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RETRENCHMENT

MY brethren and sisters, do you plead for retrenchment in evangelical work? Read the closing verses of Matthew's gospel, which contains the seal of the worker's commission. "Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

This commission can not be fulfilled unless workers are educated and sent forth and sustained.

God's people are to sit together in heavenly places in Christ. So long as there are souls to save, their interest in the work of soul-saving is to know no abating. If we expect to feel in our lives the moisture and dew of heaven, we must improve every opportunity to strengthen every line of work that will extend the knowledge of God in our world. "Neither pray I for these alone," Christ said, "but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." The truth for this time

must be carried to those who have never heard it. Not all can go as missionaries to foreign lands, but all can do the work waiting for them in their own neighborhood. All can give of their means for the carrying forward of foreign missionary work. All can be partakers of the divine nature.

There is not a Christian in the world but that is the fruit of Christ's death. And he gave himself, not only for those now united with him, but for all human beings.

There are schools and meeting-houses to be built, and sanitariums to be established. There are new fields to be entered, and we must have your help. Shall we ignore the commission given us, and thus forfeit the promise accompanying the commission? Shall the people of God become careless and indifferent, and refuse to lay by of their means for the advancement of his work? Can they do this without severing their connection with him? They may think thus to economize, but it is a fearful economy that places them where they are separated from Christ.

Let God's people pay a faithful tithe, and let them also, from parents to children, lay aside for the Lord the money that is so often spent for self-gratification. Practice self-denial in the home, and then, when calls for help are made, you will have something to give.

Let those who are poor give what they can. However small the offering may be, the Lord will recognize the self-sacrifice, and will bless the giver.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

WHAT can I do for missions?—Pray that every member of the body of Christ may have the mind of Christ regarding his work in the regions beyond, and, abounding in the grace of giving, may yield prompt obedience to the command of the Lord.

BOGGSTOWN and THE ACADEMY

FRIDAY, March 24, I went to Boggstown and the Academy, to attend a board meeting. A number of matters of importance were considered which we hope will make the school more efficient the coming year.

The school is doing a grand work this year and God is greatly blessing the efforts of the present corps of teachers in their work. This school is destined to do a great work for the young people of Indiana. The future of the cause in this state will be moulded largely by the attitude our brethren and sisters throughout the conference sustain toward this school.

Shall we have our own young people in the state educated to fill important positions in the work, or must we bring in persons from other conferences to fill these positions?

We have invested about ten thousand dollars in this educational plant. This seems like a large amount to invest in a school, but when we consider what this school may mean to us, and what it may accomplish if we will lend it our hearty co-operation, it is only a paltry sum to invest in so great a work.

From this time forward, every year, this school should turn out workers for some of the many lines of missionary work. Parents, what kind of an education do you prefer your children to have? What kind of employment do you wish them to engage in? Do you wish to let the world educate them for worldly positions, and then because they cannot get a position where they can keep the Sabbath, have them give up the truth and go the world? Or will you educate them for the work of the Master, and connect them with the great message of reform that God is now carrying to the world?

These are matters of the most vital importance. *Life and death* are the

great issues at stake in this matter, and not simply the question of a position or avocation. At a low estimate, our brethren in Indiana represent half a million dollars. Thus far about four thousand dollars have been paid in toward erecting this educational plant to educate our boys and girls for usefulness in the cause of God. Less than one percent of our means has been placed at the disposal of those in charge of this work with which to equip a plant for the accomplishment of the most important work God has committed to our hands. God holds us responsible for the proper education of our children. And when will we awake to this great responsibility, and realize that God will call us to an account for the salvation of those whom we have been the means of bringing into this world?

We are needing the money that has been pledged on the school. And much more is needed to replace the money the conference has had to borrow to complete the buildings, and for which we are having to pay interest. Are there not those in Indiana who will come forward and assist us in this work?

Are there not those who are making wills, who should bequeath to this school a liberal donation, that it may, after they are laid at rest, be doing a work in preparing souls for service? In this way Rev. 14:13 may be fulfilled, and our works may still continue though we may be laid to rest until the indignation be overpast. I would like to hear from any who will assist us in this grand and noble work of fitting workers for the great harvest field. It is a mighty work and should receive the first and most hearty support of every Seventh-day Adventist in Indiana.

I had the privilege of meeting with the students Friday night and talking to them, and I was much pleased to see so many bright intelligent young people, and nearly if not quite all of them are desirous of preparing themselves for some line of missionary work.

My wife and little boy accompanied me on this trip, it being the first time they had ever visited the school. On the Sabbath, we were with the Boggstown church and enjoyed our meeting with them very much. The work is onward in this conference, and also in all the world. May we

all realize this, and awake to the importance of employing every moment in earnest labor for the Master.

W. J. STONE.

THE STATE AGENT, AND THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF HIS WORK

SYNOPSIS OF TALK GIVEN BY E. R. PALMER, AT BOOKMEN'S CONVENTION, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CAL., JAN. 19, 1905

TEXT—JOSHUA 1:1-9.

[First part in Issue of April 12.]

PRINCIPLES

TAKE for your motto, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

Take an unconquerable attitude toward God's work. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." If you think you can, you can, particularly if you know you can. There are no deserts, no Jordans, no Alps to a man when God is going before him. Do you think for a moment the fact that man takes up self-supporting work deprives him of the power of the gospel? Did the fact that Stephen engaged in attending to the business of the church deprive him of that power? (See Acts 7:5-8.)

SUCCESS IN HARD TIMES

It does not make so much difference what is on the outside if the inside is all right. "Let not your heart be troubled." Keep the citadel strong. "The gold and silver are mine," and the Lord says, "Ask and ye shall receive."

AN EXPERIENCE

I had worked four days in a town called Sodom, and in some way the name of the town seemed to have gotten on the inside and I was obtaining no orders. Friday morning I went to a little brook in a secluded spot and there on my face before God I took the orders for the day. After that I went back to town, worked all day and obtained an order in every house but one. During that hour I succeeded in getting Sodom on the outside.

TERRITORY IS NEVER WORKED OUT

Territory that has been worked six or eight times is really better than ever before. The records of our best agents are that the sixth or seventh book used sells in the largest quantities. The following is the official record of a little town in Australia, Bendago by name: First

canvass, 250 copies; second, 350; third, 500; fourth, 600; fifth, 850; sixth, 1000. And yet after the sixth canvass, agents said the field was no longer good. By what process of reasoning do you suppose they arrived at that conclusion?

PREJUDICE WILL NOT HINDER

Don't believe the things people tell you that are not so. Don't believe any thing that is told you, and only about half that you see. The Bible says, "Who is so blind as my servant?" Prejudice is not to be feared. The men who have triumphed in the ages past have been men who were not afraid of all the powers of heaven or hell.

Brethren, help us in every way you can. Talk courage. Books can be sold to-day just as well as at any time in the past. Let us do it.

IT IS ENCOURAGING

We have everything to encourage us in the work of the Master in Indiana. As we look over the work that has been performed during the past six months, I suppose many have noticed that nearly every effort, whether in new fields or in our churches, has been blessed of God, and souls have been converted. This is as it should be in view of the times in which we are living and when the workers sustain a living connection with the Lord.

Briefly stating the situation, meetings held with the Ligonier church resulted in twelve or fifteen additions to the church. At Hartford City, over twenty were added to their number and the church greatly revived. North Liberty has had a refreshing and several additions to the church. Meetings south of Hartford City five miles have resulted in a Sabbath school of between forty and fifty members and a number of new Sabbath keepers and they are talking of erecting a church building. Meetings now in progress at Medaryville have resulted in a Sabbath-school of over forty members, and the prospects are good for the organization of a church in the near future. Meetings near Wirt have been the means of a new Sabbath-school being organized, with a membership of 15 or 20. A church was organized, April 22, at Martinsville with a membership of 23. The total number of Sabbath keepers there, is about forty. More of these

NEWS and NOTES

W. C. McCUAIG has been spending some time at Michigan City in the interest of the canvassing work.

ELDER CURTIS started for the General Conference the first of this week. He will be absent about three weeks.

SUBSCRIBE for the REPORTER if you wish to keep well informed regarding the progress of the work in our home state.

ELDER YOUNG held meetings with the Franklin church Sabbath, April 29. His visit was an encouragement to the little company.

ELDER J. C. HARRIS is now holding meetings with the Farmersburg church. Let us pray that God may greatly bless this effort.

OVER twelve hundred dollars has been subscribed toward building a church at Muncie, and the brethren expect to do much more soliciting.

BROTHER STEELE is assisting Elder Hagle in meetings at Medaryville. He writes that he is enjoying the work and God is blessing their labors.

OUR Bible workers, Sisters Pierce and Lay, are busy at work at Indianapolis, and report a number of their readers deeply interested, for whom they have hopes.

ELDER U. S. ANDERSON is now holding meetings at the Poer school-house a few miles from where he recently held services in the Beath school-house. He reports a good interest.

ELDER STONE left Indianapolis, May 2, for the General Conference. He is a member of the General Conference auditing committee, which meets to do its work before the date set for the conference.

BRETHREN Buhalts and Olmstead report that the interest at Martinsville is still good, and the work is growing. There are now about forty Sabbath keepers at Martinsville. Pray for the work there.

CAN you afford to be without the reports of the General Conference? I hope you will not so decide. Send in your subscription at once for the *Review* which will contain full reports. No other reports will be published.

BROTHER ROBERT LEACH sends in quite a full report of the interest at

Wirt, and thinks a tent effort might result in the organization of a church at that place. We shall investigate this interest after the General Conference and plan for the best interest of the work there.

ALL will read with interest the tithe report in this issue of the REPORTER. We wish to compliment our brethren and sisters for their faithfulness, and assure you we appreciate the manner in which the tithe is coming in.

MARY B. CRAIG writes from Illinois that she is very much interested in the subject of foreign missions and was glad to see the thoughts as presented by Elder Stone in a recent article in the "*Review*" upon this subject. She is now engaged in Bible work in the Southern Illinois Conference.

HAVE our brethren and sisters in Indiana noticed that during the winter, in nearly every place where meetings have been conducted, either in new fields or in our churches, souls have been converted and added to our numbers? The Lord is willing to bless us when we work according to his instruction. We expect to see more and more of the blessing of the Lord upon the work in the Indiana Conference.

ELDER STONE has spoken seven Sunday nights during the past ten weeks, at the 23rd St. Seventh-day Adventist church, of Indianapolis: taking up the subjects, of "The Signs of the times", "The Second Advent", "The United States as Brought to View in Prophecy", "The Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast", and "Union of Church and State in the United States." These meetings have been quite well attended and some interest has been manifested.

MEDARYVILLE

WE are having a good meeting and a large attendance at this place. The whole town is stirred. Five were baptized Sunday. There are more deeply interested. The Free Methodist preacher became alarmed and took up the Sabbath question yesterday, but his argument seemed to have no effect. We had a larger attendance in the afternoon than ever. Brother Hagle reviewed him, then took up the Sabbath question thoroughly.

We had about fifty at Sabbath-school last Sabbath, but many of

them were children.

Five precious souls were buried with their Lord by baptism. One of them started today for Berrien Springs to attend school, to take the teachers course. She was a young lady that had completed her study in high school here and takes with her a good recommendation from her teacher.

Pray for the work here.

Yours in the Master's service.

JAS. BLANKENSHIP.

TITHES FOR APRIL, 1905.

Akron.....	.....
Angola.....	20 90
Anderson.....	35 03
Auburn.....	.....
Bass Lake.....	.....
Barbers Mills.....	40 77
Boggs town.....	303 87
Brookston.....	3 00
Connersville.....	3 24
Corunna.....	.....
Denver.....	42 76
Dana.....	37 41
Evansville.....	.....
Elnora.....	3 00
Elwood.....	13 11
Etna Green.....	9 75
Farmersburg.....	7 36
Fort Wayne.....	1 56
Franklin.....	7 00
Frankton.....	10 95
Grass Creek.....	.....
Glenwood.....	.....
Greenfield.....	.....
Hartford City.....	.....
Honey Creek.....	21 60
Huntington.....	9 76
Idaville.....	2 00
Indianapolis (1st).....	44 88
Indianapolis (2nd).....	18 06
Individuals.....	26 58
Inwood.....	32 47
Jefferson.....	.....
Jonesboro.....	21 00
Kennard.....	11 60
Kokomo.....	55 70
LaFayette.....	14 08
Lebanon.....	1 50
Ligonier.....	.....
Linton.....	16 45
Logansport.....	1 57
Michaels.....	.....
Mechanicsburg.....	87 76
Marion.....	56 72
Michigan City.....	.....
Middletown.....	8 76
Morocco.....	.....
Mt. Vernon.....	10 00
Mt. Zion.....	38 10
Muncie.....	.....
Martinsville.....	.....
New London.....	.....
Noblesville.....	9 60
Northfield.....	.....
New Marion.....	13 65
North Liberty.....	.....
Olive Branch.....	3 30
Olivet Chapel.....	.....
Oolitic.....	.....
Patricksburg.....	25 00
Peru.....	4 25
Petersburg.....	16 15
Pleasant View.....	.....
Princeton.....	17 81
Richmond.....	14 00
Rochester.....	28 12
Rocklane.....	21 56
Salem.....	1 00
South Bend.....	.....
South Millford.....	6 00
Terre Haute.....	4 07
Unionville.....	1 00
Wabash.....	1 89
Waldron.....	.....
Walkerton.....	11 17
Waterloo.....	.....
West Liberty.....	40 58
Windfall.....	3 65
Wolf Lake.....	54 99
Total receipts.....	\$ 1295 59