of account from the Indiana Tract Society and receipts from the church treasurer for all monies handed to the last named officer.

Where the church is a large one, located in a city, the librarian and the church clerk should compile a church directory, giving the address of each

church member, and file a copy of it at the Indiana Tract Society office.

A live, working church affords fine opportunities for missionary effort on the part of the librarian. The entire church should be live missionaries, and the church librarian should have hearty co-operation in his endeavor to become proficient in his office.

W. C. McCUAIG.

### THE GENERAL MEETING AT JONESBORO.

This meeting was held Nov. 18 to 22, according to announcement made in these columns two weeks ago.

The meetings during the first two days were not largely attended, but on Sabbath and Sunday our brethren and sisters came in from other churches, and we had quite a good attendance. Matters of importance concerning our work in the conference were considered, and it was very gratifying indeed to see the readiness and willingness manifested by our brethren in taking hold to assist in the work. It was fully demonstrated to my mind that our brethren and sisters throughout this conference are ready to co-operate in the great work that is before us when matters are placed on a proper basis.

I do not know when I have been in a meeting that I enjoyed more than this meeting, and it was a source of great encouragement to me, as I looked upon the spirit manifested there, as a sample of what we will meet in all our churches.

Elders W. D. Curtis, W. A. Young, C. J. Buhalts and E. M. Roberts were present and assisted in the meetings. During the services we took up the subject of circulating the special number of the Signs, and over 1,000 copies were subscribed for. Pledges were also taken for the Manual Training School to the amount of about \$250.

As Bro. J. E. Dunn had offered his resignation as our State canvassing agent at the recent council, and his resignation was accepted, it became necessary to select some one to fill this place. Bro. C. J. Buhalts, who is now in the State in the interest of the Object Lesson work, kindly accepted this position, and will at once enter upon the work. Bro. Buhalts is an ordained minister and successful worker, and we are glad to be able to secure such a valuable laborer, and one that has a burden for this line of work, to take charge of the

circulation of our literature in the Indiana conference. We believe that God will greatly bless his labors.

It was the general feeling expressed by all our brethren and sisters, that the general meeting at Jonesboro was a great success, and we felt to praise God for his presence and blessing upon the meeting. W. J. STONE.

### THE OBJECT LESSON WORK

Brethren and sisters, what are we doing to push the work of Christ's Object Lessons? We all know that God's servant made a sacrifice in giving this book to relieve our schools from debt. A good work has been done. But there is much more to be done. There is danger of our thinking, when we have sold a few, that our work is done. "Let no one feel that this work should stop with the special effort of 1900 and 1901. The field is never exhausted, and this book should be sold for the help of our schools for years to come."—Vol. 6, page 478.

Why not arise and do our best this fall and winter to relieve Indiana of the burden resting on her in this line of work? In a special testimony, in speaking of the Berrien Springs college, the Lord says, "I am intensely interested in the school problem with which you are wrestling. I want your work to be a success. I will do anything in my power to help forward this work. I will help by counsels and appeals, to encourage our people to carry forward the work of selling Object Lessons as it has been carried in the past."

The work that has been and is being done to circulate this book is missionary work that the Lord has laid out to be accomplished. About the importance of this we have no question. Many souls have been brought into the truth through reading Object Lessons. The plan that has been followed for its circulation bears the signal approval of God."

We are beginning an earnest work. The church at Kokomo responded nobly; many who have yet taken no part came forward and took a number of books. Those who have sold are taking hold again. The first two days that we canvassed we sold and took orders for sixteen books. Several who had never sold books before went out and had success; they took about 60 books, and expect to continue the work. Brethren, let us seek the Lord earnestly, and do our best in this work. C. J. BUHALTS.

## THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

There will be one more issue of the Reporter before the beginning of the week of prayer. As has already been stated, this season has been appointed to begin December 12th, ending December 19th.

To my mind, this is more preferable than having the week of prayer come right in the midst of the holidays. There are so many influences that detract from the interest of the services; but this will give a better opportunity for all to attend the meetings uninterrupted.

Readings have been prepared for this occasion, and will be sent to all of our churches and isolated brethren and sisters as far as we have their addresses. If any are not supplied by the 5th of December, please write to our Tract Society office at once and a copy of the readings will be sent to you.

More will be said in the next issue of the Reporter regarding this special season of prayer, but we trust that our brethren and sisters throughout this State will begin at once to plan for these meetings, and lay aside, as much as possible, your work, and seek the Lord earnestly for his blessing that more power may be manifested in our lives and in lines of missionary work.

It seems to me that it would be an excellent thing for our brethren and sisters as far as possible to spend this week of prayer, when not in the missionary work, selling the special Signs and distributing our literature in the homes of the people.

We trust also that there will be a liberal donation made at this time to our Mission Board, as our foreign missionary work is very much crippled at the present time for lack of means to carry on more aggressive work. Let us weigh these matters in the light of the judgment, and may the Lord help us to realize that he has placed upon us the responsibility of warning the world of Christ's Coming and Kingdom. May God greatly bless this occasion to the good of all our brethren and sisters especially, and may the foreign work receive the aid that it so much needs.

W. J. STONE.

## THE SPECIAL SIGNS AGAIN.

We wish to call the attention of our brethren and sisters again to the important matter of giving this paper a wide circulation.

We are very glad indeed to make

announcement that already about 10,000 copies of the special Signs have been ordered through our Tract Society, and we have thus far heard from only a few of our churches.

As last Sabbath and Sunday was the time set for our grand rally and to consider this question, we trust that during the present week orders will be sent in to our office for thousands of these papers.

We are glad also to report that those who have already gone out with the paper are meeting with ready sale. Brother Hammond of Jonesboro took orders for 35 papers in 30 minutes, and in two or three hours sold about 100 copies. We have also heard from others who are having excellent success in selling the paper.

During the next six weeks we can push the sale of this paper to profit; after that, we desire to follow the campaign with tracts and other literature. We hope that not one will fail to send in his order for some of these papers and place them in the hands of his neighbors and friends.

W. J. STONE.

## GENERAL MEETING FOR LOGANSPORT.

There will be a general meeting at Logansport, Indiana, beginning Thursday night, December 3rd, and closing on Sunday night, December 6th.

The brethren and sisters of Logansport extend a cordial invitation to the surrounding churches to come and enjoy their hospitality during the series of meetings. They were rejoiced to learn that a meeting had been appointed for that place.

Let there be a general rally of our brethren and sisters in that part of the state.

J. W. STONE.

## IDAVILLE.

On account of the sickness of his sister Theresa, Elder Victor Thompson was called from his field of labor in Illinois to Russiaville, Ind., to visit her, and, by arrangement, on his return came over to Idaville and held two most pleasant and profitable meetings with the brethren there and also those attending from a distance, among them being Brother and Sister Nordyke of Wolcott, and others.

The outside attendance was very good and, and while they listened to the vital truths on the questions, "Where are we in the earth's history, and the love and mercy of God?" the stillness and solemnity which

pervaded the congregation was of a truth most remarkable. Much prejudice seemed to be broken down, and a kindly feeling seemed to prevail, some outsiders coming to us and asking to be remembered by us in prayer. To the Lord be all the praise!

C. R. M.

## WALDRON.

It was my privilege to be with the Waldron church from the 12th to the 15th inst., inclusive. It seems that at one time this was quite a strong church; but removals and some apostasies have reduced the membership to about a score. Those who remain love the truth. The enemy has been making determined efforts to get in his work, but the Lord came near and greatly blessed us as we by confession and surrender drew near to him.

Every family subscribed for the Review, and they ordered 150 copies of the special number of the Signs.

I greatly enjoyed my visit to this church, and shall look forward to the time when I can return. My heart rejoices to see our dear brethren and sisters taking hold of the "forward movement" in response to the call of God.

W. D. CURTIS.

## FAIR OAKS.

Nov. 14th I went to Fair Oaks, where four meetings were held during my stay. Bro. Swarts had been holding a series of meetings. I found that there was quite a good interest to hear, and several are convinced that all that they had learned in these meetings was the truth. Pray that some may decide to walk "in the way of his commandments."

W. A. YOUNG.

## OBITUARY.

KING.—Died, at her home in Greenfield, Ind., Nov. 14, 1903, of typhoid fever, Samantha A. King, nee Plessinger. She was born in Union County, Ind., Aug. 21, 1836, and married Levi J. King June 15, 1856. Seven children were born to them, five of whom are now living.

Sister King bore her suffering with Christian patience and fortitude. She realized that she was approaching the close of her life, and told her husband she was perfectly satisfied. She sleeps in Jesus, and will awaken when the Life-Giver comes. Services by the writer. Text John xi, 25.

W. D. CURTIS.

## NEWS AND NOTES.

J. E. Collins says that the outlook at New Albany is encouraging.

Take the Reporter and keep in touch with your fellow-workers; 25c per year.

Will all church librarians please send to this office their names and addresses at once.

Sister Viola Shrock reports having sold \$7.50 worth of books during her stay in North Vernon.

Orders for nearly 10,000 copies of the special Signs are thus far recorded at the Tract Society office.

Bro. U. S. Anderson is holding a series of meetings at Elwood, and reports an excellent interest.

Mrs. W. H. DeWolf sends a cheering letter from Vincennes. A reliable and able canvasser is needed there.

Mrs. J. W. Hearn, Leesburg, writes for \$1 worth of special Signs. She says, "I want to canvass the town."

There is no excuse for our existence as a people if we do not push this grand truth to the front in all parts of the world.

Thousands of Christ's Object Lessons should be sold in December. Do not begin later than Dec. 5. Why not begin right now?

Bro. C. F. Volz, of Marble Hill, has begun canvassing, and sends in his first report. We expect to see him make a complete success.

L. F. and Mrs. Elliott are located at Royersford, Pa., P. R. D. No. 1. The Reporter will visit these dear brethren in their new field.

Read the short article in another column entitled, "Why I am not blessed." If you are not blessed, step into the channel of God's blessings.

Elder Stone was with the Muncie church a week ago last Sabbath. He reports an excellent meeting, and an order for 500 copies of the special Signs.

We welcome into our canvassing work Mrs. Ruth Flynn, who is at present located at Aurora. Sister Flynn has recently moved to Indiana from Frankfort, Ky.

Quite a number of reports are received from those just beginning the canvassing work, though the aggregate of orders is small—\$136.53, and \$8.95 deliveries. The outlook, however, seems very encouraging.

J. E. Dunn has resigned his position as State agent, as he desired to give his time wholly to ministerial work. He will, with another laborer, soon begin a series of meetings in the southern or western part of the State.

In this issue of the Reporter Elder Stone begins a series of articles entitled, "How can I succeed in my business?" We ask a careful reading and pondering over these matters, and see if there are not lessons in these things for us.

We earnestly request that brethren and sisters who know of favorable openings in new fields where the truth has never been presented, will report the same to Elder Stone as soon as convenient. Address, 3840 N. Meridian street, Indianapolis.

Rowena J. Mills, of Prairieton, ordered 50 cents worth of the special Signs. She says they are the only Adventists in the little village, and that they are eight miles from the nearest church. We have received a number of orders from isolated members.

Let all remember that the address of the president of the conference is 3840 N. Meridian street, Indianapolis. If you forget this, look at the directory on the first page of the Reporter before writing, and send your mail always to this address if you wish a prompt reply.

Among the new canvassers reporting this week are Delia J. Thurber at Windfall; Dora Greenlee, at Middletown; Rebecca Adams, South Milford; E. Hayes, Huntington, and others. We hope many more may join these workers. H. S. Browning reports \$90.90 as the result of two weeks canvassing.

The canvassers' institute at Indianapolis was a success. The average attendance was ten. Those who received the benefit of the institute returned to their fields of labor full of courage. Several have written that although they could not be at the institute, they would sell some books anyway.

We wish that the Indiana Manual Training School might be favored with some real substantial remittances. If our dear brethren of Indiana would only fully realize the merit of our conference school at Boggs-town, and see its urgent needs, their hearts would be touched, the pocket-

books would be opened and several bank accounts would be reduced. With reference to this institution, "it is a condition that confronts us"—you and me. May the Lord move upon hearts to better this condition without delay. The work abroad should not lessen our concern for the welfare of the youth in our midst.

It will be noticed in another column that Elder C. J. Buhalts has been chosen to act as State agent for the canvassing work in Indiana. Eld. Buhalts is a consecrated man, and we are sure that those engaged in this line of work will appreciate his assistance. His permanent address will be 626 E. Eleventh street, Indianapolis.

Begin at once to plan for your annual offering. Let us make it the largest annual gift to missions that has ever gone from this conference. Arrange for the children to earn some money, so that they may have a part in it. Let us give until we feel it. With such giving our message would soon reach the ends of the earth, and the calls for gifts would be at an end.

A very encouraging report has been received from Sumatra. Bro. Munson writes that their attendance on the Sabbath is now from 30 to 35. Among these are several Chinese men. A native woman recently asked for baptism, and another who had for a time given up her hold on the Lord has repented, and is conscientiously keeping the Sabbath and all the other commandments.

In the next issue of the Reporter there will be a report of the tithe received for the month of November. There will be a list of all our churches and we hope that something will appear opposite the name of every church. We earnestly request that all our churches and brethren and sisters pay their tithe *monthly*, instead of quarterly. This will enable us to settle with our laborers each month.

Though our list of canvassers is small, we are receiving substantial orders quite regularly from a goodly number of brethren and sisters who are not deterred by home duties from successful work with our books. Hundreds should engage in this kind of missionary work. The Lord says "Go to work where you are." If we mistake not, the missionary conventions recently held in our churches will cause many more to enter the field as canvassers.