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TRUSTING IN JESUS.

MRS. ELLA STEELE.

Oh, I long to meet my Savior
In the glorious courts above,
When the ransomed hosts surround him,
Singing of his matchless love.

In that glory-lit land of promise
I shall be forever free;
In that city's walls of jasper
There's a crown laid up for me.

In my Savior I am trusting,
Humbly at his feet I fall;
Jesus, Savior, King of Glory,
Prince Emmanuel, Lord of all.

THE WORK AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Christ, in opening to the minds of the Samaritans the word of life, sowed many seeds of truth, and showed the people how they, too, could sow seeds of truth in the minds of others.

How much good might be accomplished if all who know the truth would labor for sinners—for those who so much need to know and understand Bible truth, and who would respond to it as readily as the Samaritans responded to the words of Christ. If men shared the sympathies of Christ, they would have constant sorrow of heart over the condition of many needy fields so destitute of workers.

The work in foreign fields is to be carried forward earnestly and intelligently. And the work in the home field is in no wise to be neglected. Let not the fields lying in the shadow of our doors, such as the great cities of our land, be lightly passed over and neglected. These fields are fully as important as any foreign field.

God's encouraging message of mercy should be proclaimed in the cities of America. Men and women living in these cities are rapidly becoming more and still more entangled in their business relations. They are acting wildly in the erection of buildings whose towers reach high into the heavens. Their minds are filled with schemes and ambitious devisings. God is bidding every one of his ministering servants, "Cry aloud, spare not; lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins." (Isa. 58:1.)

Jesus wept over Jerusalem because of the guilt and obstinacy of his chosen people. He wept also over the hard-heartedness of those who, professing to be co-workers with him, are content to do nothing. Are those who should appreciate the value of souls carrying with Christ a burden of heaviness and constant sorrow, mingled with tears, for the wicked cities of the earth? The destruction of these cities, almost wholly given up to idolatry, is impending. In the great day of final reckoning what answer can be given for neglecting to enter these cities now.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

LAKE UNION CONFERENCE.

We arrived at Berrien Springs on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and were soon located in one of the cottages at the grove. In addition to those chosen as delegates from Indiana, there are in attendance at the conference from our State, Sisters R. W. McMahan and Bush of Anderson, McCuaig and Stone of Indianapolis;

and others are expected later in the meeting.

The conference proper opened at 4 p. m. May 17. All the conferences in the Union were quite well represented. Up to this writing but little business has been done, aside from the appointment of committees and committee work. Meetings have been held by the Washington Review and Herald Publishing Association; also the Battle Creek Training School Association has held several meetings.

Sister White has spoken twice since the conference opened, with her usual earnestness and freedom. Timely messages and warnings are being given, which will we believe, result in a greater union and concert of action of all our workers. May God greatly bless the conference now in session.

W. J. STONE.

OUR ESSENTIAL WORK.

If we are Christians, our sins have been forgiven, and we are the Lord's. He gave himself for us and his righteousness to us. In doing this he made us debtors to the world of sinners, and therefore our service is claimed on their behalf. Since this is so, we should say with the apostle, "As much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel."

The preaching is due everywhere, and must be done in the power of the Spirit. Our strength is required, our energies are needed, and our means should be invested in proclaiming the gospel of the coming kingdom. Not only should we open our hearts to the indwelling of the Lord's Spirit, but we should apply our minds most ardently to the study of the Bible. Our ability for service should be as great as possible. Careless preparation is censurable. None of us have reached the highest mark of evangelistic ability. In most cases very great improvement is demanded.

Christ's mission on earth related to saving sinners. His ministry above pertains to the same blessed work.

He is now in heaven, to appear in the presence of God for us. Our mission on earth is to labor for Him. The one business of our lives is to perform this work; every secular calling should conform to this business. Each day's service, and every stroke included, should hasten the long-desired event—the second coming of our Lord.

The time has fully come when our people should make the proclamation of the Third Angel's message the all-absorbing question. Every department in the conference should be up to date with its aggressive plans. Its officers and workers should be zealous in carrying them forward.

The church officials have more to do with these matters than many suppose. Surely there must soon be a decided improvement in the work at home. If the local elders, deacons, clerks, treasurers, librarians, teachers, and superintendents are fully awake and vigilant, the whole cause will be lifted to a much higher plane than it now occupies. The influence of such a state would secure a good attendance at the meetings, and all the services would bring forth fruit unto life. The church members will then cease to rob God, and the tithe will be faithfully paid into the treasury. When these things are done, the favor and power of God will be upon his people.

This will do away with idlers in the churches, and complainers will abandon their unholy calling; perhaps they will be converted and become happy in the Lord. Let all who love the message pray for the coming of this blessed condition. May the Lord hasten the glad time.

WM. COVERT.

GO WORK IN MY VINEYARD.

Never put off that which can be done now. God's day of salvation is now, "to-day." Reader, are there not souls in your neighborhood or city who have not yet heard the last message of mercy? Who is responsible for these souls? Are you waiting for the conference to send workers into your neighborhood? Do you not think it would be much more pleasing to the Lord if you would do this work yourself, and thus leave the workers free to carry the message to new fields? Have you thought of what you might do if you were to adopt a systematic use of the Family

Bible Teacher? By the use of this little messenger you can place almost the entire truth, in a clear, concise manner, in the hands of your friends and neighbors at the small cost of about seven cents for each family. The plan is so simple that even the weakest of the Lord's children can engage in it successfully.

The plan of work is this: The first week visit the homes of the people, tell them about the course of study, and invite them to become regular readers. With those who accept leave Lesson No. 1, promising to bring one lesson each week thereafter until the entire course is completed. Any one who is willing to spend a few minutes each week can easily teach from ten to fifty families by this method. If you have not yet read this course of lessons, send ten cents, and a full set will be sent you, postpaid.

The Family Bible Teacher was formerly published at Cincinnati, Ohio, but has recently been sold to the Southern Publishing Association, at Nashville, Tenn., so that this publication is now owned by the denomination, and should receive the hearty support of our people.

MUCH FRUIT.

Jesus said his Father would be glorified in the labor of his disciples when they bore much fruit. Fruit-bearing was to be the condition and badge of discipleship (John 15:9).

The vine produces a branch that it may bear fruit. The branch cannot bear fruit apart from the vine, nor does the vine produce fruit where there are no branches. A branch that is barren is removed because it does not bring forth fruit. Fruit is what the husbandman desires; it is fruit that brings him joy; his business fails when his vineyard yields no fruit.

Christ said to his disciples, "I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit," (John 15:16). The desire for fruit at this time prompts the church and conference to choose and ordain men and send them forth to labor. If the labor causes much fruit to grow and abide, then the Father is glorified, and the people are made glad.

No man will long maintain a barren vineyard. The Lord, in his parables, assigns both the bad and the barren tree to the fire. The fruitless branch of the vine is also to be sev-

ered from its connection and burned. The disciples were to understand the meaning of these parables. Brethren and sisters, do we comprehend their significance? Do they not enjoin greater earnestness in our work, and promise a greater ingathering of souls as a result of our earnest labor? Do they not, on the other hand, indicate that we are to be severed from the Lord and lost if we fail to connect with him and bring forth living fruit as a result of our work?

Do we feel that the fruitage of our labor satisfies the Husbandman for whom we work? Will the Husbandman continue to employ laborers whose work allows the fruit of the vineyard to degenerate in quality and decrease in quantity? Will the Husbandman let his vineyard year after year to unsuccessful workers?

Do we not feel, as we read these lessons of admonition, that we must connect closer with Christ in our work, and have more of his vital life in us? We surely desire to bring forth much more fruit than has been seen from our work. There must be an increase in quantity and improvement in quality, else when we are weighed in the Lord's balances he will pronounce us wanting.

WM. COVERT.

THE WORK IN INDIANAPOLIS.

After the sale of the Indianapolis church property the company met for quite a while in rented church; later the meetings were held in the room that had been rented for the church school in the eastern part of the city. During the winter a hall was rented in the center of the city, where the Sabbath meetings have since been held. Several families living in the neighborhood of the school preferred to continue a Sabbath school and Sabbath and missionary meetings there.

Late in the autumn it was suggested to us by some of the Lake Union Conference that the rapid advance of the Third Angel's message in the city might be more effectively accomplished if the church was organized into two or more churches, and that the money voted by the conference for use in that city be expended in building two or more meeting houses. A little later at a joint meeting of some of each of the Lake Union and the Indiana conference committees, it was advised that the church proceed

to organize from its own numbers at least one new church in this city.

A petition, signed by 35 members, was presented, requesting that letters be granted them that they might organize a second church in Indianapolis, to be known as the East Side church of Seventh-day Adventists. These letters were granted. Elder W. J. Stone organized the new church Jan. 31, 1904, with 35 members, and a full corps of officers was installed. This new church continues to hold its meetings in the church school room.

Each of these organizations has purchased a lot, and church buildings will be erected this season. Subscription papers are being circulated and means being secured to add to that which was voted by the conference, and it is hoped that it will not be necessary to use all that was voted to them. The first of these will be located nine squares north of the former location. The other is about three miles east and north of the Soldiers' monument.

Will all pray that the precious truth may henceforth make rapid strides in Indianapolis, and that ere long a third church may be organized in this important center. W. A. YOUNG.

COOLITIC.

It was my privilege to attend the last day of the school taught here by Miss Maude Henry. This school is the result of work begun by Bro. E. C. Swartz and myself. The school opened Nov. 2, 1903, with eight pupils. During the term 22 more were added, making a total of 30. The school has been a success, although it has had many obstacles. Satan has labored hard to break down the work here. His agents first tried to prevent our brethren from opening their stores on Sunday, but failed. Then they tried to find fault with the school, but that also failed. The church school closed March 31; but the patrons were so well pleased that they continued it as a subscription school for six weeks. It closed May 12, with 65 or 70 present, including a prominent physician from Bedford. The program consisted of speeches, songs and dialogues.

I gave the reasons for the existence of our Christian schools, and told what they were doing for our children. Dr. Short, of Bedford, and others spoke very encouragingly of our work here, and the influence of

the school and teacher in the neighborhood.

The patrons expect to have school again next winter. They all see the difference between the children of the public school and those of the church school.

We expect to effect a church organization here soon, as the brethren are anxious to have the work put on a solid basis. The influence of the work done here has gone out to other places, and I have been asked to visit them and hold meetings. Brethren, pray for the success of the work here,

U. S. ANDERSON.

CANVASSING EXPERIENCES.

Bro. James Blankenship writes of a few of his experiences in canvassing about Medaryville. He says, among other items:

"The Lord has been wonderfully blessing me. One man who had subscribed for a book came to me the next day and asked me to tell him more about the Savior and his soon coming. I had brought out something on that point which set him to thinking. At one home I canvassed, the man wanted me to stay and talk to him about the soon coming of the Lord. I held a Bible reading with him until nearly 9 o'clock; but his wife did not think they could take the book. But as I was canvassing at another house the next day, the same lady saw me and subscribed for the book. She stated that her husband said he was very tired from his day's work, but could have listened to me all night. I know the Lord is leading in this work.

PLANNING THE WORK IN WASHINGTON.

I have received a most beautiful leaflet, lately issued by our people at Washington. It sets forth in a very pleasing and convincing manner the importance of the work now being established there, and makes a very strong plea for immediate financial help. This leaflet is to be sent to all our laborers, with the request that the matter be set forth before all our people.

I know that Seventh-Day Adventists are greatly interested in this enterprise. The Lord has spoken so pointedly upon the subject that there can be no doubt entertained about the utility and importance of this work, and there will certainly be a

very hearty response among our people in behalf of this work. The aggregate sum required for the present is \$100,000. If this amount can be raised in 1904, it will supply the present needs of the cause in that place. Be ready to receive the instruction when it comes, and then act upon it as soon as possible. WM. COVERT.

S. D. A. VISITORS TO THE GREAT ST. LOUIS FAIR.

The Central Union Conference committee has rented a house and ground at St. Louis as a home for missionary workers during the summer. It was also suggested that many S. D. A. brethren and sisters would like such a home in which to stop while visiting the World's Fair, and not be obliged to put up at hotels where fabulous prices are charged for poor accommodations. As no servants are kept, all who come to stay with us a few days will be expected to care for their own rooms; also to bring their own towels.

We have arranged to accommodate our friends at a very moderate cost, as follows: Lodging for one night only, half of a bed, 75 cents each person; two nights or more 50 cents for each person. Breakfast when ordered 25 cents each person; dinner when ordered, 35 cents each person; terms, cash in advance. Those desiring accommodations will please make all arrangements by correspondence two or three weeks in advance; otherwise no accommodations can be promised. Address A. D. Gilbert, 7301 Blanche avenue, Ellendale station, St. Louis, Mo.

MISSIONARY ACRE OFFERINGS.

Pledges and donations to this fund are reported from the North Liberty church as below:

J. L. Locke \$1, Dr. W. W. Worster \$5, Miss Chloe Matthewsou \$1, Celina Beck \$1.50, Enoch C. Swartz \$1, Nancy Briggs 50c, Elizabeth A. Anderson 25c; Guy A. Whitmer, produce from one-fourth acre; Beatrice Beck, chickens from one hen; Maggie Worster \$5; Nancy Briggs and Elizabeth Anderson paid cash, the rest to be paid on or before October 1, 1904.

NOTICE.

The Kokomo S. D. A. church wants the addresses of Miss Stella Waterman, Mrs. Emma Harrison and Miss Lillie Fox. Any one seeing or hearing of this notice and can give us information, please send their address to the church clerk at Kokomo at once.

W. E. STAMM, Clerk.
EVERMONT NASH, Elder.

NEWS and NOTES

Bro. M. E. McMeans is at present located at Connersville, Ind.

Are you a subscriber to the Reporter? If not, why not? Only 25 cents a year.

Prof. B. F. Machlan returned from the Lake Union Conference, last Friday, on account of his school work.

The church at Michael is moving along nicely, according to last reports. May God bless and keep them faithful.

Bro. A. G. Tucker, of Lafayette, has been advised to take several weeks' Sanitarium treatment for bladder trouble.

Elder Young recently visited his son Robert, at Fort Thomas, Ky. He found him in good health, and preparing to go to Alaska.

The East Side church, Indianapolis, has bought a lot at Rural and Thirteenth streets, and will soon begin the erection of a church building.

Mrs. M. E. McMeans, of Akron, reports the death of her daughter, Mrs. Harter. Because of this Sr. McMeans will have the care of two little granddaughters.

Sister A. W. Bartlett has taken a number of subscriptions here for the Southern Watchman. That is one good way to help the cause of truth in the South.

We are glad to know that our Indiana brethren appreciate our little Reporter. A few report that it does not reach them. We regret this, and will do all we can to remedy the difficulty.

The ministers are looking after the church membership rolls in Indiana, with the purpose of correcting errors, eliminating unworthy persons, and ascertaining as near as possible the real membership.

Two sisters of Sister Clara Fuller, of 724 Fletcher avenue, Indianapolis, Mrs. G. G. Rupert of Oklahoma, and Mrs. Cox of Kansas, also sisters in the true faith, are visiting at the home of Sister Fuller.

The contractor began work upon the new house of worship for the Indianapolis church this week. The location is on Twenty-third street, near Central avenue. It is hoped to have it ready for occupancy by the first of October.

We are glad to see the list of donations to our tent fund increasing. Why should not this fund be made up quickly, that we may publish in the next issue of the Reporter that we have enough?

A recommendation has passed the Lake Union Conference that the committee establish a headquarters near some large city centrally located. Indianapolis is being favorably considered as a good location.

With debts being largely reduced, new churches organized, many new converts to the faith, and a number of new church buildings under construction or soon will be, the Lord's work in Indiana is in better shape than for some years.

We were much pleased to see in the report of the April tithe something opposite the name of nearly every church. This is as it should be every month. Let those who have not already done so, send in their tithe for May at once, that it may appear in the next Reporter.

At an earnest request of the officers of the Indianapolis church, Elder Stone was with that church Sabbath afternoon, May 14, and spoke about the importance of a united effort and a willingness to sacrifice in the erection of a church building. A number expressed a willingness to co-operate heartily in this enterprise.

Bro. Alonzo J. Carter, who spent the past winter in evangelistic work in the South, is now holding a very interesting series of meetings at Bennington, Switzerland county, and is working successfully as an authorized agent to secure gifts to the \$100,000 fund to erect the buildings for the General Conference at Tacoma Park, Washington, D. C.

Elder Stone visited the company at Franklin, Sabbath morning, May 14. His visit was timely and an encouragement to all. Several of those meeting with the organization a year ago have moved to other localities, leaving their number greatly reduced. This has been quite discouraging to the company, and an effort must be made at once to strengthen the work there.

OUR ANNUAL CAMP MEETING.

There is some inquiry concerning our annual camp meeting and conference, and a few words may be in place at this time. Some thought

and counsel has been given this matter by the committee, and while the time and place are not definitely settled, it has been thought that about the middle of August would be as convenient for all to attend as any time that could be selected.

Several requests have come to us, suggesting locations for this gathering, some of which may receive further consideration. However, we wish to state that from the light given through the Testimonies in the past, and the instruction still coming urging us to enter new fields, where the truth has never been presented, that it is probable this annual gathering will be held in a county-seat in some county where the truth has not been preached.

For a number of years, I understand, the camp meetings have been held in the central and northern part of the State, and for this reason our brethren in the southern part of the State have felt unable to attend. So for this and other reasons it has been thought by some that a location should be selected this year that would be favorable for the attendance of our brethren living in the southern portion of the conference and still easy of access by those living in the northern part of the State. We hope to be able, before another issue of the Reporter, to give more definite information concerning this gathering.

W. J. STONE.

FUND FOR NEW TENTS.

We give below a list of names of those who have thus far contributed or pledged to the tent fund. Let others send in pledges as quickly as possible:

W. J. Stone and wife	\$10.00
W. D. Curtis and wife	5.00
W. A. Young	5.00
J. C. Harris	5.00
Martin Dunn	5.00
C. H. Bliss	5.00
J. H. Niehaus and wife	5.00
W. C. McCuaig and wife	5.00
Mrs. R. W. McMahan	5.00
U. S. Anderson	5.00
J. W. Covert	5.00
C. J. Buhalts and wife	5.00

WINDFALL.

I was with the company at Windfall, Sabbath and Sunday, May 14 and 15. They need to heed the call of God to his people now, and "press together," putting away all differences. Justice is not so becoming to us as is mercy. Properly united, this company can exert a mighty gathering influence in that community. A number of subscriptions for the Reporter were received.

W. A. YOUNG.