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## THE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR FUND

**F**OLLOWING this article is an article from Elder I. H. Evans, treasurer of the General Conference, setting forth the action and recommendation of the General Conference that Thanksgiving Day be observed in all our churches where practicable, and that upon this occasion a donation be made to this fund.

If a suggestive program does not reach our churches before this time, Elder Evans's article can be read and there is much matter that can be presented by our church elders of interest, and a prayer and thanksgiving meeting can be held. I have been greatly pleased to see the willingness on the part of so many of our brethren and sisters in contributing to this fund; and how glad I would be if as many as possibly can, would donate at this time to this fund. Let us take hold and complete this work quickly, that we may be free to give

our attention to other matters. We trust that our ministers will assist in carrying out the suggestions made by Elder Evans, and the plans adopted by our recent conference. May God greatly bless in this work.

W. J. STONE.

## A SUGGESTION FOR THANKSGIVING

As business is generally suspended on Thanksgiving day, we have a suggestion to make for a very profitable use of the occasion in the interest of this message. In the first place, as we consider the many encouraging tokens in connection with the cause of God, not only in the home field, but also in distant lands, we have great reasons for thanking the Lord. Most cheering reports come from every foreign mission station. Japan, Korea, India, the Levant, darkest Africa, South America, the West Indies, and the islands of the Pacific, all send the cheering news of a large ingathering of souls, and general prosperity.

A large number of workers have been selected by the Mission Board and sent abroad the past year. Various out-stations have been opened up in numerous mission fields, so that nearly every mail brings us the cheering report of advancement of the work in distant fields.

Again, the tithes have greatly increased during the last year. The last statistical report we have for the year 1905 shows a marvelous increase in the tithes over that of the preceding year.

Our schools are full almost to the limit. Some of them are even obliged to refuse to take more students, because there is not sufficient accommodations for all who desire to come. This is a very encouraging feature of our work; for many from this large army of young people will come from these schools to spread the third angel's message.

The health of those who have been directly engaged in the advancement of the work has been more than ordinarily good, and but few of our missionaries or leading men have fallen in death during the last year. This should be a cause for great gratitude to the Lord on our part.

A spirit of unity and love seems to prevail throughout the field, such as has not been experienced before for many years. Most of the conferences are in a prosperous condition, and are enjoying a large measure of the blessings of God in the work that is being done throughout the field.

A liberal attitude on the part of the various State Conferences toward the denominational work in the donation of tithes from their State funds to the mission fields, gives indications of confidence and co-operation. During 1906 the various conferences in the United States have contributed to the mission fund from their tithe no less than \$60,-878.61. This is very encouraging indeed.

On the part of the workers throughout the wide field there has never been, perhaps, in the history of our denominational work a time when there was a greater willingness on the part of the various laborers to go to any field to which they are called, than at the present. It is no longer difficult to find men who are willing to go to India, China, and Africa.

The camp-meetings the past year have been especially blessed with a large measure of the Spirit of God. Many conversions have been reported in almost every conference, and there is every indication that those who were in attendance at the meetings received much of the blessing of God.

The offerings that have been given to foreign missions, and the Sabbath-School and special donations, have been most liberal on the part of our people this year. We truly

expect the year 1906 to be the banner year in our missionary work not only in the prosperity that has attended the work in foreign fields, but in the liberal donations on the part of those in the home land.

These and many other reasons can be offered why it would be proper for Seventh-day Adventists everywhere to meet in their respective places of worship, and conduct a Thanksgiving service in honor of the God who has given us so many blessings.

It has been thought proper by the officers of the General Conference to suggest that Thanksgiving Day be set apart as a day when those who have not yet begun to raise the \$150,000 fund should bring in their offerings. If all would respond to this call, there could easily be gathered in a large sum on this occasion. We would not be the poorer, and the institutions that are to receive the benefit of this donation would be greatly helped.

The needs of these various institutions will be set forth from week to week in the columns of the *Review*. We hope our people will carefully read all that shall be written concerning them.

It has also been recommended that after we have taken our donation on Thanksgiving Day, each member of the church, so far as willing, agree to lay aside at home a daily offering for the \$150,000 fund, until the first day of January, 1907. This offering should be brought weekly to the church, and placed in the envelope, and properly marked, so it will go into the \$150,000 fund. Then the church treasurer will forward these donations from week to week to the State conference treasurer.

We ask our people in each church throughout the field to consider this matter, where the conference has not yet made other arrangements, and see what can be done on this important occasion in the matter of making a large donation toward the \$150,000 fund. I. H. EVANS.

ELDER A. G. DANIELLS arrived at our Conference toward evening the last day of the meeting. His words of good cheer brought added encouragement to the close of our Conference, and all were very thankful that he was with us, if only for a few hours.

## INDIANA CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

THE Indiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was held at Indianapolis November 13-15, according to previous announcement.

I will not attempt to give a full report of this meeting as the minutes of the meeting will appear later from the pen of our secretary. In many respects this was a very important and successful meeting. Plans were laid that will greatly advance the work in Indiana the coming year. Recommendations were adopted regarding our missionary work, which if properly carried out cannot help but be the means of bringing a number of souls to a knowledge of the truth during the coming year. A regular follow-up work was planned to place literature in the hands of those who have purchased books from our colporters, and correspond with them. We shall endeavor to enlist the co-operation of our churches in this work, thus connecting our churches, and enlisting their interest and sympathy with this work.

Our Educational work received its share of attention, and recommendations were passed which, if carried out, will be a great help to our young people in developing talents, and as we bring them into our Academy, and from there take them into our training school in connection with our Sanitarium, it will only be a short time when we shall have a fine corps of workers.

The matter of our Sanitarium and Medical Missionary work also received much attention, and no question was received with greater favor or more enthusiasm than was this. The description given by several of our Sanitarium site at Lafayette made a most favorable impression upon those present, and created a great interest in this enterprise, and work that is now being started. Dr. Strickler asked some questions which drew out the situation at Connersville at the present time, and a full description of the beautiful situation that has recently purchased on the banks of the Wabash. All seemed greatly gratified that we had been so successful in securing a place with all the advantages possessed in this location.

The Religious Liberty work will receive more attention than it has during the past year. Owing to the

strenuous effort being put forth by advocates of the Sunday law, and the probability that measures will be taken at the next session of our Legislature to bring in Sunday enactments, our Religious Liberty secretary will undoubtedly give more time to this line of work.

The work of the Conference never was more thoroughly organized than at the present time. Every plan of work will receive due consideration, and our churches throughout the Conference will undoubtedly receive more labor than they have in the past few years. It was planned to have different ministers visit different churches, so that every church in the Conference will be visited by some of our laborers during the next few weeks.

It was recommended that Elder J. M. Rees be released from all Conference business or responsibility, and that he give his whole time, as State Evangelist, to revival services in our churches. God has given Elder Rees great ability as a speaker, and he has a great burden for our churches, and we believe that God can greatly bless his efforts in revival services throughout the Conference. Those who desire his services should either address him, or the president of the Conference, if they wish him to come and hold meetings with them.

There was but little change in the Conference officers. We give below a list of the officers of the Conference, and those who received credentials and licenses:—

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It will be seen from this list that  
 it is considerably enlarged from  
 what it was last year. This will de-  
 mand an increase in tithe, and we  
 believe, that by the plans that have  
 been laid, more aggressive work in

new fields, and increase of mission-  
 ary work and revival of work in  
 our churches, we can see the tithe  
 greatly swelled the coming year.  
 Never was there a time when the  
 future of the work in Indiana looked  
 more promising than at the present.  
 I believe that all went to their  
 homes full of courage, and will try  
 to assist in carrying on the work  
 with greater interest than ever in  
 the past. May God add his richest  
 blessing to every effort put forth.

W. J. STONE.

**A THANKSGIVING NUMBER OF THE  
 "SIGNS"**

EVEN though our building is in  
 ashes, and our work is being con-  
 ducted in a shed, we are going to  
 to have a Thanksgiving number of  
 the "*Signs of the Times*."

Here are some of the good things  
 it will contain:

"What We Have to Be Thankful  
 For"

"The Spirit of Thanksgiving"

"Thanksgiving—Ancient and Mod-  
 ern"

"A Thanksgiving Story"

"Nearing Home; Signs of the End"

"United States in Prophecy"

"The Results of Forgetting God"

"The Great Salvation"

Other Articles and Poems of extra-  
 ordinary merit.

It will have a beautiful cover de-  
 sign, and will be well illustrated.  
 Among others, it will show three  
 photographs of the Valparaiso dis-  
 aster which we have just received  
 from men on the ground.

Prices will be as follows—1 to 10  
 copies to one address, or mailed to  
 single names and addresses, 5 cents  
 each; 25 to 75 copies to one address,  
 3 cents each; 100 or more 2½ cents.

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**HARTFORD CITY, BEATH, AND EATON**

As it has been some time since I  
 have written for the REPORTER, I  
 will take this opportunity to report.  
 I will say, however, the work is on-  
 ward at these places.

We have our new church building  
 completed and dedicated. We have  
 a very nice neat country church build-  
 ing, as many of our brethren and  
 sisters know, since several attended  
 the dedication. The forenoon service  
 was well attended, Elder Stone de-

livering the discourse, and also offer-  
 ing the dedicatory prayer. After-  
 ward an elaborate dinner of good  
 things was spread which was par-  
 taken of by all. We could have fed  
 as many more. It reminded me of  
 the statement made in Early Writ-  
 ings concerning the table that will  
 be spread for the redeemed host.

The afternoon service was well at-  
 tended, also the evening meeting. I  
 followed up with meetings for one  
 week after the dedication, with a  
 very good interest, and I think  
 some will take their stand for the  
 truth.

A man in South Hartford, a non-  
 professor, has become so interested  
 in the truth, that he has gone to the  
 trouble to fix up a very good place  
 in his yard, under the largest apple  
 tree in the country, seated to accom-  
 modate about one hundred persons.  
 I am holding meetings each evening  
 at this place with a good attend-  
 ance of eager listeners, some bring-  
 ing their Bibles with them and  
 studying the truth with us. This  
 man spread sawdust over the  
 ground, built a nice rostrum and  
 stand, bought canvass for a cover-  
 ing, and gives us the use of his  
 organ. We have a beautiful place  
 under the shade of the old apple tree  
 to preach the Third Angel's Message.  
 Pray for the success of this meet-  
 ing.

U. S. ANDERSON.

**SEYMOUR**

AFTER our good camp-meeting it  
 was thought best to leave a corps of  
 workers to follow up the interest  
 awakened.

The writers, Sister Ella Leach and  
 her mother, Mary Kent, Donna  
 Priddy, with others who were with  
 us for a while, have continued the  
 work to this time of writing. We  
 have been favored with several visits  
 by Elder Stone. These visits were  
 much appreciated by the outside, as  
 well as the workers.

For nearly two weeks the meet-  
 ings were conducted on the grounds  
 where the camp-meeting was held.  
 Through the instigation of some of  
 the ministers, the park officials noti-  
 fied us on the Sabbath through the  
 police, to vacate the park by Mon-  
 day. We succeeded in getting the  
 time extended until the middle of the  
 week. Securing a nice location in  
 the south-eastern part of the city.

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## News and Notes

THERE were over one hundred delegates in attendance at our Conference meetings, representing nearly all the churches in the Conference.

EVERY worker in the employ of the Conference was in attendance at the Conference, and we trust will be better prepared in their work in returning to their different fields of labor.

DR. S. P. EDWARDS of the Tri-City Sanitarium was in attendance at the Conference on Wednesday. He spoke Wednesday evening, and his counsel during the Conference was very much appreciated.

W. H. EDWARDS, auditor of the Lake Union Conference, was in attendance at our Conference, and rendered valuable assistance as chairman of the Committee on Plans and Recommendations.

ELDER ALLEN MOON, President of the Lake Union Conference, was in attendance at the Conference from beginning until the end. His counsel and advice were timely, and very much appreciated by all.

ELDER STONE spoke at the Boggs-town church last Sabbath, and many expressed themselves freely that it was a timely visit, and that the Lord had directed him there. He also spoke to the students evening after the Sabbath, and his talk was highly appreciated, and greatly encouraged the students.

WE trust that all our church treasurers as fast as they receive a few dollars on the Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollar Fund will forward it to our state treasurer, as we wish hereafter to publish in every issue of the REPORTER all money received for the encouragement of all, and that all may know the progress that is being made.

A FEW weeks ago Elder Stone invited our workers to write articles for the REPORTER, and a number responded. These articles have not all been published, as there has been a large supply of manuscript left over at each issue of the paper. But these articles will all appear in due time, and as they can be used to the best advantage.

WE trust that without farther

urging all who know themselves to be indebted to the office either on accounts, or unpaid pledges will endeavor to remit these sums at their earliest convenience. We are greatly in need of money at the present time, and we desire to balance our books as far as possible before the close of the year.

All should take notice of the change of treasurer of the Conference. T. A. Goodwin who has been chosen as Financial Secretary, was also elected Treasurer of the Conference. Brother Goodwin is well known to most of our brethren and sisters in the Conference as a business man, and a man of integrity and ability. All remittances of money should either be sent to Indiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, or T. A. Goodwin, 221 Unity Building, Indianapolis, Ind. All should remember this, and instead of addressing money for the Conference to J. H. Niehaus as heretofore, forward all money as above directed.

### FROM BROTHER BIGELOW

*Dear Reporter:*

We have found Pennsylvania a very hard field of labor, but this only sends us nearer to Him who alone is able to do the great work that is yet to be done. We are enjoying some special experiences. Just at present one Catholic woman is at the eve of taking her stand for the truth, and her husband is favorable. One young man, an advocate of the millennial dawn theory, is now coming to the house to study the Sabbath question with us; and we are getting a broad acquaintance with which we expect to work in a more definite manner in the near future. At present we are working for a Christmas delivery of books, and in this way getting better acquainted with the people. Now is the time for Christmas missionary work. It will help the cause of God in the earth, help the people, help yourself, and help to hasten our Saviour's coming.

The REPORTER brings good cheer to us here, and we rejoice over the good news in its columns. We close quoting from Volume VI, and as the following words were true six years ago, how much more forceful they should sound on our ears now:—

“We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events.

Prophecies are fulfilling. Earthquakes, fires, swords, tidal waves, stormy winds, place thousands beyond the reach of the saving truth. We have no time to lose. The end is near. We should now feel the responsibility of laboring with intense earnestness to impart to others the truth that God has given for this time. We cannot be too much in earnest.”

We are now located at 222 Snaffer Ave., Dubois, Pa. We would be glad to hear from any who may feel disposed to write.

I. G. BIGELOW.

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we moved and were ready for meetings by Wednesday evening.

Our interest did not wane by our moving. We continued our services in the tent until the weather became too cold, and are now located in a hall.

While the meetings were being held in the tent, the Christian minister thought to speak against our position on the Sabbath question. He took three Sunday evenings to expose our teaching. We reviewed him on each successive Thursday evening. His arguments were nothing new, but along the same old lines. It only gave us a better opportunity to present the Sabbath truths. We were pleased to have Elder Stone with us, when reviewing his first effort. The Christian minister was present at the last review. On the previous Sunday evening he challenged us for a debate. When he was present we told him, at the close of the service, publicly, that we did not believe in debating, but if it became necessary to publicly discuss the question, he would not find us running. At the close of the service, in an aftertalk, he acknowledged before quite a number that our teaching was all right, only he could not yet agree with us in reference to the day. He invited us to his study for a private talk. We will accept the invitation ere long. So far over twenty-five dollars worth of literature has been sold. Eleven have begun keeping the Sabbath; a number are deeply interested, some of whom we hope will obey soon.

We have not spoken upon the tithing question yet. But three of the new ones have asked about it, and one has paid tithe. Pray for the work here.

A. L. MILLER,

ROBERT W. LEACH.