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THE NEW YEAR.



WITH this issue of the REPORTER, we begin the new year, also a new volume of our conference paper.

The past year has been a prosperous year for the conference, and all who have had the REPORTER must have been encouraged and their hearts gladdened, as they have read the reports of the progress of the work in our own borders.

The year has been, not only a prosperous one for the Indiana Conference, but throughout the whole world advancement has marked every line of our work, and evidences have been multiplying, that the positions taken by Seventh-Day Adventists upon the fulfillment of prophecy, are true beyond a doubt. Remarkable indeed, have been many occurrences during the year, throughout the political and financial world, as well as the professed Christian world. Skepticism and infidelity are

honey-combing all the great professedly Christian denominations of the world. Heathen philosophy is fast superceding the plain statements of Holy Writ. When we look at the "Remnant church," and the things that have been transpiring during the past few months, we see evidences of a quick fulfillment of that stage of the church through which we must pass just before the close of probation, called "The shaking time," after which the church is to be clothed with power, by having received the latter rain, and will then go on to glorious victory. These are surely thrilling times, and should stir every soul, and set every heart to bounding with impulses of the wonders of the coming day.

As we look to the future, it should be with the greatest confidence and hope, yet realizing that our strength is in humility and prayer. The coming year bids to be one filled with unprecedented important events, that will increase the anxiety and fears of those unacquainted with what all these things mean, and will stretch the tention still tighter, of that which has been designated as "Intensity taking hold of every earthly element." And while we see so plainly all these things transpiring, shall it not stir us to a "New life and light and power," with which to accomplish the great work God has given us to do in this generation?

I wish that I had words to express my feelings and how these things look to me, so that I could stir some of my brethren who I know do not sense these things, to a renewed earnestness and zeal for God and his cause.

The REPORTER will try to give faithfully, through its columns the coming year, those things that will be the greatest incentive to our people to press on in the good work, and to give the trumpet a *certain sound*; and call their attention to

the breakers along the shore, that may endanger their safe passage to the heavenly land.

We are truly in the shaking time: every wind of doctrine is blowing, and the devil will, if possible, deceive the very elect. But thank God, we have a chart and compass, if we will take heed, that will shield us from every snare and keep us in the narrow way. May God help us to heed his warnings, and be more faithful than ever before, that his truth may run and be glorified in all his professed people.

W. J. STONE.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Good reports have come from different parts of the state regarding the week of prayer, and I am sure our people have been greatly benefited by this season of seeking the Lord. Several reports appear in this issue of the REPORTER from different conference workers which will be read with interest.

It was my privilege to be with the Linton church the first of the week of prayer, and I enjoyed the services very much, and was glad to meet for the first time, these dear brethren and sisters. Elder Young was with me, and the message borne was well received by all, and the faith of the brethren and sisters was strengthened. Elder Young went to Elnora from Linton, and I to Terre Haute, where I met a good congregation who seemed to drink in the message for this time with gladness. There was a much larger congregation at Terre Haute than I supposed, now gathered at that place to worship. My visit there was much enjoyed by myself, and there is no reason why there ought not to be a steady growth of the Terre Haute church, if all are faithful in letting their light shine and are constantly engaging in missionary work.

The latter part of the week of prayer I was at Barbers' Mill. Bro.

Martin Dunn met me at Bluffton with a horse and carriage, and took me over to Brother Jesse Dunn's, ten miles from Bluffton, and I had the privilege of enjoying his hospitable home while there. This was my first visit to Barbers' Mill, and it was a real pleasure to me to form the acquaintance of the members of that church. We had the readings each day, and I also spoke two or three times. I think the brethren were encouraged by the word spoken. There are a number of young people at Barbers' Mill who ought to be in our schools, and who with a little preparation and fitting for the work, would become useful workers for the Master. I hope some of these young people may soon be in the Beechwood or Emmanuel Missionary College, preparing for the work.

While the winds of strife are blowing, and the perils of the last days are upon us, we may rejoice that there is a peace that passeth understanding in being wholly submitted to the Lord. God's Spirit is being received by those who desire it above every thing else, and we are glad to know that there are some who are seeking and pleading for it, and are willing to make the sacrifice needful to obtain it. May the rich blessing of God abide constantly with all our dear people.

W. J. STONE.

WEEK OF PRAYER MEETINGS.

DURING the late special meetings of the week of prayer, it was my privilege to visit the churches at Linton, Elnora, Terre Haute, Farmersburg, and Dana. At each of these places I found the people anxious for the advancement of the Third Angel's Message.

The first place was at Linton. Here the believers were much encouraged by the meetings and the straight testimonies borne. They are quite anxious that an extended effort be put forth there at an early date to interest people from outside.

The visit to Elnora was necessarily brief. We found this church rejoicing in the truth, and yet we believe there are brighter, better days for them, if they stand shoulder to shoulder in all the message as it has been from the beginning.

At Terre Haute we tarried but a day; but in the five hours of meetings there the church was mightily stirred. It was my privilege to meet

some there whom I have not seen for years. Though they, for the present, are standing outside of the truth, they have a love for it yet. A little farther effort will reclaim these, and doubtless bring in others. Leading brethren followed us to the station, imploring that someone continue the meetings.

From this place we went to Farmersburg, and in the two nights that I spent there, I found the church hungering for the infilling of the Spirit of God. They were greatly refreshed, and the beginning of quite a good outside interest was manifested.

At Dana there was no time when any outsiders were in the meetings, but the church was greatly strengthened spiritually. At our closing meeting on Sunday afternoon, the Spirit of God came in in mighty power, and surely it was good to be there. It seems that if anywhere our people lose this opportunity of opening their hearts to receive the Spirit of God, they fall greatly behind the message. Let every soul keep abreast of the message as it is his privilege.

W. A. YOUNG.

MUNCIE, ANDERSON, & MIDDLETOWN.

I HELD two meetings with the Muncie church, Sunday afternoon and Monday evening. (Bro. Hinton conducted the Sunday night meeting.) In the first meeting the Spirit of the Lord came in with marked power, and every heart was melted. I have never been in a meeting where the presence of the Spirit was more sensibly felt.

On account of some conditions and misunderstandings that exist, the free working of the Spirit of God was hindered in the Sunday evening meeting, but this was partially overcome in succeeding meetings, and if all will yield to the pleadings of the Spirit, every hindrance will be removed, and God will do a great work for them, as He is longing to do for all His people. I cannot refrain from giving the experience of the children, as it seemed to me an especial fulfillment of what the Lord has told us would come:

On Monday afternoon the teacher was preparing to conduct the writing exercise. It was her custom to place upon the blackboard a text of Scripture for a copy. The text for

this time was: "Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel." The children were preparing to write, when one little girl laid down her pen, and said, "Miss Long, I cannot write." "What is the matter, Anna?" asked the teacher kindly. "O," she said, "I am not prepared to meet God." And one after another, the children expressed the same thing. Feeling that it was the presence of the Holy Spirit moving upon the hearts of the children, the teacher asked, "What shall we do?" They said, "We want to pray." Then all knelt down, and every child prayed, except the first year tots. And the teacher told me she never heard such prayers from children's lips. Then they wanted to testify, and all spoke of their earnest desire to go out and give the truth to the people. Then they wanted to pray again, and, yielded to the influence that was upon them, there was no more school that afternoon, but prayer and praise to God. That night, in the meeting, the children were the first to lift their voices in prayer and testimony. In fact, they had more liberty than the parents.

God has said that church schools, "when properly conducted, will be the means of lifting the standard of truth in the places where they are established; for children who are receiving a Christian education will be witnesses for Christ." Vol. 6, p. 202. In the same connection we find the statement that "the Spirit of God will come upon the children, and they will do a work in the proclamation of the truth which the older workers cannot do, because their way will be hedged up."

This experience brings to my mind the instruction in Vol. 8, pp. 61, 62, on "The Holy Spirit in our Schools." I trust that every teacher will carefully study it, and when the Holy Spirit reveals His presence in the school-room, that they may say to their students, as the Lord here instructs: "The Lord signifies that He has for us today a lesson of heavenly import, of more value than our lessons in ordinary lines. Let us listen; let us bow before God, and seek him with the whole heart."

Our meetings in Anderson were characterized by much of the presence of the Spirit of God. Our company has been greatly revived, and I am rejoiced to see the spirit of love and union that prevails among us.

At Middletown, the Lord greatly

blessed in the meetings. The Spirit of God was present in large measure, and each received as his heart was emptied of self to make room for the blessing. Nearly all expressed themselves as realizing their great need of the presence and power of God's Spirit to fit them for the service demanded of His people now, in this present time of shaking and testing. I have never seen a time since I have known the truth, when the hearts of our people seemed so responsive to the pleadings of God's Spirit as now, and to me this is a source of rejoicing. It is evidence that "the Holy Spirit indeed awaits our demand and reception," and that we may each receive all that we have capacity to receive, and in just so much as we empty our hearts of self, will our capacity for receiving be increased. I desire that every trait of self in me shall be removed, that my capacity for receiving shall be increased.

Yours in courage and hope,

MRS. R. W. McMAHAN.

PERU, GOSHEN, and LIGONIER.

We had some real good meetings at Peru, the first part of the week of prayer, and I believe the meetings will prove a great blessing to the church there. There are evidences that the Lord is working. I furnished the Baptist minister with some reading matter, and afterwards he preached on the Sabbath question, and told them that they are a good people who keep the seventh day, and that he felt like taking off his hat to them for their devotion; and finally closed his sermon by telling them to study their Bibles and then keep either one day or the other.

On my way to Ligonier, I stopped one night and spoke at Goshen. Then stopped one night on my return and spoke to them. I think Goshen would be a good place for one of our local camp-meetings the coming year.

We had some good meetings at Ligonier. They feel much encouraged. Through the kindness of the Christian church we used their baptism to baptize three of the young people of the church. The Lord came near and blessed in a marked manner. All enjoyed the week of prayer meetings very much, and there was a liberal offering made to the missions.

J. C. HARRIS.

LOGANSPOUT, ROYAL CENTER, and GRASS CREEK.

I SPENT the week of prayer, dividing my time among the above places. Sabbath was a blessed day at Logansport. The brethren and sisters say there never was such unity there before. Some outsiders attended our meetings, and believe we have the truth. I think they will soon unite with us.

A church lot has been purchased and deeded to the conference, and several hundred dollars have been subscribed toward erecting a building. We hope soon to have some of the members of the conference committee with us to assist in making complete arrangements for building.

At Grass Creek we had almost a house full at our meetings, and I believe some more labor ought to be bestowed there in the near future. This week of prayer has been a success.

There are several places awaiting meetings, but I think I shall go to Linton first.

Pray that God may bless this effort to the salvation of precious souls.

B. HAGLE.

IDAVILLE.

By request of the president of the conference, I went to Idaville to answer a call for meetings at that place. I reached there Nov. 7, and remained about two weeks. We had an interesting meeting with a fair attendance. One good family united with the church, for which we praise the Lord. On account of ill health I returned home for a few days. Notice was given of an election of trustees, which will be attended to by Elder Ellis. While at home the conference committee requested me to visit two or three churches in the Southern part of the state. I am now at Patricksburg, and will visit Tell City and Princeton, after which, the Lord willing, I expect to return to Idaville and further prosecute the work. Pray for me and the work.

F. M. ROBERTS.

For the past few days Eld. Gilbert has been holding meetings with the Indianapolis, 23rd St., church. There has been a great awakening, and several have given their hearts to God. A further report of the meetings will be given in the next REPORTER.

CALL TO IMMEDIATE ACTION.

JUST now the attention of our people is being called to new developments in the National Reform movement, indicating a coming crisis in the struggle for liberty of conscience in this nation. The religious amendment to the Constitution which is to be pressed upon Congress at this session, and the recent great Inter-church Congress in New York City, are striking features of this new situation.

We need now to get our literature before the people, and especially that literature which will most effectively enlighten them regarding the nature of this deceptive movement. On this point the following instruction has recently come from Sister E. G. White:

"Instruction has been given me that the important books containing the light that God has given regarding Satan's apostasy in heaven should be given a wide circulation just now; for through them the truth will reach many minds. 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' 'Daniel and the Revelation,' and 'Great Controversy,' are needed now as never before. . . . Many of our people have been blind to the importance of the very books that were most needed. Had tact and skill then been shown in the sale of these books, the Sunday-law movement would not be where it is today."

This is timely instruction to those in the canvassing work, and should be an incentive to many who desire to come into line in the battle for the cause of truth. Let not the Sunday-law movement become a greater menace by longer blindness and delay on our part, but let us get into the field with the books the Lord says are especially needed just now. These books can be sold. There is success in following the counsel of the Lord.

L. A. SMITH.

BROTHER AND SISTER OLMSTED whose labors at Martinsville for the past fifteen months have been so much appreciated, and blessed of God in winning souls, left the state last week to visit relatives in Michigan and Ohio prior to their sailing for South Africa about February 1st. We know the prayers of the brethren and sisters of Indiana will follow these workers to their new field of labor.

NEWS and NOTES

SOME men say, "Get thee behind me, Satan," and put him in their hip-pockets.

EXCELLENT reports have come in from all parts of the state regarding the week of prayer. It truly has been a refreshing time for many of our people.

AFTER January first, Brother and Sister Niehaus will take up work at Indianapolis. Brother Niehaus will be in the office, and Sister Niehaus will do Bible work in the vicinity of the 23rd street church.

ELDER YOUNG was with the Anderson church Sabbath, Dec. 23, and his labors and council were very much appreciated. The Anderson church elected its officers for the coming year, and everything passed off very harmoniously.

BROTHER NIEHAUS spent a few days at the office on his way to visit relatives at Evansville during the holidays. He reports that 13 persons united with the church at Connersville the last Sabbath he was there. Four were new Sabbath keepers.

ELDER BUHALTS went to Martinsville last week to visit his parents and to learn just the situation of the work there. He will visit there from time to time, following up the interest left by Brother Olmsted, so that the work there may not suffer loss.

A MOST encouraging letter comes from Elder Buhalts of the work at Connersville. Quite a number are becoming deeply interested through the Bible studies that have been carried on since the camp-meeting. There will undoubtedly be a steady growth of the Connersville church during the coming year.

MANY of the readers of the INDIANA REPORTER will be glad to learn that the Sabbath-school lessons for our German, Danish-Norwegian, and Swedish brethren are printed in the three foreign papers, published at College View, Nebraska. These papers also contain the intermediate lessons for children, translated from the *Youth's Instructor*. Write to the publishers for sample copies. Special rates on clubs for Sabbath-school and missionary work. Address the International Publishing Association, College View, Nebr.

FROM THE ACADEMY.

ONE term of this school year has passed into history. God has indeed blessed us abundantly. Our students have taken an interest in the class work, and advancement has been made along both spiritual and intellectual lines. A missionary spirit prevails, and all seem to realize that we are in the very closing hours of this earth's history. Our eleven o'clock prayer service has been well attended every day, and our Sabbath evening prayer meetings have indeed been seasons of refreshing. These meetings have been the crowning work of the week. It has never been my privilege to attend meetings where the spirit of prayer and confession was more manifest.

We laid aside all work for one hour each day during the week of prayer, and spent the time in reading, singing, praying, and testifying. It was a week never to be forgotten. Our offering amounted to \$46.50, and we dedicated it to the Lord to be used as he might direct. Since the beginning of this school year, seven of our students have united with the church, and others have begun to keep the Sabbath.

Brethren, we need your prayers. Pray that God may richly bless the feeble efforts of the students and teachers of Beechwood Academy.

B. F. MACHLAN.

FORT WAYNE.

I HAVE been at Fort Wayne for some time. During the week of prayer we met at the house of Sister Rosa Spangler. Different ones were selected to conduct the readings. During the meetings, the Kings highway was cleared of everything that would hinder the free gift of the Holy Spirit; some going to their neighbors and getting right with them. Brother Stuerman has been here for some time, and by his taking lead in the work, the rest followed. When all was made right, while we were celebrating the ordinances, the Holy Spirit came with power and melted each heart. Nine partook of the ordinances; circumstances unavoidable, hindered four from attending on the last Sabbath. We felt that this was the best meeting we ever attended, and our only desire is to be the Lord's from henceforth.

Your brother, JAS. H. ANDERSON.

GREENFIELD.

DURING the week of prayer Brother Bartlett was with the Greenfield church, and we had a very interesting meeting. We are small in number, but we can claim the promise. The good Lord was with us and blessed us most wonderfully. Bro. Bartlett spoke of the latter rain, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the last days, which was received with earnestness. The church has also been greatly refreshed through the readings. We were very glad to have Brother Bartlett with us, and that he will come often, is the wish of the
GREENFIELD CHURCH.

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A PROMISE OF GOOD THINGS.

WITH the New Year, two valuable series of articles are begun in the *Sabbath School Worker*. Teachers of children everywhere will greatly appreciate, "In the Kindergarten," which is the first of a series of six papers by Mrs. Alice M. Bourdeau, a kindergarten teacher of experience. She promises two articles on opening exercises, verses, marching, etc., and three on illustrations. No teacher of children can afford to miss these.

The other series is in the Home and School department. "Criticism in the Home," by Elder G. B. Thompson, strikes at the very root of the evil which has done more to weaken the power of the church and Sabbath-school than any other one thing. This subject will be continued through several numbers of the *Worker*.

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