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MUCH HAS BEEN LOST.

TEN times as much might have been accomplished in the past, through the work of our colporters, if the work had been followed up by our brethren and sisters in an organized manner. There would be much more life in our churches today also, if there had been a hearty co-operation between the colporters and the church members in seeking to awaken an interest in the minds of all who have purchased books, in the contents of the book.

Many of our brethren and sisters are desirous to become missionaries, and assist in the spread of the message, but they say, "We have so much to do at home that we cannot get out to do missionary work." To such I wish to say that we have an excellent plan, one in which our brethren and sisters can all engage and help to carry forward, the work begun by our faithful canvassers, and never leave your homes.

Our plan is this: We are endeavoring to obtain a list of the names and addresses of all to whom our colporters have sold books during the past year, and have the missionary secretary of the conference enroll them in a book, with the name of the book purchased, and all the information regarding the person that can be obtained. Then hereafter have our canvassers, at least once a month, send in a list of all the names of persons to whom they have sold books, always giving the name of the book. Then we desire to furnish our churches and scattered brethren with these names, so that they can follow up the work, by sending these persons a tract or periodical, and at the same time writing them a friendly letter, telling them that you understand that they have purchased a book entitled "Great Controversy," or "Bible Readings," or whatever the book may be, asking them if they have read the book, and how they like it, and whether there are other questions upon which they would like to read; and in this way, water the seed that has been sown.

Our churches could send to our secretary for a list of from ten to fifty names with whom to correspond. Perhaps some of our brethren have especially enjoyed, and been greatly benefited by reading certain books, let such persons correspond with those persons that have purchased this book, and tell them how they have enjoyed reading it, and how much benefit has been received from studying the book. Perhaps this person has purchased the book, and for some reason has never read it. It may have been placed in his library and over-looked: and by having his mind again called to it, he may not only read it, but give it a much more thorough study than he would otherwise: and the fact that a stranger to him, had read the book and become so much interested in it, as to write him, on learning

that he had purchased one, would be an incentive to him to give it further study.

I believe that very much more might have been accomplished all these years had this plan been followed, and that many more souls would today be rejoicing with us in this blessed truth, and many of us would be in a better condition to rejoice with them, because of the new life brought to us by personal efforts for others.

Many of our people are dying spiritually because of inactivity in missionary work. It is the only salvation for many. If they do not get to work, and do something to assist in the salvation of others, spiritual death will be the result, if it has not already taken place. Twenty-five years ago when all of our brethren and sisters were awake to this line of work, handing out and mailing our tracts and periodicals, they were many times driven to study the Bible, and seek God for a knowledge of his truth, that they might be able to give a clear explanation to inquirers after truth. And it is a fact that, twenty or twenty-five years ago our people were better able to give an intelligent reason of their faith than the rank and file are today. We want those good old days to return: and nothing will help to bring them more than our becoming actively engaged in missionary work.

Our missionary secretary will give time and thought to this line of work, and will be glad to render assistance in suggesting forms of letters to be written to those who have purchased books, and to whom literature is sent. Will you not, dear brethren and sisters, and officers of our churches, take this matter up and send to our secretary for a list of names, then order some of our small tracts, and a club of the *Signs* or *Watchman*, and begin in earnest to work for souls? I believe if this

work is taken up by all our churches, and faithfully followed up, that in a little while there will be developed new Sabbath-keepers, and many calls will be coming in for the living preacher to come and hold a series of meetings. Let us all take hold of this work unitedly, and co-operate with our canvassers, and make the coming year, a year of greater missionary activity than we have witnessed in Indiana for many years in the past.

W. J. STONE.

TRY THE NEW C. O. L. COVER.

For several weeks prior to Aug. 9, I had felt that it was my duty to sell some of the good books which the Lord has so graciously given us, but I delayed on account of my inexperience. Whenever I would almost resolve to begin canvassing, I imagined that I could hear some one telling me, "There's no need for you to try to sell books. You will just waste the time, and will not earn enough to pay your board." This advice seemed to come from one who was anxious to save me from discouragement. I prayed earnestly to know the Lord's will, and the answer came, "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together."

I began canvassing with the new C. O. L. cover in Indianapolis, Aug. 9. I enjoyed the work very much, and had many blessed experiences. Dear reader, if it is possible for you to try this new plan, do not neglect to do so. It is a grand privilege to help spread this truth. "Procrastination is the thief of time."

Our literature should be used effectively in answering the many questions propounded by those with whom we come in contact. Our Leader is strong. Our Captain has never lost a battle; therefore, let us be hopeful, and press onward and upward until the victory is won. Jesus may allow us to be cast into the fiery furnace of trial and affliction, but he will go into the fiery furnace with us, and only the dross will be consumed.

Your brother in Christ,

CHAS. E. ALLEN.

THE EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLAR FUND.

A RECOMMENDATION was passed at the conference at Connersville, that we raise a fund of eight thousand dollars with which to pay off the indebtedness on the Beechwood school, and to pay the borrowed money, and some other indebtedness of the Conference. It was arranged to open the columns of the REPORTER and publish, in each issue, the donations received. It was also voted that we ask our people to make large donations to this fund, or leave legacies. However, any amount from a few cents and upward will be gladly received.

We hope that every church officer will take a deep interest in the raising of this fund, and let us clear up the present indebtedness of the conference. We are making no new debts, and will not. You help us clear up the present conference debt, and we will guarantee that under the present management, no calls will be made to pay new debts contracted.

All have undoubtedly seen the notice of the envelopes that have been provided by the General Conference for all our churches, for their weekly collections. These envelopes are now at our office, and we are sending them out to all our churches. The committee thought best to prepare a rubber stamp and stamp a place on each envelope for donations to the \$8,000.00 fund. Then, each week, those who can, are requested to remember the conference debt, and render assistance in this line. What each church, company, or individual gives, will be published from time to time in the REPORTER, as fast as it reaches the office. Shall we not have a steady stream flowing into our treasury, so that the coming year may entirely wipe out all our debts? What an encouragement it would be to all our people in the conference to have Indiana freed from debt: and this can be done during the next year if we will all take hold of the matter with earnestness.

We appeal to all our church officers again, to take hold of this matter in earnest, and keep it before your churches, and the results will be surprising. Come along with your offerings to this fund, dear brethren and sisters, and let us clear the deck of all our debts and sing the jubilee song.

Your fellow servant,

W. J. STONE.

INDIANA SABBATH-SCHOOLS, ATTENTION!

Dear Co-Workers:

I AM taking this opportunity of communicating with you in regard to a very important matter, that of Sabbath-school conventions. I have waited to place this matter before you, until the Missionary Campaign was started; and now I trust that all our Sabbath-schools, who can possibly do so, will have a convention in the near future.

The October *Worker* gives such complete instructions in regard to how to have a convention, with program, and how to prepare it, that any Sabbath-school should feel able to have a convention. Or, two or more schools can unite, as Muncie, Anderson, and Middletown are preparing to do. I shall be glad to attend as many of these conventions as I can reach; and I am sure that any of our Conference workers will gladly give aid to any school holding a convention near where they are located.

Our Sabbath-schools must attain to a higher ideal. We can only do this by an intelligent co-operation on the part of parents, Sabbath-school workers, and pupils. Let us come together, and plan for better work, and study how to make our schools more efficient in bringing souls to a saving knowledge of the truth, and thus hasten the coming of the blessed Master.

Let every superintendent who is planning for a convention, make a careful study of the "Convention" number (October) of the *Worker*. You will find that the suggestive program makes provision for the young people and children to have a part in the work. Be sure that you do not overlook these in assigning the topics. Then, have the persons to whom you assign the writing of any papers, make a careful study of the *Worker*, as it gives full instructions just *how* to do this. It even tells how to *read* your paper, after you have written it. Begin to plan several weeks before your convention, in order that those who are to prepare papers may have ample time. Work for it, pray for it, and you will succeed.

Now, dear Sabbath-school workers, shall we not begin *at once* to plan for this important work? And I am sure God will greatly bless in

it, and the result will be, a deepening of the missionary spirit among us, and a fuller yielding of ourselves to the service and cause of the Master.

I shall be glad to correspond with any who desire more information in regard to this matter.

Yours for the advancement of our Sabbath-schools,

MRS. R. W. McMAHAN.

FROM a letter received from Brother Olmstead, I take the liberty of printing the following for the benefit of the readers of the REPORTER.

MARTINSVILLE, INDIANA.

Dear Brother Stone:

THINKING you would enjoy hearing from the work here, and how the Lord is prospering it, I will briefly outline a few experiences.

A young man is boarding where we are stopping, with whom we are holding readings. He has questioned closely every point considered. He recently had quite an experience. Without going into detail, will say that I spent one night until after midnight with him, studying God's word and praying with him. He was deeply moved by God's Spirit, and said he was willing to do anything, if God would only forgive him. God has given him a great victory over many bad habits, and we have every reason to believe that he is sincere.

Last night at the close of prayer meeting, we gave an opportunity to any who desired to take a stand for Christ, and yield their lives unreservedly to him, to make it manifest. One sister took her stand, as a willing witness for Christ. Two or three are ready to come into the church, and an opportunity will soon be given for them to unite. Four new ones have begun to keep the Sabbath since we returned from camp-meeting.

Remember us in your prayers that we may be humble, obedient servants of Christ, doing his will in all things.

J. F. OLMSTEAD.

"I HAVE worked not exceeding one day and a half in the last two weeks. Have taken 30 orders for our smaller books:— 'Steps to Christ,' 'Making Home Happy,' and 'Gospel Primer.' I find them good books to sell for Christmas presents. I hope to be able to devote more time to the work in the future."

CHURCH OFFICERS.

A FEW weeks ago I addressed a letter to the different churches and companies throughout the state, urging upon the leaders to lay plans for the missionary campaign program, then to report the success of the meeting, also to send me an up-to-date list of the church officers, including librarian's name and Sabbath-school superintendent. At the present writing, I have received one letter in reply to list of names of officers, and three letters in reference to the missionary convention. You who have received one of these letters, and are now reading this article, ask yourselves if you have not neglected a God given duty in not replying to the request made of you.

We should ever remember that it is the Lord's money that is used to pay for the stationery, postage, and time that is required to send these letters to you, and that he will hold some one responsible for neglected duties. At Indiana's last camp-meeting, you selected me to attend to the duties of missionary secretary. Will you rest contented at this and fall back into the rear ranks, or will you further rally to the front and all stand as one man ready to give assistance at any time when called upon to do so?

As we receive such good reports from other parts of the field and see so little being done on missionary lines here in our own conference, our hearts are indeed made sad, but we are not in the least discouraged.

In a recent letter received from one of our publishers, I quote the following: "We were really surprised to see a large conference like Indiana taking only 75 copies of the *Signs* in single wrappers." Also, "On looking the matter up we also find that, up to date, orders for only 156 sets of the special numbers have come from your conference." They then go on and say, "From this report, it would seem that you had a big job before you, but we so earnestly hope you will so thoroughly and systematically work up the interest of all our missionary publications, as will entirely change the complexion of Indiana's records."

My dear co-workers, I cannot accomplish much without your assistance. Will you give it?

MRS. FLORENCE NIEHAUS, Miss. Sec. Connersville, Indiana.

WE publish, this week, a list of subscriptions to the REPORTER for the months of August and Sept. We are glad to see that so many renewals and subscriptions are coming in, yet we are certain that many more ought to subscribe for our home paper. Will not our librarians and church officers make an effort to place it in the homes of all our people?

TITHES FOR OCTOBER, 1905.

Akron	20 60
Angola	41 74
Anderson	
Auburn	
Bass Lake	
Barbers Mills	44 13
Boggs town	164 92
Brookston	
Beath	36 83
Connersville	17 96
Corunna	
Denver	132 59
Dana	28 64
Evansville	
Elmora	
Elwood	1 84
Etna Green	
Farmersburg	9 95
Fort Wayne	3 30
Franklin	7 18
Frankton	7 25
Grass Creek	22 01
Glenwood	
Greenfield	27 75
Gum Corners	5 57
Hartford City	25 80
Honey Creek	7 60
Huntington	11 99
Idaville	7 65
Indianapolis (1st)	102 03
Indianapolis (2nd)	47 55
Individuals	93 45
Inwood	29 50
Jefferson	5 00
Jonesboro	23 26
Kennard	
Kokomo	53 41
LaFayette	50 82
Lebanon	10 00
Ligonier	
Linton	32 05
Logansport	
Michaels	
Mechanicsburg	90 21
Medaryville	2 40
Marion	26 87
Michigan City	3 10
Middletown	
Mt. Vernon	20 53
Mt. Zion	11 90
Morocco	
Muncie	101 91
Martinsville	18 77
New London	29 00
Noblesville	7 00
Northfield	
New Marion	13 44
North Liberty	
Olive Branch	
Olivet Chapel	61 65
Oolitic	7 32
Patricksburg	4 90
Peru	12 53
Petersburg	16 46
Pleasant View	3 35
Princeton	3 10
Royal Center	53 34
Richmond	80
Rochester	19 23
Rocklane	15 89
Salem	
South Bend	11 05
South Milford	10 00
Terre Haute	
Unionville	25 05
Wabash	
Waldron	
Walkerton	
Waterloo	
West Liberty	5 50
Windfall	
Wolf Lake	130 79
Total receipts	\$ 1778 47

NEWS and NOTES

THE work at Martinsville is still making progress.

BROTHER STEELE will soon begin a series of meetings at Michaels.

YOU cannot tell the story or strength of any church, in the book of Numbers alone.

BROTHER BLANKENSHIP sends a very interesting report of his labors in the canvassing work.

ELDER ROBERTS returned last week from Jefferson County. He will go to Idaville this week to hold a series of meetings.

ELDER J. C. HARRIS is now holding a series of meetings with the Barbers Mill church. Pray for this effort, that souls may be won for Christ.

EDDER STONE was with the church at Idaville, Friday night and Sabbath, Oct. 27 and 28. He reports an excellent meeting, and the church was much encouraged.

THE brethren at Eaton and Beath are arranging to unite their interests and erect a church building about one and one-half miles from Eaton. We understand the foundation is laid, and lumber mostly sawed.

ELDER YOUNG was with the Northfield church a week ago last Sabbath. The church is in need of some labor, and it will be arranged for some minister to visit them before long and hold a short series of meetings.

THE Boggstown church was favored with Elder Curtis' labors last Sabbath. He introduced the plan of the new envelopes for tithes and offerings. We trust that this envelope will soon be generally adopted in all our churches.

ELDER HAGLE recently visited Lafayette and Morrocco. He reports a profitable visit at the latter place, and a very encouraging meeting held at Lafayette. He expects to conduct a series of meetings at Lafayette, and says the outlook is very hopeful.

BROTHER BUHALTS writes from Connersville that the work there is looking encouraging, and very hopeful. In their work with the "Bible Teacher," as they visit from house to house, they are finding those who are interested. He reports a good attendance at their meeting on Thursday night.

WE print in this REPORTER, the tithe report for October. It is encouraging to see such a good report, and we wish to thank those who have been so faithful in returning to the Lord his tithe. But there are a few churches having the space opposite the name blank. Is it possible that not an individual in these churches received a dollar to tithe during the month of October? Read the report carefully, dear brethren and sisters, and see if we cannot still improve upon this report.

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FOR RENT.

TWENTY-FIVE acres, seven miles South-east of Noblesville, only one-half mile from gravel roads in all directions. Also residence in Windfall, Tipton County, Indiana,—or, will sell the latter at a bargain. Write for terms, etc.

MRS. DELIA J. THURBER.
Windfall, Indiana.

OBITUARIES.

DUNN: Died of typhoid fever, Sept. 24, 1905, Sophia C. Drischel, aged 62 years, 7 months, and 7 days. She was born in Cambridge City, Ind., Feb. 20, 1843. She, with her parents, moved to Hancock County, March, 1854, locating 2½ miles north-west of Greenfield. Feb. 10, 1867 she was united in marriage with Martin Dunn. To this union were born seven children, four of whom survive her. She was baptized and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, Sept. 26, 1891, of which she remained a faithful member until she fell asleep in Jesus.

She leaves a husband, two daughters, two sons, one sister, a number of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Their hope is in soon meeting her when the Life-giver calls forth the sleeping saints in the resurrection morning.

Words of comfort from Job 14:14
by W. A. YOUNG.

WARNER: Charles E. Warner died at Windfall, Indiana, Oct. 4, 1905. He was born in Ohio, June 10, 1841. Was married twice. He leaves a wife, two sons, and a step son, to mourn their loss. He united with the Seventh-day Adventist church about ten years ago. Those who knew him, loved him.

We do not mourn as those that have no hope. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from John. 11:23. J. C. HARRIS.

WANTED!

W. H. KINNEY, Templeton, Ind., desires work on a farm. He is a Sabbath-keeper, is married, has a wife and one child. Would rent a farm, everything furnished. Can bring good recommendations.

REPORT OF CANVASSING WORK FOR PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1905.

NAME.	PLACE.	Book.	Hours.	Orders	Value.	Value Helps.	Value Del.	Orders from Office.
Allen, Chas.	Indianapolis	Christ's O. Les	135	36	\$ 45 00	\$ 2 25	\$47 25	
Blankenship, James.	Valpariso	Bible Read	24	4	8 00	30		
Brownlag, H. S.	Indianapolis	Miscellaneous						
Bartholomew, F. N.	St. Joseph Co.	B. R. & C. K.						
Bernard, F. G.	Syracuse	Controversy						
Boze, Stephen	Valpariso	Heralds of M.	24	6	9 00			
Boggs, Mrs. Nina	South Bend	Coming King						
Clawson, Mrs. S. E.	Gaston	Miscellaneous	19		12 65		15 20	
Ford, A. C.	Benton Co.	Bible Read						
Goepp, Adolph	Valpariso	Dan. and Rev.						
Lugenbeal, Dora E.	South Bend	Heralds of M.						
Totals			183	65	\$ 74 65	\$ 2 55	\$62 45	