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THE CAMP-MEETING.

THIS meeting is now a thing of the past. All who missed it, missed what money can never purchase. The meeting was a grand success from start to finish.

The worker's meeting had been marked by much of the presence of God's Holy Spirit, and as the brethren and sisters came on the ground, they caught the good spirit of the meeting, and there was a steady forward movement till the close of the meeting. The Lord seemed to lead constantly. Upon several occasions when it had been planned to follow a certain course, God's providence over-ruled and an entirely different plan was pursued.

The laborers present from outside the conference were Elder E. W. Farnsworth, Elder Geo. A. Irwin, Elder Allen Moon, Elder F. C. Gilbert, Sister Burgess from India, Eld. Wm. Covert, Elder J. M. Rees, Elder P. G. Stanley, Elder E. J. VanHorn, and Brother Blosser. The laborers of these faithful servants of God were greatly appreciated, and all contributed to the success of the meeting.

The progress made during the past

year by the work in the Conference, in the increase of membership, and in reducing the conference debt, was a great source of encouragement, and brought courage to the hearts of the brethren and sisters. From resolutions made in the hearts of many present, to go to their homes and work to place in the hands of the people more of our literature, we believe, will prepare the way for the truth to reach many more homes during the coming year.

A recommendation also passed the conference, that we raise \$8,000.00 with which to pay off the debt of the Beechwood Academy and other conference debts: That the columns of the REPORTER be opened to publish these gifts: That we encourage our people to make continual contributions, large or small to this fund, and that we also receive legacies to apply on this indebtedness. Reports show that our conference indebtedness has been reduced one-half during the past two years, and it is greatly desired that even a better showing be made during the year to come. Who will give a good donation to start this \$8,000 fund? No pledges are especially desired, but rather cash contributions. The envelopes prepared by the General Conference that will be sent to all our churches in the near future, will have a place for gifts or offerings to this fund. Let our church officers all keep this matter constantly before our brethren and sisters, that this fund may make rapid progress.

One feature of the meeting was the missionary meeting held the second Sabbath of the month. The regular reading was taken up and it was made one of the most interesting meetings during the conference. All of our brethren and sisters promised to go to their homes and hereafter make the second Sabbath service more than it has ever been before.

The Conference became the constituency of the Fayette Sanitarium,

and changed the articles of incorporation and by-laws, making it distinctively a denominational institution, and electing a new board. The conference looked with favor upon the new site, but as there are some complications at present, voted to leave the matter in the hands of the conference committee, with power to act. Elder Irwin who has had much experience in our institutional work felt that it was a providential opening, and advised the purchase of the property if it could be secured at a reasonable price.

Some change was made in the office of missionary secretary, and the duties of the office. Sister Niehaus was elected missionary secretary, and will soon take up the duties of the office and correspond with our churches and isolated Sabbath-keepers, and try to assist them in doing more efficient missionary work.

As the proceedings of the conference will be quite fully printed in future issues of the REPORTER, I will not go into details here. The meeting, to my mind, was a great success. I have never attended a meeting in all of my experience of thirty years where there was greater love manifested or more unity. And by this the Lord has said, Shall all men know that we are his disciples. This to my mind is one of the greatest omens of the future prosperity of the work in Indiana.

We believe from the testimonies borne during the meeting, and at the parting meeting, that Indiana has a bright future for our work, to make rapid progress. And that there will be a greater missionary spirit, and a willingness to provide laborers for distant fields. One of the most unanimous recommendations passed was the one to send Brother and Sister Olmstead to Africa, and bear their traveling expenses.

This has closed a glorious and successful camp-meeting and conference,

and there is opened to us another year of great possibilities for the advancement of the work both at home and abroad. May Christ be our captain, and lead the lost of Isreal in Indiana on to constant victory.

W. J. STONE.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

ANOTHER year has passed into eternity since we were assembled in a like meeting at Martinsville, Ind. God greatly blessed us in that gathering; and the results of the deliberations of that meeting, by God's blessing, have been manifested all through the year in a steady advancement of the work in both spiritual and financial lines. We may truthfully say that the year has been one of prosperity, although greater advancement ought to have been made.

During the past six or eight months nearly every effort put forth by our laborers, either in our churches or in new fields, has been blessed of God in the conversion and reclaiming of souls. The blessing of God has been much more marked, and the results much greater, than for months or years in the past. This is evidence that God is willing to bless faithful labor, and should encourage all our workers to go forward expecting great results from the efforts put forth. Our laborers should go forward with courage and consecrated zeal. A discouraged man or woman is a defeated person, and ought never to consent to go out as a laborer and receive the sacred means from the treasury of the Lord.

Your committee has endeavored, in the fear of God, to carry out the recommendations passed at our last conference; and you who have watched the progress of our work and the reports that have appeared in our Conference paper, can judge how fully we have succeeded. It will be remembered that at our last conference you requested your committee to retire from its pay roll persons who were unsuccessful in bringing souls to an acceptance of the truth. In harmony with this recommendation, your committee, last March, called together quite a representative body of our people, including Elder Moon and W. H. Edwards, President and Auditor of the Lake Union Conference. The matter was very carefully and prayerfully considered, and

it was voted to ask a few who had been on conference pay to take up other lines of self-supporting work. They were not, however, cut off from conference support at once, but were to be under conference pay until the first of June; neither were they requested to surrender their licenses, but to retain them, and, if they desired, go out at their own charges and demonstrate their call to the work by bringing converts to the faith. As far as we have learned, the action of the committee and the brethren assembled has been most heartily approved. Other recommendations of equal importance have been carried out in the fear of God, and many times when we have not known just what should be done, God has, in a marked manner, led the way before us.

One matter which came before our Conference last year for consideration, was whether this Conference would become the constituency of the Fayette Sanitarium Association. With the limited knowledge of the situation at that time, the Conference referred the matter to its committee to accept or reject it, as the committee saw fit. Your Committee has not until within the past few months felt free to take action upon this matter; and as the Conference was soon to assemble, we decided to let it, after fully investigating the matter, take such action as it might deem best. Much might here be said regarding the special blessings of God upon this institution, and the wonderful providential openings before us, the great interest manifested by the citizens of Connersville, etc.; but at some future meeting I trust this matter will receive all the consideration its importance demands. Suffice it to say that the institution has made a good record, has won the confidence of the people, and is more than paying its way financially.

OUR EDUCATIONAL WORK.

The school year has been a prosperous one in the main. Seventeen church schools have been maintained, and good results have followed the faithful efforts of consecrated teachers. The success of our Manual Training Academy has been most gratifying. The past year has been the most successful year in its history, both in the Christian atmosphere maintained and its financial

management. Others will speak during the conference of this most important department of our work. It will be remembered that it was voted by this Conference one year ago that the Conference Committee should select some other name than "Boggstown" for the school. After much prayer and thoughtful consideration of the matter, and considering perhaps a dozen different names, it was the unanimous judgment of your Committee that the name "Beechwood" would be as appropriate as any name that we could choose; and in publishing our Calendar this year we gave the school the name, "Beechwood Manual Training Academy." This has met with general favor by our people as far as I have learned.

MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

There is a commendable missionary spirit manifested throughout the state, and we believe it is growing. Many of the special tracts have been ordered and distributed during the year, also a large number of the "Family Bible Teacher." We are sorry to say, however, that it seems to be almost impossible to obtain reports from all our societies so that we can give anything like a detailed report as to the amount of work being done. We hope that a greater effort will be put forth the coming year to reorganize the missionary work and revive the old-time reporting system.

THE WORK AT WASHINGTON.

The call for help for establishing our headquarters at Washington, D. C., was received with much favor throughout the conference. Especially was this true regarding the "Surprise Party" call, made just before the General Conference. There was a general response from nearly every church in the state, and many of our scattered brethren and sisters. We are anxious to set a pace at this meeting in missionary work that will continue when we return to our homes. We are very glad indeed to see the live interest manifested at our missionary service upon the Sabbath. This is an indication to me that a greater interest will be taken in the foreign missionary work, when our brethren and sisters return to their homes. But while we are endeavoring to carry the message to regions beyond, let us not forget

those in our own neighborhoods and those in our own homes. We are very anxious to see our people everywhere circulating our smaller literature as they did in the early history of the message, and we trust that plans will be laid at this meeting to enlist the sympathy and co-operation of our brethren and sisters to greater faithfulness in this line of work. We are publishing a Daily Bulletin giving a synopsis of the principal discourses, which we desire to place in the homes of the people of this city each day. That all may engage in this missionary work, we have arranged to drop the meetings from four to seven each afternoon for this important line of work. Nothing can be done at this meeting to accomplish a greater amount of good than the visiting of the people in their homes, leaving literature, and giving them a kindly invitation to our meetings. We trust there will be a hearty response to this call. It will not only do the people of this city good, but it will be a means of watering the souls of those who engage in this work.

NEW CONVERTS.

We are glad that we can report, through the blessing of God, a goodly number of new converts and additions to our churches during the year. A few weeks ago I sent letters to all of our churches and companies to learn the exact number who had been added to the churches during the year, and the number of new converts who had not yet united with the churches. I have heard from about two thirds of the churches, and they report 156 additions from August 1, 1904 to August 1, 1905, and 46 new Sabbath-keepers who have not yet united with the churches; making a total of a little over 200 converts during the year. If I had received word from all the churches, this number might have been somewhat larger. This is about double the number of converts reported one year ago.

Five new churches have been organized, which will undoubtedly make application to be received into the Conference. A few workers remained at Martinsville last year to follow up the interest awakened by our camp-meeting. God blessed the efforts bestowed, and as a result, a church has been organized at that place with a membership of nearly thirty. There

are a few other Sabbath-keepers who have not yet united with the church. Elder Hagle held meetings at Medaryville where a few accepted the truth, and they with a few other persons who were members of one of our other churches, but living near Medaryville, were also organized into a church. The church numbers something over twenty members. As a result of the meeting held by Brother Anderson at the Beath School House quite a number have embraced the truth, and we have a church organized there of nearly thirty members. Most of these are new Sabbath-keepers. Elders Harris and Hagle held a tent-meeting this summer at Royal Center. A few embraced the truth, and a church was also organized there. Brethren Leach and Sailor held meetings last winter in Jefferson County at a place called Gum Corners. They had a good interest, but on account of sickness in the neighborhood, closed their meetings before the interest was fully developed. Elder Roberts pitched a tent there this summer, and as a result of the efforts put forth, a church has been organized with, I think, about twenty members. More extended reports of this work will be given by those laboring in these different localities when these churches are received into the Conference.

W. J. STONE.

(To be Continued.)

OUR new church at Muncie, Ind., was dedicated last Sunday. Elder Stone preached the dedicatory sermon to a large congregation of attentive listeners. There was a good attendance from our neighboring churches.

THE conference committee was increased to seven members this year, and two new departments created: medical, and religious liberty departments. Dr. Wooster was placed on the conference committee to represent the medical and sanitarium work and Brother Steele the religious liberty work.

WE had just what we may expect when God leads,—a glorious camp-meeting. The last Sabbath of the meeting, there was a general consecration meeting, taking in nearly the whole congregation. And we believe many were consecrated for service, and more real missionary efforts on their return to their homes.

DEDICATION SERVICES.

THE 23rd Street Seventh-day Adventist Church of Indianapolis, Indiana will dedicate their new house of worship on Sunday, October 8, 1905 at 2:30 P. M.

A cordial invitation is hereby extended to our people throughout the Conference to be present on this occasion, and to all others who may be interested to attend. The dedication of this church has been delayed until this time that it might be consecrated to the Lord with no debt upon it. It is believed that this will be an occasion of much interest and that the blessing of God will be manifest.

Elder Farnsworth will be present and conduct the dedicatory services, assisted by Elders Stone, Bliss, and others.

YOUNG PEOPLE—ATTENTION!

WE are authorized to announce the publication, about October 15, of a volume of "Addresses for Young People," by President Charles C. Lewis, of Union College. It will consist of ten addresses, given on various occasions during the past fifteen years, principally before audiences of young people. Just the book to save young people from skepticism, and inspire them to seek an education and lead pure and noble lives. The book will contain about 300 pages, and will be durably and handsomely bound. It will form an appropriate and valuable present for any young person, and may turn the current of his life into broader, deeper, and purer channels. Price \$1.00 per copy, postpaid. Orders received at once and filled with first copies from press. Send for descriptive pamphlet, giving sample pages, and telling how to secure a copy free. Address correspondence, and make orders payable to UNION COLLEGE PRESS, College View, Nebraska.

WHEN a soldier falls in the front ranks of the battle, there should be a score of willing soldiers ready to press forward and fill up the gap. We anxiously look for the appearing of our Lord; but will he come until China's four hundred and twenty millions have heard the gospel? We must have more workers in China, and we must have them soon, so they can be learning the people and the language. —A. C. SELMON.

NEWS and NOTES

ELDER CURTIS went home at the close of the camp-meeting, to attend to much neglected correspondence.

THERE were thirty-one persons received licenses and credentials at the conference just closed at Connersville.

THE camp-meeting closed with a praise service Monday morning Sept. 18. All went to their homes full of courage.

THE people of Connersville donated the conference over sixty dollars worth of rooms for delegates used during the camp-meeting.

MANY calls have come in from our churches and weak companies for labor. We shall endeavor to fill these calls as rapidly as possible.

SOME of the most influential people of Connersville have requested that Bible readings be held in their homes. Many seem deeply interested.

BROTHER ROBERT LEACH will follow up the interest awakened at Gum Corners, by the tent effort. Elder Roberts may join him for a short time.

ELDER STONE'S daughter, Verna, arrived at the camp ground last week and will assist for a time in the music and otherwise as the way may open.

ELDER STONE was again elected president of the Conference, and Elder Young vice-president. Elder Young will remain in the office another year.

ELDER ANDERSON returned to Eaton and Beath to follow up his work there, and fully develop the interest awakened by the tent effort this summer.

HON. F. T. ROOTS addressed the congregation one night at the conference. He spoke in the highest terms of the work our people are doing in Connersville.

BROTHER OLMSTEAD will return to Martinsville for a time until he takes his departure for South Africa. The Conference will pay his transportation, and support him in that field.

THE brethren and sisters who visited the new sanitarium site were delighted with it. It is not sure yet that we will purchase it, but if the Lord desires us to have it, we will get it.

MANY stated at the camp-meeting that they had never before witnessed among our people a greater oneness, and unity. Fault-finding and gossip were but little heard, and little countenanced.

ELDER HAGLE left the camp ground last week, Thursday, for Royal Center. He will hold some meetings at Logansport, Star City, and other needy fields as rapidly as he can reach them.

OUR people were a unit in expressing their conviction that no mistake had been made in locating our camp-meeting this year at Connersville. All were deeply convicted that God directed in the matter.

ELDER HARRIS returned to Peru this week to hold a few meetings, and encourage the company there to engage in personal work for their neighbors, by placing literature in the homes of the people.

ELDER BLISS returned to Muncie to finish collecting the pledges on the church and will remain until after the dedication, and will then look after his family for a time and get them settled for the winter.

WE print in this issue of the REPORTER the title report for August. We wish to thank our brethren and sisters for their faithfulness. There is a good showing for August. Let all pay faithfully each month.

IT was the general expression by all in attendance at the meeting that they never saw such friendliness on the part of the people, and willingness to accommodate in every way possible those in attendance at the meeting.

THE conference voted to separate the business of the conference from the camp-meeting next year and to hold at least two camp-meetings. Perhaps three may be held, where they will be the best accommodate all our people in the state.

THE company remaining at Connersville to follow up the interest awakened by the camp-meeting, is composed of Elder Farnsworth and wife, Elder Stone and wife, Elder Buhalts and wife, Brother Niehaus and wife, Sister Laura Stone and Ella Leach, Brother Olmstead and wife, Sister Thompson and a few others remained one week after the C. M. closed. Pray for these workers daily.

WE had expected to publish a REPORTER during the camp-meeting, but the rush of camp-meeting work made it almost impossible and not practicable; but we have been giving our brethren many supplements during the year and we believe you will excuse the omission of this issue. We will endeavor to make up the lack in the future.

TITHES FOR AUGUST, 1905.

Akron.....	60 00
Angola.....	8 61
Anderson.....	
Auburn.....	
Bass Lake.....	
Barbers Mills.....	27 81
Boggs town.....	15 85
Brookston.....	
Beath.....	
Connersville.....	37 10
Corunna.....	
Denver.....	8 00
Dana.....	
Evansville.....	
Elnora.....	59 80
Elwood.....	28 23
Etna Green.....	14 75
Farmersburg.....	24 08
Fort Wayne.....	
Franklin.....	3 58
Frankton.....	16 22
Grass Creek.....	17 83
Glenwood.....	
Greenfield.....	19 41
Gum Corners.....	
Hartford City.....	3 51
Honey Creek.....	
Huntington.....	8 72
Idaville.....	
Indianapolis (1st).....	162 29
Indianapolis (2nd).....	22 40
Individuals.....	42 25
Inwood.....	
Jefferson.....	12 00
Jonesboro.....	33 04
Kennard.....	46 20
Kokomo.....	36 00
LaFayette.....	37 69
Lebanon.....	29 67
Ligonier.....	2 85
Linton.....	
Logansport.....	
Michaels.....	15 03
Mechanicsburg.....	14 84
Medaryville.....	8 00
Marion.....	25 63
Michigan City.....	
Middletown.....	16 45
Mt. Vernon.....	28 92
Mt. Zion.....	27 19
Morocco.....	
Muncie.....	24 72
Martinsville.....	1 04
New London.....	23 00
Noblesville.....	10 00
Northfield.....	
New Marion.....	
North Liberty.....	16 51
Olive Branch.....	
Olivet Chapel.....	
Oolitic.....	4 35
Patrickburg.....	71 25
Peru.....	14 46
Petersburg.....	
Pleasant View.....	16 74
Princeton.....	23 71
Royal Center.....	78 80
Richmond.....	15 00
Rochester.....	24 06
Rocklane.....	
Salem.....	20 00
South Bend.....	6 82
South Milford.....	
Terre Haute.....	13 61
Unionville.....	4 30
Wabash.....	
Waldron.....	
Walkerton.....	
Waterloo.....	
West Liberty.....	14 64
Windfall.....	
Wolf Lake.....	44 22
Total receipts.....	\$ 1356 74