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WASHINGTON SURPRISE PARTY

THE second meeting, to give those who had brought gifts for the Washington fund, an opportunity of handing them in, was held Friday A. M., May 19.

The gifts came from the East, the West, the North, and South. Western Oregon sent nearly \$1,000; East Michigan \$1,050; W. B. White in behalf of the Pacific Union Conference handed in \$3,000 for missions. The California Conference gave from its conference funds, \$1,000 for missions. The West Michigan Conference gave \$1,000 for missions. I. H. Evans reported \$67 from the employes of the Review and Herald branch at Battle Creek. Elder Daniels handed in \$1,000 for the Washington fund that had been sent to him by J. J. Wessels of South Africa. The Wisconsin Conference as a conference gave \$500. Western Washington, \$397. Arkansas, \$81. South Dakota, \$161. Southern California, \$274. Indiana, \$544. Mexico, \$51.

While the treasurer was reckoning the amount given in, Sister White spoke feelingly and with great power of the meaning of this united effort

which showed what could be accomplished when all take hold unitedly. The treasurer announced that the total in cash handed in on this occasion was about ten thousand dollars.

Sister White then led the congregation in an earnest prayer of thanksgiving, thanking God on behalf of those who have given, and on behalf of the conferences, for the joy of knowing that hearts everywhere are touched by the needs of God's cause.

The total received at the three meetings held each Friday morning during the conference for both the Washington Fund and for missions, was between thirty and forty thousand dollars. It was stated the last day of the conference that the Washington Fund had reached about \$97,000. More will still come in so the \$100,000 fund will be fully completed within a few days. We have given quite a full report of this matter, knowing our brethren will be interested to know how it comes out.

W. J. STONE.

NEW LONDON AND KOKOMO

I THINK I have never written a report for the REPORTER; however, I have always read it with interest. I was raised in the State of Indiana, and a short time after coming out of the army, I heard and embraced the great message of the commandments of God and the soon-coming Lord. The first Seventh-day Adventist church to which I belonged was the New London church in the village of New London. This was quite a prosperous church for many years, but by removals (not apostasy) it was reduced to a very small number, until finally meetings were abandoned, and it was thought by many that Adventism had died in the village entirely.

A few months ago I was called by telegram to New London to preach the funeral of the husband of Sister Ella Grantham. As soon as I entered the village I discovered the roof

had almost rotted off the old church, the plaster had fallen on the chairs, and when I saw the desolation, I turned away only to weep; then worst of all, I learned the lot on which the church was located, was sold from them.

I appealed to the few Sabbath-keepers that were left, as well as to our friends, to arise and re-roof the dear old church building. They rallied, and some money was pledged immediately. Trustees were elected, a friend bought back the lot, and it was deeded to the trustees.

The Lord put it into the heart of Brother Omer Grantham, who was then in the state of Florida nursing a patient, to return to New London to do the work necessary to be done on the house to put it in good repair. He came and went to work, first with his own hands; and then by the help of his younger brother and others, the house has been made almost ready to be occupied. [The Indiana Conference has paid Brother Grantham for his work.—Editor.]

A few Sabbaths ago I was called from my home in Kokomo to visit them. On entering the village I saw a bright new shingle roof on the old building, and then I said, "What has God wrought?" I was met on the streets with many greetings and many a "God bless you," and when I arrived at the home of Sister Grantham, I was surprised to find about twenty-five persons gathered for Sabbath-school and to hear the word the Lord had for them. I need not tell you that we had a glorious meeting. The company was largely made up of Sabbath-keepers. The Lord wonderfully came in by his power to bless.

The meeting-house is now being plastered, and will soon be ready to occupy; this is so much better than to sell off these old land marks to strangers.

I have also a good word to send you from the Kokomo church. On coming home to visit my sick wife, I

found the Kokomo church **sadly** in need of help. Your president kindly granted me the privilege to help them all I could while there, so the first thing we did was to call the church together and elect a full set of officers. The work passed off pleasantly, as all were in harmony. Then we advertised that at the end of ten days we would meet to elect trustees. All this work has passed off very pleasantly, and now the church is ready to work. Another business meeting was held a few evenings ago, at which time it was voted to build a new front to their church building, adding a small dome, and to paint, paper, and put the building in good repair. One hundred and sixty-two dollars was pledged for the work, and we think that much more can be raised; and we have agreed to help them to raise the remainder that is needed.

I am greatly encouraged with the prospect of seeing the Kokomo church coming up on a higher plane. This is the home of my family, and they are anxiously doing all they can to help out in the good work.

May the Lord help us that each one may do his part well, finish up the work very soon in the earth, and go home to glory. J. M. REES.

DOES CANVASSING PAY?

WE have often heard people say that it does not pay to canvass,—that the people never **read their** books, even after they buy them; but my experience has **taught me** better; besides, the Lord has said through the spirit of prophesy that, “there is no better way of getting the Truth before the people,” and that the “canvassing work properly conducted is missionary work of the highest order.” The Lord has told us that many who buy the books containing present truth “will lay them on the shelf or on the parlor table,” but the time comes when sickness and misfortune will enter the home and these books will be sought for and read, and through them many will take hold of the Truth.

Brethren and sisters in Christ do we believe God? If so let us not ignore this part of his work. More than half in this truth at present came in, or, received their knowledge by reading. I am going to give some

of my experience I had last week, in some territory where I canvassed last winter. It rained and I could not get around to canvass, and, so I thot I would visit a man to whom I sold a book, and see how he was getting along. He was very glad to see me, and made me welcome in his home all the time it was raining. I found that he had a good knowledge of the truth, and was almost ready to take his stand. Those rainy days were spent in the study of God’s word, and when we parted he said that the only way to be saved now was to accept this truth. This is one experience where the people read the book when they bought it. Hundreds are anxious to get them, and do read them as soon as they get them. He said that nothing could induce him to part with that book.

The canvasser can not always go back to see what he has accomplished, but he may rest assured that where he leaves books in the homes, they are going to gather souls for the Kingdom of God, and they will be stars in the canvassers crown. So let us sing: “Will There be any Stars in My Crown.”

The Lord has told us that where there is “one canvasser in the field, there ought to be one hundred.” Two good brethren have written me about canvassing. One has already come to canvass with me, and the other brother will come just as soon as he can arrange his business so he can leave home, then we will have a company of three. Is there another that would like to take up this work with us? We can study together, pray for, and with each other, and in this way receive courage. Remember that courage is half the battle. If there is one that feels that the Lord wants him to take up this work I would be glad to hear from you. All the members of our company will be together over Sabbath and Sunday to study God’s word and our Books.

In a future article. I am going to give four reasons why people fall in the canvassing work. Some of these reasons I shall give from an experimental stand point, and others from a stand point of observation and what others have told me.

Truly consecrated canvassers are what we want, “the Harvest is ripe.” JAS. BLANKENSHIP.

EXPERIENCE OF Mrs. W. B. McKAY OF CONNERSVILLE, INDIANA

Who has Recently Accepted the Truth

A few years ago a missionary came to my door and left with me a tract; the next time she came I invited her in that I might learn more of this seemingly strange and new doctrine. She called a number of times and we studied the Bible together, then I struggled on uncomforted, but as time wore on God sent another messenger. He revealed to me at once, even before she spoke, that this missionary was a messenger with the Holy Truth. But no sooner did I accept the little tract from her hand than she was gone; she came again and again, then when she called the next time, I invited her in; she accepted the invitation and offered me another tract; I told her that I had not found time to read the last one she left; she replied in a sweet sad voice, “No time for God?” This reproof was just what I needed: I determined then and there to read every tract she would bring; and I did. I asked her why she was so anxious about my soul,—we are strangers; she replied, “If you should see a person drowning would you not try to save him?” Then it was, I saw the *great gospel ship* afloat in the awful sea of sin, and those on board the ship were safe from the waves of strife and temptation, but I alone in that fierce tempest of sin, drowning in the sea. Once the soul had risen and the first missionary (Mrs. Emma Sparks) came to my rescue, but I did not accept the truth. I let go of her hand and sunk again, but as we all know, man does not drown until he has raised the third time, and after that no power on earth can save him, and there is danger of not rising even the second time if he becomes so entangled by the things in the bottom of the sea of sin, but just as I had arisen for the third time, this dear messenger (Mrs. John Niehaus), for she it was, reached out a helping hand, by earnest prayer and study of the Word. I was brought back on holy ground to serve the Lord and keep his commandments. Then Satan came in again with doubts and fears. I went to the Lord in prayer and asked him to direct me and show me his will; I told him how I loved the church of which I had been a member, and I asked him to remember how it had

grown out of its infancy and prospered, and of another church on the other corner near enough the same age to be called twin sister churches,—a Sabbath-keeping church,—and I asked God his will concerning these two churches, so closely situated and yet so different.

Then I had a dream. I saw two little twin girl babies, intrusted to my care; the one a fleshy healthy babe, the other a delicate tiny infant. I walked away from it, and as time passed on, my healthy babe grew to be very large; but, alas, although the outward appearance spoke of health and vigor, yet there was inward corruption and its beautiful face suddenly became covered with large sores and scars. Then a messenger stood before me: he had come to tell me that the weak and delicate baby, which I had left to die, was still alive and struggling through many difficulties. Then I began to repent: why had I left this infant to die without any effort on my part to help it; God forgive. When I again beheld the forsaken babe, behold she was beautiful and of perfect stature, but small and delicate because of neglect. I then resolved to care for the one I had once neglected. May God help me to do so; and may this church be so well represented by each member that no scars shall be seen on her face when Christ Jesus comes.

BROTHER HILL'S BIBLE CLASS

This is the title of a new little book just printed, the pen of Elder W. B. Hill, of College View. It is a study of the "Excuses, Inventions, Fables, and Dreams," that are so often used by those who do not want to accept a plain "Thus saith the Lord," for their guide in religious matters.

This is without doubt the richest, spiciest little work that has ever been put out on this line. For example, on the excuse that on going around the world the Sabbath-keeper would get changed over, Brother Hill proposes to take a Sunday-keeper with him on the trip. Then if Brother Hill was keeping Sunday when they returned, the other fellow would be keeping Monday.

There are fifteen ministers in the Bible class, many of whom are prominent in the different churches in Lincoln and other places. Among

others he has Rev. Wilber F. Crafts answer some questions. In these answers the ministers contradict each other as well as themselves, which shows how flimsey their reasons are for the Sunday-sabbath.

These answers to the different questions given by the ministers are not "fixed up" for the book, but are statements which they have made in articles in the Lincoln papers, or in direct letters to Brother Hill, or in personal conversation with him. We have all heard such excuses many times.

Elder S. H. Lane says of this little book, "It is an eye-opener, and ought to be in the hands of every one of our ministers." Others say it is "good," "very fine," etc. Another says, "It is a budget of nuggets, cream from beginning to end." In fact all who read it enjoy it as the Bible truths along this line are put in a new setting and made to stand out more clearly than before.

Brother Hill is an old man of ability, having been one of our workers for 25 years, and the Lord has used him to lead many to accept the Third Angel's Message. He has had these excuses to meet and has learned how to meet them and to show them to be but "air."

"Brother Hill's Bible Class" is certainly a clincher. Get it. Read it. study it, then loan or sell it to your friends and neighbors. It contains 72 pages with cover, neatly gotten up. Price 15c. Order of Indiana Conference, Room 221 Unity Building Indianapolis.

A CHURCH THE RESULT

"THERE are many who, because of their prejudice, will never know the truth unless it is brought to their homes. The canvasser may find these souls and minister to them. There is a line of work in house-to-house labor which he can accomplish more successfully than others. He can become acquainted with the people and understand their true necessities; he can pray with them, and can point them to the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world. Thus the way will be opened for the special message for this time to find access to their hearts."

A number of instances, a few of which are most remarkable, have come to our notice recently which demonstrate the truthfulness of the

above statement from the Testimonies. About a year ago now, one of our faithful canvassers entered the field and placed a copy of "Great Controversy" in almost every home in the community in which he worked. The Lord especially impressed the great truths found in this book on the hearts of the readers. At the request of the people interested, the president of the Conference visited the community recently and organized a Sabbath-school of twenty-five members. A minister has now been sent to give further instructions preparatory to church organization. The faithful canvasser is rejoicing today over the results of his first year's work. In writing to us a few days ago, he says, "The book work will be my life work."

The above instance is quite remarkable, and certainly should serve as an incentive for others to enter this good work.

SURE CURE FOR DROPSY

To the Editor:

DEAR BROTHER,—For more than twenty years I have had in my possession a sure cure for dropsy, which I now contribute to all the readers of the REPORTER family.

Last winter I had the pleasure of proving its great value on a man over sixty years of age. He was bloated as tight as the skin could hold. It was remarked by the doctors: "This will be the wind up of John Leedy," this being his name. The second prescription assuaged the disease, and today there are no symptoms of its return.

It has been called for by some of our brethren, so here it is:

To one gallon of cider, add
3 handfuls of horse-radish root
3 " parsley root and top
3 " of ground mustard
1 ounce of squill syrup
1 " of juniper berries.

Let it stand until morning, then heat and keep it hot, (not boiling) until bed-time. Strain it the next morning. Dose for adult, $\frac{1}{2}$ gill three times a day. If the first prescription fails, repeat it.

B. F. ANDERSON.

It is said that death, and Satan "have all seasons for their own." Should not Adventists be equally diligent in doing missionary work.

NEWS and NOTES

It is not too late to help on the Washington \$100,000.00 Fund.

ALL those attending the General Conference from Indiana have returned?

ARE you arranging to circulate the *Family Bible Teacher*, tracts, and periodicals among your neighbors.

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

ELDERS Farnsworth, Evans and other able speakers are expected to be in attendance at our camp-meeting this year.

It is nearly time to begin our tent efforts for the summer, and the tents will be shipped this week to the different fields where tent meetings are to be held.

Do not forget that we want every Seventh-day Adventist in Indiana to be a reader of the REPORTER. Are you a subscriber? If not send in your subscription today.

THE next issue of the REPORTER will have something to say about our annual camp-meeting and conference. We believe God has prepared the place for this meeting.

ELDERS Curtis and Young, also Sister McMahan, returned from the conference last Thursday full of courage, and feeling that they had been greatly blessed by this privilege.

"I CANNOT recommend it (Wesson's Cooking Oil) too highly. It more than takes the place of other shortening as it is so economical. We are delighted with it and like it better than any other we have tried yet."

THE Seventh Day Adventists World's Conference is now a thing of the past. It was distinctively a Missionary Conference, and the gospel to all the world quickly was the "Key note" in all the exhortations and plans.

OUR brethren and sisters will excuse us for not publishing more news items in this issue, but those who have supplied this matter for the paper being in attendance at the Conference will account for this lack. Watch for news in the next issue.

THERE was a rumor after the conference closed that the next World's Conference, four years hence, would be held in England. However no action was taken by the conference to this effect.

ELDER STONE and wife reached Indianapolis on their return from the conference, about midnight last Thursday. They express great confidence in the future prosperity of the work both at home and abroad.

WE hope to have four tent companies in the field the present season, all in new fields, and let our brethren and sisters pray that God may so bless these efforts that churches may be established wherever efforts are put forth.

ELDER J. W. WATT will make Western Pennsylvania his future field of labor, having been transferred from Vermont. The brethren of Indiana will be glad to keep track of Elder Watt and his field of labor, as he was once a laborer in Indiana.

ELDER CURTIS was elected Educational Secretary of the Lake Union Conference, by the delegates from that conference, and he will spend some time looking after the general educational work in the Lake Union, but will still have charge of the educational work in Indiana.

IT was announced the last day of the conference that the one hundred thousand dollar fund had reached about ninety-seven thousand dollars. During the conference it came in at the rate of about one thousand dollars a day. The fund will be completed, and there will be an overflow to assist in erecting the Review and Herald buildings.

WALKERTON

I RECEIVED my last *Review* and read it with great pleasure: especially the reports of the General Conference proceedings, which did me much good. Our brethren and sisters who have not the *Review* are missing a great blessing. It is filled each week with grand truths, and I would not do without it.

I am taking the *Review*, REPORTER, *Life Boat*, *Herald*, and two other papers. Many who are better able to take these papers than I am, are in darkness for lack of the truths contained in these periodicals as to what our missionaries are doing.

May the Lord awaken us to a sense of our duty and help us to work in harmony for the spreading of the truth.
HENRY HERSHBURGER.

NOTICE

ANYONE having money belonging to the Star Fund, though it may be less than one dollar, will kindly send it at once to the Boggstown Manual Training Academy, Fairland, Ind.

W. D. CURTIS.

TITHES FOR MAY, 1905.

Akron.....	.....
Angola.....	.....
Anderson.....	7 58
Auburn.....	.....
Bass Lake.....	.....
Barbers Mills.....	57 86
Boggstown.....	40 91
Brookston.....	.....
Connersville.....	53 79
Corunna.....	.....
Denver.....	.....
Dana.....	10 90
Evansville.....	.....
Elnora.....	.....
Elwood.....	34 10
Etna Green.....	3 00
Farmersburg.....	13 15
Fort Wayne.....	.....
Franklin.....	3 25
Frankton.....	.....
Grass Creek.....	114 98
Glenwood.....	.....
Greenfield.....	8 60
Hartford City.....	3 42
Honey Creek.....	3 35
Huntington.....	5 44
Idaville.....	8 90
Indianapolis (1st).....	15 12
Indianapolis (2nd).....	125 23
Individuals.....	24 96
Inwood.....	8 67
Jefferson.....	10 00
Jonesboro.....	30 60
Kennard.....	.....
Kokomo.....	.....
LaFayette.....	3 53
Lebanon.....	.....
Ligonier.....	7 50
Linton.....	.....
Logansport.....	.....
Michaels.....	.....
Mechanicsburg.....	.....
Marion.....	62 45
Michigan City.....	3 24
Middletown.....	60 38
Morocco.....	.....
Mt. Vernon.....	14 49
Mt. Zion.....	.....
Muncie.....	47 21
Martinsville.....	14 75
New London.....	.....
Noblesville.....	.....
Northfield.....	.....
New Marion.....	.....
North Liberty.....	20 20
Olive Branch.....	.....
Olivet Chapel.....	39 71
Oolitic.....	26 58
Patrickburg.....	29 60
Peru.....	15 55
Petersburg.....	.....
Pleasant View.....	18 70
Princeton.....	8 26
Richmond.....	10 50
Rochester.....	.....
Rocklane.....	.....
Salem.....	.....
South Bend.....	27 27
South Milford.....	8 00
Terre Haute.....	32 75
Unionville.....	.....
Wabash.....	.....
Waldron.....	10 48
Walkerton.....	.....
Waterloo.....	.....
West Liberty.....	2 00
Windfall.....	2 40
Wolf Lake.....	.....
Total receipts.....	\$ 1049 36