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## THE WEEK OF PRAYER

**T**IME is rapidly passing, and one event, or important occasion rapidly follows another. No sooner have we completed one task than another demands our immediate attention. And as time rushes on and ushers in eternity, greater demands will each week and month be made upon our time and activities.

In the rush of other matters, but little has been said about this important occasion in the *REPORTER*, but all have been apprised of the coming week of prayer from December 15-22, who have had the *Review*, and but little needs to be said of the importance of this season of prayer. We all need it, that we may be better prepared for service.

Readings have been prepared for this week of prayer, and have been

sent out to all of our church elders, but if any have failed to receive them, or if any of our lay brethren who have not the *Review* containing these readings and desire it, we have a few at our office, and if you will write us we will be glad to supply you with the readings.

It is wonderful how the Lord is going out before us and opening new fields for the message, and to-day our work is world-wide, and has become a power in the earth, attracting the attention of many of the leaders in the worldly churches as well as statesmen, and those in high authority in the world. God has given His angels charge of this work and they are directing and carrying it forward more rapidly than many of the believers think it ought to go. But the word of God is out, that this message must accomplish its work in this generation, and if we hold our peace, God will cause inanimate matter to cry out if necessary to accomplish this work.

We here in Indiana are just starting out on a new conference year. Our plans are laid for more aggressive work than ever in the past. All of our churches are to have some ministerial help. Revivals will be held in some. Many new fields will be entered. A revival of the old missionary spirit is planned and confidently expected. When so many interests are at stake, and all pointing to the one great work, which is the greatest work in the world, the giving of the third angel's message in this generation, do we not need to take some time to pray and meditate that we may be better prepared to do efficient work?

All will be glad that in the program of services the children have not been overlooked. Some one should be appointed to study these lessons and take charge of the children's exercise making it as interesting as possible. Persons should also be chosen to read the different articles, study-

ing them sufficient to become familiar with all the points, that the readings may be given intelligently, and to the greatest profit.

We will not be able to furnish laborers for all our churches during this occasion, but our officers should arrange for meetings and our ministers will attend as many of the churches as possible. Our laborers who have been assigned to churches in the interest of the \$150,000 Fund, should feel free to visit as many of their churches as convenient during this prayer week.

I trust that the annual donation made at the close of the week of prayer will be liberal, considering the other calls that are being made. With some, the giving to other enterprises will need not greatly affect this collection; while with others it will be different. But we should give as the Lord has prospered us. May the Lord greatly bless this annual week of prayer to the good of all our brethren and sisters in Indiana.

W. J. STONE.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE INDIANA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

This meeting was held in the Twenty-third Street church, Indianapolis, November 13-15, 1906. Nine meetings were held during the session, and at all times a deep interest was taken in every question before the body. In this report we shall not attempt to give the minutes in detail. Eleven churches were dropped from the rolls, and three new ones added.

A committee of eight, viz.,—T. A. Goodwin, A. A. Marshall, Oliver Chamberlain, A. L. Chew, J. F. Cummins, Milton Overman, Jas. H. Anderson, and J. W. Montgomery, were chosen to act in connection with the Conference Committee in nominating the standing committees.



These Committees were composed as follows: On Plans and Recommendations—W. H. Edwards, Mrs. R. W. McMahan, J. F. Steele, R. C. Spohr, T. A. Goodwin, A. C. Ford, W. W. Worster. On Credentials and Licenses,—J. M. Rees, C. J. Buhalts, A. L. Miller, U. S. Anderson, W. A. Young. On Nomination,—B. F. Machlan, J. W. Johnston, Allen Moon, J. J. Fellow, Oliver Chamberlain, J. R. Minnick, J. F. Cummins.

# ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE INDIANA CONFERENCE, FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1905

## RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES

### RESOURCES

Real Estate.....	\$10,229.00
Personal Property.....	3,685.00
Office Fixtures.....	375.00
Merchandise (Inventory Book).....	4,695.98
Subscription Books (Inventory Book).....	417.09
Indiana Reporter.....	17.16
Indiana Tent and Camp-meeting Fund.....	202.84
Indianapolis Church Work Fund.....	84.18
Bills Receivable.....	237.31
Ministry of Healing (Inventory Book).....	13.05
Beechwood Academy.....	310.99
Fayette Sanitarium.....	337.91
Personal Accounts Receivable.....	139.72
Deposit at Bank.....	1,731.40
Cash in Safe.....	1,474.18
Total.....	\$25,160.81

### LIABILITIES

Bills Payable.....	\$5,161.61
Indiana Conference Fund.....	456.25
Tithe Fund.....	6,222.16
Review & Herald (Battle Creek).....	415.16
Review & Herald (Washington).....	39.08
Pacific Press.....	17.09
Weekly Offerings.....	81.73
Haskell Home.....	3.13
Annual Offerings.....	480.12
S. S. Donations.....	35.83
Colored Work Fund.....	3.32
Southern Field.....	64.99
Bible Training School.....	.75
Connorsville Sanitarium Fund.....	111.00
Christ's Object Lesson Fund.....	49.35
India Fund.....	18.30
\$100,000 Fund (R. & H. Washington).....	34.00
Emmanuel Missionary College.....	3,567.36
American Book Co.....	12.56
\$8,000 Fund.....	140.13
Personal Accounts Payable.....	75.21
Present Worth, Jan. 1, 1906.....	11,161.68
Total.....	\$25,160.81

## LOSS & GAIN

### GAIN

Real Estate.....	\$3,671.19
Personal Property.....	116.70
Merchandise.....	260.43
Loss and Gain acc't	
Lot & church at Franklin.....	\$750.00
Lot at Mechanicsburg.....	100.00
Sundries.....	12.70
Subscription Books.....	862.70
Ministry of Healing.....	146.33
Total.....	\$5,062.62

### LOSS

Office Fixtures.....	\$70.15
Expense.....	611.32
Periodicals.....	43.44
Interest.....	314.59
Loss & Gain Acc't—Loss on Sundries.....	16.40
Net Gain.....	4,006.72
Total.....	\$5,062.62

## STOCK

Net Worth Jan. 1, 1905.....	\$7,154.96
Net Gain.....	4,006.72
Present Worth Jan. 1, 1906.....	\$11,161.68

## RECEIPTS

Inter. Pub. Ass'n Fund.....	2.00
Weekly Off. to Missions.....	863.09
Orphans Home.....	106.94
Annual Offering.....	230.57
Mid-summer Offering.....	267.35
Southern Field Fund.....	33.72
Connorsville San. Fund.....	459.00
S. S. Donations.....	749.37
India Fund.....	36.30
Old People's Home Fund.....	1.00
\$100,000 Fund.....	10.00
Poor Fund.....	.70
Colored Work Fund.....	152.85
C. O. Lessons.....	434.95
Religious Liberty Fund.....	41.57
\$8,000 Fund.....	1391.77
Earthquake Relief Fund.....	179.53
\$150,000 Fund.....	224.10
Books Sold by Canvassers.....	
1,328. Value.....	\$2,511.00

## DISBURSEMENTS

Int. Pub. Ass'n Fund.....	2.00
Weekly Off. to Missions.....	863.09
Orphans Home.....	106.94
Annual Offerings.....	230.57
Mid-summer Offering.....	267.35
Southern Field Fund.....	33.72
S. S. Donations.....	749.37
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J. H. NIEHAUS, Treas.

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"THE Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." Not for Himself, but for others, He lived and thought and prayed. From hours spent with God He came forth morning by morning, to bring the light of heaven to men."

## SOMETHING GOOD COMING

THOSE who have had experience in teaching children know that they learn by doing things much more than by simply listening. They very soon tire of sitting still and listening to a lesson, but if that lesson gives them something to *do*, it has indescribable charms for them.

Many mothers long to teach their children, but do not know how to make the Bible interesting to them. For the help of those mothers, and also for teachers who have not had experience in such work, a series of lessons will be published in the *Worker*, beginning with the January number, and continuing through the entire year. These lessons will not be an experiment. The writer has had a wide experience in working with children, and has been using this method of teaching bible lessons for several years with very satisfactory results. Each lesson not only gives the bible story, but but provides work for them to do in connection with it. So that, while the eyes and hands are being trained, the Bible truths are being indelibly fixed upon the mind, and so associated with the things seen in everyday life that they can never be forgotten.

We have seen children spend many happy hours every week working these lessons, and at the same time storing the mind with the beautiful truths of God's word. Is not this this better than to spend that time playing in the streets, and giving Satan a chance to sow seeds of evil in those little hearts? A wise farmer is careful to preoccupy the soil so the weeds can have no chance to grow. Shall we use less thought and skill in the care of our children?

The *Worker* should be placed in every home before this series begins, that all who have any part in the teaching of children may have the benefit of the very first lesson.

## THANKSGIVING

THE *Signs of the Times* has issued a Special Thanksgiving Number, and orders may be filled for the same at the present time. Prices in clubs of 25 or more, 3 cents each; in clubs of 100 or more, 2½ cents each. Our people ought to use a large number of these excellent papers during the fall missionary campaign.

He loves best who gives cheerfully.



# Churches Assigned to Laborers

In Raising the Indiana Portion of the \$150,000 Fund

	Mem. bers	Amt. to be Raised	Amt. Paid
<b>J. M. REES,</b>			
Honey Creek	21	\$63.	5 00
Idaville	23	69.	12 00
Royal Center	11	33.	6 00
Grass Creek	33	99.	29 00
Denver	24	72.	
Peru	16	48.	
Lafayette	30	90.	
New London	19	57.	
Kokomo	55	165.	
Jefferson	7	21.	15 00
Bunker Hill	.....		
Olive Branch	.....		
239	\$717.	61 00	
<b>U. S. ANDERSON</b>			
Marion	61	\$183.	
Michael	33	99.	
Jonesboro	47	141.	13 25
Hartford City	43	129.	6 00
West Liberty	.....		1 00
Windfall	14	42.	
Elwood	12	36.	1 50
Beath	23	69.	
Barber's Mills	25	75.	
258	\$774.	21 75	
<b>A. L. MILLER.</b>			
Anderson	19	\$57.	11 00
Muncie	40	120.	
Olivet Chapel	47	141.	
Middletown	24	72.	
Mechanicsburg	29	87.	
Kennard	23	69.	3 00
Frankton	21	63.	
203	\$609.	14 00	
<b>J. F. STEELE</b>			
Rocklane	18	\$54.	
Pleasant View	19	57.	9 10
Boggs town	83	249.	
Waldron	28	84.	
Unionville	17	51.	
165	\$495.	9 10	
<b>J. H. NIEHAUS.</b>			
Franklin	12	\$36.	11 75
Martinsville	26	78.	8 25
38	\$114.	20 00	
<b>R. W. LEACH.</b>			
New Marion	26	\$78.	
Gum Corner	12	36.	
Fredricksburg	.....		
Seymour	.....		
Oolitic	19	57.	35
57	\$171.	35	
<b>B. HAGLE.</b>			
Angola	5	\$15.	
Auburn	6	18.	
South Milford	3	9.	2 00
Wolf Lake	90	270.	19 58
Fort Wayne	4	12.	
Wabash	.....		
Huntington	7	21.	5 00
Rochester	30	90.	
Akron	13	39.	
Corunna	.....		
158	\$474.	26 58	
<b>C. J. BUHALTS.</b>			
South Bend	25	\$75.	3 92
Goshen	.....		3 00
Ligonier	44	132.	25 50
North Liberty	34	102.	1 00
Walkerton	6	18.	
<b>Inwood</b>			
17	51.		
<b>Michigan City</b>			
3	9.		
<b>Etna Green</b>			
14	42.	7 00	
<b>Medaryville</b>			
23	69.	1 00	
<b>Mt. Vernon</b>			
25	75.	2 20	
191	\$573.	43 62	
<b>W. A. YOUNG.</b>			
Indpls (23rd st.)	125	\$375.	83 52
Lebanon	11	33.	6 00
Northfield	17	51.	4 25
Richmond	10	30.	18 00
Connersville	40	120.	
Glenwood	9	27.	
Homer	.....		
Maxwell	.....		
212	\$636.	111 77	
<b>F. M. ROBERTS.</b>			
Dana	32	\$96.	
Terre Haute	32	96.	
Farmersburg	53	159.	2 00
Patrickburg	18	54.	18 00
Salem	53	159.	
Linton	13	39.	
Elnora	29	87.	
Princeton	19	57.	
Mt. Zion	81	243.	1 50
330	\$990.	21 50	
<b>A. W. BARTLETT.</b>			
East Indpls	56	\$168.	25 50
Greenfield	17	51.	
Noblesville	35	105.	15 00
108	\$324.	40 50	
<b>O. S. HADLEY.</b>			
West Indpls	28	\$84.	
Logansport	24	72.	10 25
52	\$156.	10 25	
Isolated			12 25

We are glad to see our portion of the "Hundred and fifty thousand dollar fund" growing. The above group of churches and figures show the amount each church ought to raise and what is being done. Up to last Friday night, Nov. 30, the above amounts had been received at our office.

We wish to ask that our churches, if not too much trouble, send in about every two weeks the money paid in on this fund that we may give a revised report in each issue of our Conference paper. I believe it will be all right for every church to strive to excel in raising its portion of this fund first. What church will be first to complete this work? I am sure this report will be watched and perused with much interest.

W. J. STONE.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

## CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

THE holiday season affords us an excellent opportunity to present to our friends and relatives books containing present truth. Hundreds of novels and thousands of worthless stories for children are given away every year. Let us all do what we can to supply people with substantial, religious books, both in making presents and in recommending to those with whom we come in contact, books that we know are of sterling value. A number of people in various parts of the Conference, some who never before have sold any of our books, are taking orders this winter for our small books for Christmas delivery. Let every one who can, engage in this work.

We mention some books which deserve special attention at this time:

"The Story of the Seer of Patmos" is an exposition of Revelation by Elder S. N. Haskell, containing many new illustrations, and is similar in style to "The Story of Daniel the Prophet," both of which sell at \$1.00 per copy. One who has never studied these prophecies will find them clearly explained, while those who have made a special study of Daniel and Revelation will find many new, well-developed ideas presented. The manner of treatment is interesting to both young and old.

"The Marvel of Nations," by Elder Uriah Smith, shows with remarkable clearness the position of the United States among the nations, as pointed out by the prophetic writer. Many colored illustrations, showing the constant and rapid progress made in the development of the resources of this country, are a feature of the book, which sells at \$1.25. Postage is prepaid.

"The Story of Joseph," is widely known as an excellent book for children. It is bound in three styles: paper, 15c; board, 25c; cloth, 50c.

"Christ Our Saviour," another book for Children and young people, is bound in board, 50c; cloth, 75c; beautiful presentation edition, \$1.25.

For children just beginning to read we recommend the "New Testament Primer," the latest addition to children's literature, illustrated with colored plates, and containing 96 pages. Prices, board cover, cloth back, 25 cents; attractive red cloth covers; 50 cents.

Send orders for Christmas books early so that we may be enabled to get them to you in plenty of time.

R. C. S.



## News and Notes

ELDER A. L. MILLER gives a favorable report of his visits among the churches thus far, and is hopeful for the outcome.

ELDER ROBERTS has begun a tour of the churches assigned him, and reports the outlook favorable. He is of good courage.

SABBATH, Nov. 24, Elder Stone was with the Farmersburg church. He spoke three times while there to appreciative audiences.

In last week's REPORTER through mistake W. H. Edwards' name was omitted as a member and auditor of the Indiana Association Board.

READ the tabulated report and note the donation on the \$150,000 Fund from your church, and then decide whether you have done your part.

WE have to print a supplement again this issue, and then much matter remains over, but we hope to have all reports sent in, appear in the near future.

SEVERAL sisters of the East Side Church in Indianapolis are selling the *Signs of the Times* Saturday nights from store to store. Recently they sold 107 in less than two hours.

READ the tithe report in this issue of the paper, and decide whether it would not have been more if you had paid in a full tithe. Who is the loser if we fail to bring in all the tithe?

ELDER YOUNG was with the church at La Fayette Sabbath, Nov. 22, and presented the matter of the \$150,000 fund. All seemed desirous to do what they could to assist in this matter.

THE pupils of the Indianapolis church school are selling a number of our small books to be delivered at Christmas time. Last week they also sold a quantity of the Thanksgiving issue of the *Signs*.

BROTHER A. C. FORD, our Field Agent, assisted three colporters in beginning work at Noblesville last week. We wish these new workers abundant success in their efforts to place our books in the homes of the people.

AT the Twenty-third Street church, Indianapolis, 510 copies of the special *Watchman* were subscribed for in less than ten minutes when the matter was presented by the Missionary Secretary of the Conference on Sabbath, Nov. 24.

THIRTY-TWO subscriptions for *Liberty* were secured by Elder J. F. Steele from the delegates at our annual conference. We suggest that all our people who are not subscribers send us 25 cents for a year's subscription.

NEARLY all our laborers who were assigned fields in the interest of raising the \$150,000, have been at work since the conference and report some success. Elder Rees reports good meetings at Grass Creek, and a good lift on this fund.

ELDER STONE has not been very well for the past few weeks having taken severe colds. No sooner has he partially recovered from one, and he has taken another. This has kept him from making visits to our churches that he had planned and desired to make.

WHEN selecting Christmas presents for relatives or friends, do not forget our excellent books. No present is more acceptable than a good book. In another column we give some Christmas suggestions, which we trust will be carefully considered by all our readers.

THE next two weeks is the harvest time for selling our literature. Hundreds of our smaller books ought to be sold and could be with a little effort and placed where otherwise worthless books will be bought. Why not make the effort now, at this opportune moment.

THERE ought to be one hundred renewals and new subscriptions to the REPORTER during the month of December. Who will make an effort to accomplish this? Will not our workers endeavor to get this means of communication in the homes of every Seventh-day Adventist in the Conference?

THERE is a little struggling company at Hammond, Indiana, who have been calling for help for some time, and Elder Buhalts was to visit them last Sabbath, and remain a few days if the interest demanded. Elder Buhalts also reports a profit-

able visit to the church at Goshen. The believers were strengthened.

"SEEK thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men."

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Mrs. Daisy Ohmer, D. W. Ridge-way, Mrs. U. V. Lovett, Mrs. Ellen Gress, Jennie Cleland, Mrs. Mary M. Werner, T. C. Achor, Olive Caldwell, Mrs. Jas. Caldwell, Mrs. Mollie E. Keener, Mrs. R. W. McMahan, Mrs. R. E. Moon, W. P. B. Gray, Wm. W. Worster, Alice M. Moser, N. A. Lantenschlager, Mrs. M. L. Moore, Robert Jackson, Jennie Clapper, John F. Steele, H. M. Kelley, Emmanuel Grounds, Malinda Boller, W. C. Vore, Mrs. Mary L. East, Katherine Rhiner, Eld. A. W. Bartlett, Mrs. Gillia Coppock, M. VanNiman, Jas. H. Anderson, Mrs. H. Wood, Chas. W. Crawford, Miss Maggie Compton, C. Mellinger, F. R. Voght, Anna Carahood, Mrs. Dollie Pepple, Mrs. Sarah Moore, Jas. H. Watson, Theodore Lines, Mattie Caylor.

### OBITUARY

WRIGHT.—Sarah Vandivier was born in Johnson county, Indiana, March 2, 1832; was united in marriage with F. H. Wright Oct. 19, 1892; died at Franklin, Indiana, Oct. 17, 1906, aged 74 years, 7 months, and 15 days. Early in life she united with the Baptist church and was ever a consistent, godly, and earnest member and worker. Her heart ever bore a burden for the poor and needy and was ever ready to deny herself to serve their needs.

In 1902 she heard and accepted the Third Angel's Message. Through her generosity the little company of believers have a neat house of worship, free from debt. Though suffering intensely, she never lost her hold on God. A husband, a sister, and two brothers survive, but these are comforted. The church will greatly miss Sister Wright, but her courage and devotion should ever be a splendid incentive to go and do well whatever their hands find to do. Words of comfort to a very large concourse of life-long neighbors and friends by  
W. A. Young.



## The \$8,000 Fund

Previously reported .....	\$1891.77
South Bend .....	1.15
Connersville .....	1.17
Indianapolis (East Side)....	1.25
Muncie .....	.10
Anderson .....	1.00
Farmersburg .....	1.34
Goshen .....	1.00
North Liberty .....	1.05
Michael .....	.40
Indianapolis (23rd St.) .....	.60
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1900.83</b>

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"THE silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts." Haggal 2:8. "For every beast of the forest is mine and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains, and the wild beasts of the fields are mine. If I were hungry I would not tell thee for the world is mine and the fullness thereof." Ps. 50:10-12.

While the great King of the universe owns and controls every thing of earth, He has seen fit to prove His people by making them stewards of His goods. (See Matt. 25.) It is He alone who gives power to get wealth. (Deut. 8:18.) We, ourselves, are not our own,—we are His by creation and redemption. (Isa. 43:1; 1 Cor. 6:19, 20.) We have no right to use any gift of God (Jas. 1:17) whether strength or means or whatever it be, in any way but to glorify Him.

The Lord claims, as holy unto Himself, a tithe of the bounties entrusted to us,—also free-will offerings. We can not withhold these without incurring the guilt of robbing God and thus losing the blessing promised. (Mal. 3:8-12.) Then brethren and sisters, let us be faithful in our duty to God under all circumstances, knowing that He is faithful who has promised.

The Lord claims the first fruits of our increase. Then we have no right to make expenditures for ourselves until we have remitted to the Lord that that is holy unto Him.

The present opportunity to lift in the work at our Nation's capital and in the Southern field by the raising of the \$150,000 fund, should be earnestly seized upon by our people, and brought to completion so that other

fields may be considered, and the work speedily finished.

J. THERESA THOMPSON.

### IDAVILLE

ELDER REES was with the Idaville church from Oct. 26 to Nov. 5, conducting meetings each evening and two services each Sabbath and Sunday during his stay. The church was greatly encouraged by the cheering and timely talks he gave us. The outside attendance was fairly good. There were no accessions to the church, yet we believe that seed was sown which will produce fruit for God's kingdom. The \$150,000 fund was considered and the church pledged \$40 toward it. Owing to the distance that some of the members live from Idaville, they did not attend the meetings. They will doubtless make up the remainder of the amount apportioned to this church. Two delegates were chosen to represent the church at the Conference held at Indianapolis Nov. 13-15.

The church was glad to see Elder Rees again. It has been sixteen years since he last visited us, and twenty four years since he and Elder Victor Thompson brought out the company, and organized the church at this place.

How time flies! Soon if faithful we shall help constitute the church triumphant. J. M. ELLIS,

### IN THE FIELD

SOME may be interested to know what I have been doing for a time. For the past three or four months I have been located at Huntingburg and although this is a hard field, the Lord has given some success. Much of the time Brother Steele has been with me. We labored the best we could, and as a result there are perhaps twenty-five keeping the Sab-

bath. Some are becoming quite firm for which we are glad. We hope to see a good organization here, but the work moves slow. We have no permanent meeting place, but hope to have in the near future. At present we hold our Sabbath-school in private houses.

I have held quarterly meetings with the Mt. Zion and Princeton churches; both were excellent. I joined Elder Rees a few days at Kokomo, where we also had a good quarterly service. After the service we repaired to the water where it was my privilege to bury in baptism six precious souls who united with the Kokomo church, this being the result of Elder Rees' tent effort.

After the Seymour camp-meeting I labored some at Michaelville. This church was raised up by me some years ago. The interest was good; one gave me her hand as I was leaving that she was settled in the message. I also baptized one at Michael and one at Marion, and held three services at Jonesboro. The work is onward. F. M. ROBERTS.

### TO OUR CHURCHES

*Dear Brethren and Sisters:*

I learn that in the eight months just passed, we are two or three hundred dollars short on tithe, compared with the same eight months of last year. My brethren this ought not so to be. Let us look into this matter as individuals and ascertain where we have failed; and may the Lord help us to believe His promises and come up on our tithe. F. M. ROBERTS.

"CHRIST is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own."

### REPORT FROM COLPORTERS FOR NOVEMBER 1906.

NAME.	PLACE.	Book.	Hours.	Orders	Value.	Value Helps	Total Value	Orders from Office.
Boze, Stephen	White Co.	Hearld's of M.	13	12	\$ 18 00		\$ 18 00	
Blankenship, Jas.	Lawrence Co.	Bible Read.	111	25	81 50		81 50	21 65
Carmichael, H. C.	Jefferson Co.	Bible Read.	76	8	20 50	12 00	32 50	
Davis, J. A.	Churubusco	Gt. Cont.						
Duncan, Lora								
Ford, A. C.	Delaware Co.	Dan. & Rev.						
Jones, Millard M.	Parker	Gt. Cont.	115	21	50 50		50 50	
Metzger, Athen								
Rutledge, J. C.								
Rader, G. W.								
<b>Total</b>			<b>345</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>\$176 50</b>	<b>\$12 00</b>	<b>\$188 50</b>	<b>\$ 21 65</b>



## THE LAW OF PROGRESS

THERE is in all of God's plans and arrangements, in all nature a law of progress, and when that law is transgressed or disregarded decay begins its baleful work, which will soon terminate in death if unmo- lested; for in all things, animate and inanimate, one of these laws is doing its work either growing or decaying, though silently yet surely.

This law holds good in spiritual matters as well as in physical. Therefore if we are not growing we are retrograding; if we are not getting stronger we are getting weaker. This is no less in spiritual life than in physical life, even in moral and commercial life as well. As God has said, "the tenth of all" our goods "shall be holy (and wholly) unto the Lord." Hence one-tenth is in no manner our own; and we are not granted the privilege to even use it,—except upon certain conditions,—but to remember that it is the Lord's. Why pay tithe? What is the purpose? Does God ask it, and if so why? Certainly not for His benefit; see Ps. 50:10-12 and Hagga 2:8. He must have money and means to carry on His work; but *not yours*, He can do without my tithe; but can I do without Him having it? Am I not the gainer if He has it? Most assuredly. Then the purpose of tithe paying is for our good, both here and hereafter, and not because the Lord needs it for Himself. All these demands are solely for our good. But when we give we must do so willingly. 2 Cor. 8:12. If we are Christ's, we are not our own, we have been bought with a precious price. 1 Cor. 6:19, 20 and 7:23. "All should remember that God's claims upon us underlie every other claim. He gives to us bountifully, and the contract which He has made with man is that a tenth of his possessions shall be returned to God. The Lord graciously entrusts to His stewards His treasures, but of the tenth He says, 'this is Mine.' This distinct arrangement was made Jesus Christ Himself." Test. Vol. 6, page 384.

This work involves solemn and eternal results. So we must comprehend this fact, that by tithe paying we acknowledge God's claim on us by creation, and also His claim by redemption.

Faithful tithe-paying will insure against a dearth in the treasury. All these requirements are wholly for our own good, and that we may thus contribute to the good of others by giving them the saving message of the gospel until the end.

By being thus prompt and honest with the Lord in paying Him His own we grow spiritually continually, so that we are not only increasing in spiritual strength, but we have also the full assurance of continual and the abundant blessings of God both here and hereafter. Can we afford not to accept God's propo- sition? Not I. O. S. HADLEY.

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## THE END OF THE WORLD IN THIS GENERATION

This is the title of a special issue of the *Watchman* bearing date of December 25 but now ready for delivery. It consists of twenty pages of excel- lent articles and beautiful illustra- tions showing the strikingly unusual and momentous character of the per- iod of time covered by the present generation, as indicated by the re- cent developments in the religious world and by the awful disasters which are becoming so frequent on every hand. These events, foretold by prophecy, show that the generation now living will witness the end of the world. This number of the *Watchman* provides an excellent me- dium for warning our friends, neigh- bors, and others within our reach of the nearness of Christ's Second Com- ing.

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THIS journal will be of more than ordinary interest during the coming volume. "Beautiful Stories," "Boys of the Bible" and "Girls of the Bible," will be continued. A pioneer in treating the sick without drugs will give some experiences. His method of treatment of rheumatism and tu- bercular consumption will be of great value to afflicted ones. These will appear in four special numbers of 24 pages each, and should be widely circulated.

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Elnora	.....	7 43
Elwood	.....	11 77
Etna Green	.....	8 42
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Fayette Sanitarium	.....	.....
Fort Wayne	.....	45 45
Franklin	.....	.....
Frankton	.....	36 33
Grass Creek	.....	22 73
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Glenwood	.....	1 00
Greenfield	.....	3 10
Gum Corners	.....	3 15
Hartford City	.....	1 55
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Indianapolis (23rd street)	.....	166 73
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Individuals	.....	4 00
Inwood	.....	.....
Jefferson	.....	14 97
Jonesboro	.....	1 50
Kennard	.....	25 05
Kokomo	.....	1 50
LaFayette	.....	25 26
Lebanon	.....	8 26
Ligonier	.....	9 33
Linton	.....	28 50
Logansport	.....	45 61
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Michigan City	.....	12 60
Middletown	.....	23 20
Mt. Vernon	.....	59 32
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Morocco	.....	16 31
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Northfield	.....	.....
New Marion	.....	13 81
North Liberty	.....	38 20
New Hope	.....	5 10
Olive Branch	.....	.....
Olivet Chapel	.....	.....
Oolitic	.....	8 50
Patrickburg	.....	42 92
Peru	.....	12 45
Petersburg	.....	.....
Pleasant View	.....	21 94
Princeton	.....	.....
Royal Center	.....	10 30
Richmond	.....	3 75
Rochester	.....	.....
Rockline	.....	4 50
Seymour	.....	5 87
Salem	.....	.....
South Bend	.....	26 32
South Millford	.....	8 00
Terre Haute	.....	6 45
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West Liberty	.....	17 71
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Wolf Lake	.....	108 05
Total receipts	.....	\$1250 60



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## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

THROUGH the mercies and blessings of our kind heavenly Father we are permitted to meet again in annual conference under most favorable circumstances. We have great reason to praise God for preserving our lives, and still permitting us to labor for Him; also for His good prospering hand upon the work in this Conference during the past year.

The year has been one of steady progress in every department of the work, and yet I would have been glad could we have seen double the number of new converts to the faith. Reports from our laborers show that over 300 have embraced the faith since our last Conference, and we trust that some time during this Conference we can listen to a brief report from each laborer, concerning his work. Three new churches have been organized, and undoubtedly will ask for admission into the Conference. Two other companies are about ready for organization.

Ten tent efforts have been made in the Conference during the past summer, in as many different localities, and in three of these places the second pitch was made; and with possibly one exception all of these efforts were in a measure successful, so that from two or three to twenty embraced the faith.

## Our Educational Work

The Beechwood Academy considers the last school year the best in its history. The attendance was the largest, and every student who was not converted on entering the school professed conversion before its close. This year the school opened under still more favorable circumstances, and bids fair to eclipse last year in every way.

Last year was also a very successful year in our church school work. More proficiency is being brought in to this line of work, and we are becoming better organized for carrying on this work in harmony with instruction given in the Testimonies.

Our church school work also started out this year under more favora-

ble circumstances than at any previous time. The summer school or normal held at Beechwood was a great encouragement and benefit to our teachers, and they counted it as the most profitable occasion of the kind they had ever attended. As the summer school closed just at the opening of our church schools, our teachers went directly to their work, full of courage, and good results have followed.

## Camp-meetings

As all are aware, it was voted last year to separate our camp-meeting from the business of the Conference. It was only a trial, but the good results were manifested; and at both camp-meetings this year, by unanimous vote, our brethren and sisters said they desired that the business of the Conference be kept separate from our camp-meetings in the future. All branches of our work were kept before our people at the camp-meetings, and I think I have never seen our brethren return to their homes in better courage or more determined to take hold and put into operation the good instruction given.

## Finance

The good showing of the financial condition of the Conference is no less marked than other lines of work. When the spiritual conditions of the church is what it should be, there will be no trouble about the finances provided the means are properly handled. There has come in the general improvement of the work a greater degree of confidence, so that our brethren and sisters are placing their means at the disposal of the Conference. Hundreds of dollars have been given during the past year in large sums, and others are depositing money with the Conference without interest. We are still paying interest on some money, but with one exception, we are not paying over 4%, and this is only for a short time. All are aware of the fact that three years ago this Conference was owing over \$30,000, counting the debt on the Central Avenue

property. In the disposition of that property only about \$6,000 went toward paying off our indebtedness.

While our books showed the Conference to be worth about five or six thousand dollars, in reality we were insolvent by \$15,000 as there were about \$20,000 in debts not showing on the books, such as the old G. C. A. debt, the loan on the property on Central Ave., Beechwood Academy, and our tithe indebtedness. To-day our books show every indebtedness of the Conference excepting a few hundred dollars of the G. C. A. debt; and our trial balance the first of this month showed the Conference to be worth from ten to twelve thousand dollars with every debt paid, thus showing an improvement in our financial condition in a little over three years, of from twenty to twenty-five thousand dollars. If every dollar owing to the Conference on pledges, bills and accounts payable, were paid, we could settle every dollar we owe and still have ten or twelve thousand dollars worth of property; so that I can practically say to the delegates of this Conference that we are out of debt, and if our brethren will pay their obligations to the Conference before the close of the year, January, 1907, we will sing a song of deliverance from debt. And if the business of the Conference is properly conducted, there is no good reason why further appeals should be made for money with which to pay our debts. Naturally there will be some who will wish to will the Conference some of their property, or let the Conference have money, receiving an annuity bond, which will be sufficient to meet all present obligations of the Conference.

## Object Lesson Work

All are familiar with this saying, and you may think we are going to make another appeal to sell this book; but, thank the Lord, I have better news for you. Our Object Lesson Work is completed; that is, our brethren will not be asked to sell them as heretofore. We have



several hundred still on hand, but the account has been disposed of, and we will now give those who wish to sell this book a commission of 50 cents on each book they sell. I trust that there will be a number of our brethren who will assist us in disposing of the books we have on hand, receiving for their labor the 50 cents commission. The book will also be offered to our students to obtain scholarships in Beechwood Academy. All who will sell 120 Object Lessons, turning all the money over to the Conference, will be given a year's scholarship in either Beechwood Academy or Emmanuel Missionary College. We hope with this liberal offer to see the few books we have on hand all removed from our office this coming year.

#### Future of Our Work

Now that our debts are gone, and the Object Lessons work disposed of, the way is fully opened for most aggressive work. We can now give our attention to new enterprises and more aggressive work in new fields. We should not now feel that because these burdens are removed, there is nothing more to do; but upon the other hand we should prepare and plan for the most aggressive work ever carried forward in this Conference, and we should be more willing to give of our means, as it will go to build up new enterprises and open up the work in new fields.

#### The \$150,000 Fund

One of the first things that should engage our earnest and fullest support is the matter of raising our portion of the \$150,000 with which to erect our sanitarium in Washington, assist the work in the South, and other enterprises throughout the world. When the call was first made I felt that I could give it my hearty support, as I was well aware that the sum first called for to establish our work at Washington was not sufficient to erect all the buildings and equip them, and that more funds would be needed.

At the recent meeting at Washington, when the whole field was considered and the great needs presented, and I saw the willingness manifested upon the part of those in responsible positions, to forgo facilities really needed, and get along the best they could; and when the

\$150,000 was so widely distributed throughout the world, and became a real missionary movement; I said, I can go home and lift up this fund with greater courage than ever. I hope to see plans adopted at this Conference, and set in operation, that will cause our portion of this fund to be raised within the next few weeks.

#### Our Sanitarium Work

All are undoubtedly aware that we failed to secure the property at Connersville that we hoped to get one year ago; but all things considered, our being located at Connersville has been fortunate, and our Sanitarium at Connersville has opened the way for means with which to launch this enterprise, and the Lord has given us a much better location. This question will come before this Conference for consideration, and the present situation fully placed before you.

#### Ministry of Healing

It was agreed by those in attendance to the Conference at Connersville, that we would sell about 2,000 Ministry of Healing. You all know what you agreed to do. During the coming year we hope to see all take hold and dispose of many more than this number, that our sanitarium work may have the benefit of the 50% of these sales.

#### A Great Missionary Movement

Plans should be laid at this Conference for a great forward movement in missionary work. We have not been doing for a few years one tenth of the missionary work we ought to have done, and much of our effort has been lost because no systematic plan has been adopted in close follow-up work wherever the seeds of truth have been sown. I trust that some plans may be brought before this Conference for its consideration that will be practical, and that will enlist the hearty co-operation of our brethren and sisters throughout the Conference, in a way that will bring our special truths before the people more successfully than in the past. Our lay brethren and sisters must be given work. It is the only salvation of the church. Revivals will not do the work. The only way to keep our churches alive is to set them to work. May this meeting mark the

beginning of a missionary movement that will grow and extend beyond our borders, and help to hasten the coming of our Lord.

#### Our Conference Membership

While there has been a constant growth in the work during the past three years, it seems that our membership has not been materially changed. Deaths and the revising of our church records have cut down our membership, so that our reports at the present time show but a slight gain. I trust, however, that there will be an improvement in the showing of our reports along this line in the future.

#### Departmental Work

Our medical missionary work, educational and Sabbath-school work, and Religious Liberty work, will all come in for their share of attention of this Conference, and I trust that those in charge of these departments will be prepared to suggest to the committee on plans and recommendations such matters as should be brought before this body.

#### Circulating Our Periodicals

The importance of circulating the *Review*, *Signs of the Times*, *Life and Health*, *Watchman*, and our Conference paper should come before this Conference, and the great importance of our increasing their circulation emphasized.

#### Reason for Gratitude

God has greatly blessed the work of our Conference, and many times we have seen His guiding hand in the work so unmistakably that we have been led to greatly praise Him. He has kept us from making, I trust, great mistakes. We have at different times called in a few of our leading brethren for counsel on important matters, and always it has brought in light and additional courage to press forward in the work.

We are now here to plan our work for another year. May God come into our gathering and give to us each His mind, that we may see eye to eye in all our deliberations. The work that has been resting heavily upon your committee will now be shared with you, praying that such plans may be laid for the work the coming year as will the most rapidly advance every line of work and hasten the coming King.

W. J. STONE.