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CIRCULATING OUR LITERATURE

BY careful statistics that have been gathered, it has been ascertained that more than one-half of those who have embraced the message for this time were brought to an acceptance of it through the influence of our reading matter. We are in a reading world, and wherever our literature is circulated and read it has a mighty influence for good.

There are many in our ranks who realize the great value of circulating our periodicals, bound books, tracts, etc., but the rank and file of our people do not sense the great importance of this work and are looking to those who preach the message to do the work of warning the world; but this should not be. All should have a part in this work, and all can have a part in it and can do a grand work in helping in the many ways now open for the circulation of the printed page.

Our churches should awake to the importance of this work, and every

company of Sabbath-keepers ought to take a small club of the *Signs of the Times* with which to do missionary work. Also every church should have on hand a supply of our standard up-to-date tracts where all the members can secure them to hand out to their neighbors and friends. I remember when many of our churches had small cases with pigeon-holes, labeled for different tracts, and always kept a supply on hand. This would be an excellent plan to adopt now in all our churches.

In addition to this there ought to be those in all our churches who are selling our small books, upon which a discount of 40 per cent. is given to all our lay brethren who will engage in this work. With but very little effort hundreds of dollars' worth of these books could be sold.

Then we ought to have in Indiana at least fifty well-drilled men and women who have made a success in life, to sell our large bound books. Why should we not have an army of such workers? The Lord is coming, and we ought to begin to act as though we believe it, and do ten times the work we are doing to warn the world.

Who will this day consecrate his time and talent to the Lord, and offer his services to the Indiana Conference for life work in helping to spread the message? I shall be glad to correspond with any, either brother or sister, who desires to enter the Lord's work in the line of distributing literature providing they can be assured that they will receive a sufficient compensation to secure them a livelihood in the work.

W. J. STONE.

NO LIFE IS Godly until it has the habit of giving.

"THE Lord never puts a soul in the fire unless there is some gold in him."

THE MISSION OF OUR LARGE BOOKS

OUR large books, "Desire of Ages," "Great Controversy," "Thoughts on Daniel and The Revelation," "Bible Readings," etc., are the pillars of our denominational literature. Smaller publications each have their place. Tracts may be scattered by the hundreds of thousands. Everybody—even the children—can scatter these leaves of truth. Their mission is as wide as the earth, and they will gather many sheaves for their harvest. Small books, also, have their place, even though some of them may do little more than introduce the Lord's workers, or teach the little children to read the Bible stories.

But it remains for the large books to lay out before the world the broad, beautiful system of truth in the Third Angel's Message. They were not prepared in haste. They are the best ripened fruit of many years of toil and prayer. A half century of earnest labor by Sister White reached its best results in Great Controversy and Desire of Ages. Thoughts on Daniel and The Revelation was the fruit of one of the rarest and choicest gifts God has given to this people.

These books are the best that our most gifted laborers could produce and are the best we have to offer to the world. They have their mission, and they will discharge it in their own quiet, powerful way. In thousands of homes they are working. Day after day and year after year they are telling the good news of the soon-coming Lord. Although their work is silent, and much of it will not be known till the harvest is gathered, yet enough of the results come to us to make our hearts rejoice in the assurance that the good books we have labored so hard to sell are doing a great work.

A stranger once came to my office, searching for literature on the second coming of Christ and the Sabbath. This was his story: "Two or

three years ago my wife bought a copy of Bible Readings from an agent. She read it, and then hid it away, fearing that I would find fault with her for buying it. A few weeks ago, when in the city reading-room, I came across one of your papers, and became interested in the subject of the Second Advent and the Seventh-day Sabbath. I tried to find more literature on these subject, but could not. One day I told my experience to my wife. 'Why,' she said, 'I have a book in the house which explains all about these things.' 'You have! Well, I think you had better trot it out.' She did 'trot it out,' and the result is we have been keeping the Sabbath four weeks."

E. R. PALMER.

WHY, OH WHY? WHO CAN TELL?

WE have appealed to some of our people over and over, to pay their pledges which were made over two years ago, and have been past due for more than a year. We have printed these pledges in the *REPORTER* to call the attention of those who have pledged to this matter. We have written them personal letters. We have asked why the Conference should have to hire money and pay interest to carry them. And this is not all. Some of these same persons and others, are owing the Office for books, tracts, and periodicals, which they purchased one, two, and three years ago. Statement after statement has been sent to them; but these accounts are still unpaid, and the Conference has to hire money and pay interest to carry these individuals. Why, Oh why? Some of these same individuals are officers in our churches and Sabbath-schools. Would they deal in this way with the world? And if they do, what can be the influence? If they are prompt in their dealings with the world, why should they deal thus in the Lord's work? Who can tell? Will not those who are owing unpaid pledges and accounts at our office please relieve us of this burden? We have borne it so long that it is becoming a galling yoke. Will you not please think it over, and bear the burden yourselves for a time and relieve us? We will be so grateful to you if you will do this. "Why, Oh why," should we bear it longer? "Who can tell?"

WHAT ABOUT IT?

MANY of our people do not understand the meaning of the literature that they are receiving through the mail. Some have asked, "What about the literature that we are receiving from Battle Creek? It does not seem to be in harmony with the recent Testimonies or articles that have been appearing in the *Review*?" To such we would say, Do not be deceived by the literature coming from Battle Creek. Heed the Testimonies, and keep on the main line with the denomination. God is still leading His people, and our only safety is in following His voice,—that voice that has led this people for the last fifty years. Let us give you a pointer that ought to be an eye-opener to all our brethren and sisters. These tracts that are being sent out from Battle Creek are sent to our lay brethren. I have not heard of one of our ministers receiving them. What does this mean? One of our brethren the other day gave his idea of the matter. It ought to be an eye-opener to all. Shun everything that has a tendency to weaken your faith in the great work that God is carrying on through denominational organizations. The devil will side-track us if he can, and will deceive, if possible, the very elect. Be not deceived.

AN URGENT DEMAND SUPPLIED

FOR a number of years there has been an urgent demand for a cheaper edition of Hymns and Tunes. The demand has been met, and the book can now be obtained in a good substantial cloth binding for 75 cents, postpaid. This book is the full size of the large edition of Hymns and Tunes. The last few years have witnessed a scarcity of Hymns and Tunes in our congregations. This is partly due to the price, perhaps. Now that this objection is removed we hope to see this book universally used. It is a large collection of over fourteen hundred hymns, and much of the music and words have been prepared and especially adapted to the worship of those who are looking for their soon-coming Lord. Address all orders to our Office.

THE church service that drags, draws none to Christ.

It is a good deal easier to take a stand than it is to stay with it.

OPENINGS FOR LABOR

THE tent season will soon be here; also the time for locating our camp-meetings. We also desire to assist any of our churches who are needing help. I would like to hear from any of our brethren and sisters who may know of good openings for tent meetings or for local camp-meetings, also from churches needing labor. Please write at once, that we may have these openings for consideration.

W. J. STONE.

LOGANSPOUT

A CANVASSERS' institute was held here February 16-26. The instructors were J. B. Blosser and Jas. Blankenship. There was not a large attendance, but it was a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Preaching services were held each evening. Elders W. A. Young and B. Hagle were in attendance, the former doing most of the preaching. Elder Stone was with us a few evenings. The message from both of God's servants was timely and spoken with power. The writer has continued the meetings for a time, and six new ones have decided to obey God. Sabbath, March 3, two were admitted to the church, one by baptism and one who had wandered from the fold. This was a joyful occasion.

Sabbath, March 31, was another good day for us at this time. At the close of the Sabbath-school, quarterly meeting was conducted. The Lord gave freedom in presenting the importance of following His example. An invitation was given to any who wished to unite with the church. Five responded to the call, and were received as members. Others said they were not quite ready, but expected to unite soon. At the meeting evening after the Sabbath, another man took his stand for the truth, and thanked God he had found the church of his choice. He said his mother kept the Sabbath for forty years. She found the truth by searching the Bible, and lived it for years before she knew of an Adventist. He gave his subscription for the *Review and Herald*. I wish to say a word to mothers who have children not in the faith: Do not become discouraged, but hold them up before the throne of grace. If your prayers are not answered before your death,

they may be answered later, as this faithful mother's was. See John 15:7.

Last fall we began agitating the matter of erecting a house of worship. We have met with many obstacles, but we praise God the victory has come, and we have a small building nearly completed. I am thankful to God that I have been able physically, by God's help, to labor each day drawing earth and stone, and holding meetings each evening. I have distributed one thousand pages of tracts, and sold fifteen dollars worth of bound books. To the Lord be all the praise. My courage in this message is good. Unity and harmony have come to this church. May the good work go on until every honest soul is gathered out, is the prayer of your unworthy brother,

BYRON HAGLE.

CAPETOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

DEAR BROTHER STONE:

We reached our destination safely, March 6. In Washington we found some of our college friends; in New York Brother Calvert met us; Brother Bacon was at Waterloo Station, London, when we reached there; and Brother Fortner, Sister Watson, and Brother Thomason were waiting at Cape Town to welcome us.

We have been spending a few days here at the college with Brother Hayton awaiting advice from Elder Hyatt, who is near East London at present. We have just received a telegram to join Brother David Groenewald. He is a Dutchman, and will be a great help to us in our language study. We have our Dutch books, and hope to be able to master the language in due time. When we get settled I shall write you, giving the details of our work. Remember us in your prayers. J. F. OLMSTED.

"THOUGHT; ITS ORIGIN AND POWER" is the title of a new book published by the Southern Publishing Association, written by Eliza H. Morton. It comes in an attractive cloth cover with 290 pages of well written, sound principles, which are a safeguard against the sophistry of Satan in these last days of "new thought." This book is interesting and will please all. Subscription price, \$1.00.

No great man was ever a grumbler.

DONATIONS TO THE \$8,000 FUND

Previously reported.....	\$774.60
Connersville.....	.35
Indianapolis (East Side).....	1.91
Princeton.....	.77
Indianapolis (23rd Street).....	11.95
Marion.....	2.49
Muncie.....	.10
Idaville.....	2.20
Waldron.....	.10
Huntington.....	1.35
Anderson.....	1.00
Terre Haute.....	.51
Mrs. A. W. Brewster.....	1.00
Etna Green.....	1.00
Total.....	\$799.33

Will not all our churches please donate something on this fund each month?

A member of one of our churches writes:

"I will do what I can toward getting money for the \$8,000 Fund. The debt was made for us all, and I think it our duty to help all we can and get out of debt. I am so glad we have somebody at the head of the work that is trying to lift this debt. I wish I had a thousand dollars to give."

Dear brethren and sisters, the above spirit cheers our hearts, and if all possessed this spirit, this year would place us where we need to hear no more about debts, and then we could give all our energies to aggressive work.

YOUNG PEOPLE, ATTENTION!

SEVERAL of our young people have decided to enter the canvassing work during the vacation, but there is work for more. Beechwood Academy should be filled with students next year who have earned a scholarship by evangelistic work. Those not in school now should get a prospectus, study it carefully, and go to work. There is no time to lose.

Our young men and young women need an education, and the world is to be warned of a soon-coming Saviour. The signs of the times should impress us to hasten. When the Spirit spoke to Philip, telling him to join himself to the chariot containing the Ethiopian eunuch, Philip ran to do the Spirit's bidding, and the result was a soul converted to God. Today the Spirit is speaking to us, and if we would be successful we must run. We must take advantage of every

opportunity, and if we faithfully do the work God has for us the result will be the conversion of many precious souls.

In one hundred forty-four hours Bro. Martin Grim sold one hundred sixty-two dollars' worth of books,—twelve dollars more than enough to purchase a scholarship. "What man has done, man can do again." Let the people know what you are doing; it will interest them in Christian schools. Talk to them about your work; tell them of your hope of eternal life; be a Christian in their presence; let the love of Christ shine from your countenance as you speak to them; be earnest; be diligent, and angels will aid you in your work.

My dear young friends; God may never place such an opportunity before you again. You can not afford to let it pass. I shall take great pleasure in answering any questions that may be addressed to me regarding the canvassing work as connected with the offer made by the Conference.

B. F. MACHLAN.

Beechwood.

CONSIDERATION FOR BURDEN-BEARERS

EVERY association of life calls for the exercise of self-control, forbearance and sympathy. We differ so widely in disposition, habits, education, that our ways of looking at things vary. We judge differently. Our understanding of truth, our ideas in regard to the conduct of life, are not in all respects the same. There are no two whose experience is alike in every particular. The trials of one are not the trials of another. The duties that one finds light, are to another most difficult and perplexing.

So frail, so ignorant, so liable to misconception is human nature, that each should be careful in the estimate he places upon another. We little know the bearing of our acts upon the experience of others. What we do or say may seem to us of little moment, when, could our eyes be opened, we should see that upon it depended the most important results for good or evil.

Many have borne so few burdens, their hearts have known so little real anguish, they have felt so little perplexity and distress in behalf of others, that they can not understand the work of the true burden-bearer.

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NEWS and NOTES

ELDER CURTIS was with the Anderson church and conducted quarterly meeting, April 14.

THE meetings by Elder Rees at Indianapolis have been fairly well attended, and a deep interest manifested by those who come.

HAVE you a copy of Series B. Numbers 2, 6, and 7, Testimonies for the Church? If not, send 15 cents in stamps, and we will send the three numbers.

SABBATH, April 14, Elder Stone was with the Boggs town church. There was a large attendance at the meeting. A social meeting followed in which a number took part.

WE are doing a nice business with the health foods. Our stock is always fresh, and we give a liberal discount to our people. Write to the Office for further information.

BROTHER AND SISTER OLMSTED arrived in South Africa safely, and have already entered upon their work. A short report of their trip appears in another column of this paper.

SISTER F. M. ROBERTS does not seem to be improving very rapidly. Elder Roberts still remains with her, and doing all he can for her comfort. Let us all remember her in our prayers.

READ the article touching on the canvassing work in this issue of the REPORTER by Elders Stone and E. R. Palmer. God is calling for workers to help distribute the printed page.

ELDER MOON has returned from the council at Washington. He is rapidly regaining his usual health, and will be able to take his place in the coming session of the Lake Union Conference.

ELD. BUHALTS writes that twelve in all have embraced the truth at Connersville since our camp-meeting. We glad to hear this good report. He reports the interest still good at Martinsville.

WE have just received the April number of the *Liberty* magazine. Dear reader, would you not like to do a little missionary work among your neighbors? We will mail you six copies for 20 cents,—we pay postage.

WE have received a number of new subscriptions to the REPORTER, but still we are not satisfied. We want every Adventist family in the state to become a subscriber. Subscription price, 25 cents per year.

ELDER HAGLE reports that their house of worship at Logansport is nearly completed, and though humble it will answer until they can build larger. One or two more have embraced the truth there since the last report.

ELDER STONE was with the Noblesville church Sabbath, April 7, and Sunday, April 15, at which time a business meeting was held and officers elected and ordained. Two were added to the church by confession of faith, and one subject to baptism.

"MAKING HOME PEACEFUL" was published several years ago. The plates were burned in the *Review and Herald* fire, and it has been out of print for a number of years. As it has been continually called for, it has been finally decided to publish a revised edition. The retail price is 75 cents. Send in your order to the Office.

SISTERS MARY KENT and Donny Priddy made their first delivery of books at Lebanon since they took up the canvassing work after the close of the institute. They report that they had a very successful delivery. A number of people are interested in the truth, and the sisters write that a Bible worker could find plenty to do there.

SEND in your order to the Office for the best cooking oil on the market. Six 10-pound cans for \$6.00, delivered. We would not advise our people to use Corn Oil, as it is said to contain sulphuric acid. Our oil is made from cotton seed, being put through a process of refining which gives it its keeping quality, and deodorizes it. Give it a trial.

REMEMBER it will be necessary for the delegates and all attending the Lake Union Conference at Berrien Springs to take straw ticks and all other necessary bedding to make themselves comfortable. Just room, bedstead and springs will be furnished. Where two wish to arrange to room together, not so much bedding will be needed by each.

If there are any church elders or leaders who do not receive the Sec-

ond Sabbath Readings, and will write us, we would be glad to mail them regularly to their addresses. It is very essential that these readings occupy the hour of the second Sabbath. They are instructive and very interesting, besides the special blessings we can obtain from them.

WE have received a very encouraging letter from Sister Turner, of Marion. Their missionary society is doing some good work. They are planning to pay off an account they owe the Office here. This sister writes: "We must get this debt paid soon." There are other societies and individuals owing us, and we wonder if they don't feel impressed to liquidate their accounts with us. We would be pleased to hear from those who really would like to pay off their obligations. We would suggest that if you can not remit all, send us part payment. At least write to us, and show us that you are burdened about this matter.

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No more capable are they of appreciating his burdens than is the child of understanding the care and toil of his burdened father. The child may wonder at his father's fears and perplexities. These appear needless to him. But when years of experience shall have been added to his life, when he himself comes to bear its burdens, he will look back upon his father's life, and understand that which was once so incomprehensible. Bitter experience has given him knowledge.

The work of many a burden-bearer is not understood, his labors are not appreciated, until death lays him low. When others take up the burdens he has laid down, and meet the difficulties he encountered, they can understand how his faith and courage were tested. Often then the mistakes they were so quick to censure are lost sight of. Experience teaches them sympathy. God permits men to be placed in positions of responsibility. When they err, He has power to correct or to remove them. We should be careful not to take into our hands the work of judging that belongs to God.—"Ministry of Healing."

WANTED!

WANTED—A good S. D. A. man to work on garden farm. Good wages for the right man. Send references. Address Geo. B. Lane, R. F. D. No. 2, Kokomo, Ind.