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A MOST IMPORTANT MATTER

WE believe that some of our people in Indiana are planning to help the cause of God with a portion of their means after providing for their immediate family. There is no objection to this, but the matter of wills and bequests have been brought forcibly to my mind in the very recent past. In less than one month I have attended the funerals of three of our aged people and if any provision was made that the Message should have any part of their estate, we have not heard of it yet. One of them, at one time, felt quite disposed to deed all to the Conference, but to remain in possession till death. This was delayed, now, the cause gets no share of the property. I hear that another was arranging to put some money in the work, but the end came and that was not attended to. A few

years ago one brother remembered the work in his will. Afterwards he converted the most of his property into cash. He paid the sum specified in his will, becoming to that extent his own executor. He still lives but his bequest has been at work for nearly two years. It will accomplish much more this way than had it not been paid until his death.

We know that it yet remains true "that death is abroad in the land." Some of us felt it very keenly the other morning when we learned that in this city alone two of our aged people died within a few minutes of each other.

While some are planning to remember the cause, generously, in their will, there are counter-plans being laid also. "I saw that Satan laid his snares for those who are looking for Christ's second appearing, and keeping all the commandments of God Satan told his angels that the churches were asleep. . . . 'Go, make the possessors of lands and money drunk with cares. If you can get them to place their affections on these things, we shall have them yet. They may profess what they please, only make them care more for money than for the success of Christ's kingdom or the spread of the truths we hate We must keep in our ranks all the means of which we can gain control.'"—*Early Writings*, p. 128.

Satan has been doing effective work in keeping means from the cause here in Indiana. Thousands of dollars have passed from the hands of our people into the ranks of the opposers for which they did not receive either lands, food, clothing, or medicine, nor even amusement; nor was it bestowed in starting children in business. When the opportunity to place it in God's cause was not improved, Satan came at once and gathered it in. Well, why did they not give when they had the opportunity? Again on page 128 we read the answer, for

Satan counseled his angels,—“When they shall attempt to give, put within them a grudging disposition that it may be sparingly”. This is a grievous matter and sorely tries God's Messenger. “As I viewed poor souls dying for want of the present truth, and some who professed the truth were letting them die, by withholding the necessary means to carry forward the work of God, the sight was too painful and I begged for the angel to remove it from me.”—*Id.* page 40.

“The suffering Jesus, his love so deep as to lead him to give his life for man, was again held up before me; also the lives of those who professed to be his followers, who had this world's goods but considered it so great a thing to help the cause of salvation. The angel said, ‘Can such enter heaven.’ Another angel answered, ‘No, never, never, never. Those who are not interested in the cause of God on earth, can never sing the song of redeeming love above’” page 41. “I saw that soon the overflowing scourge would pass over and sweep their possessions all away, and then it would be too late to sacrifice earthly goods, and lay up a treasure in heaven.” *Id.* p. 40.

Read these extracts again and again. Pray over them. Study them, and as a General Conference worker said once “let their truth soak in.”

Years ago we were taught that there was yet before us a time of prosperity which would be followed by disasters and panics till probation ended. In that time of prosperity we were “cut loose” that the great bulk of our means might go into the rapid spread of the work. The years of prosperity did come. The tithes and offerings never were so large in the history of the message. But how much have our people curtailed their possessions? Rather they have increased them. Now the tide is turning. We need not look for a repetition of last year's

prosperity. This—mark it,—THIS is the year to do great things financially for God. Give NOW all you can spare, "Man wants [needs] but little here below." If you would rather remember the message in your will, get the best advice possible, that it may not be faulty. The world will not be a good counsellor in this. Whatever is done should be done soon. As was said at the first, "Death is abroad in the land." Don't run the risk of losing eternal life by refusing to aid God's cause to the full extent of your ability. Who will attend to this important work, and do it at once? If you want counsel, take advice from any of the Conference Committee. W. A. YOUNG.

AKRON AND ROCHESTER

THE work at Akron is moving forward. We have been able to reorganize the Sabbath-school. They have not held meetings here for over two years. A revival has taken place among the members who were left. Some who had given up have again come back to the truth and have ordered the *Review*. They have raised the balance of their quota of the \$150,000 Fund. I feel that I ought to remain here until the church is in good working order. The trustees of both the Akron and Rochester churches have deeded their property over to the Indiana Association of Seventh-day Adventists, and the deeds are in the Recorder's office. I feel tired and worn from the strain here, but the Lord's will be done. B. HAGLE.

AN ENCOURAGING REPORT

DURING the past eight months in Anderson through the Lord's great goodness our educational work has been brought to the front and thru it the light of Present Truth has shone into many homes, the darkness of which never before had been penetrated by a single shaft of light from the three angel's messages, which are to lighten all the earth with their glory.

We have found by our experiences here that God will use children who are receiving a Christian Education as lightbearers to the homes from which they come and to stand in unselfish ministry by the side of Christ.

Oh! could you, dear people in Indi-

ana, but understand the truthfulness and reality of "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul" and then apply that same vital truth to the children whom God has entrusted to you, next winter would find them in a Christian School.

You place them in the public schools and before you are aware of it their minds have been poisoned by unbelief, they have heard some caviling objection which will always be a stumbling block in their way.

This is an age of infidelity. Doubt and skepticism are increasing. Your children can't attend the schools today without reading infidel views and having atheistic ideas held before them month after month. Parents do your duty to your children in this respect, or by and by, and when it is too late, you will wake up to find that your children are confirmed infidels. You alone will be to blame, for God has set before you a plan of Christian education. Schools have been established and consecrated teachers have given themselves to the training of your children, and thru the providence of God an academy has been built up right here in our Conference where your older children may receive a Christian training.

It is true that at some places our church schools have fallen short of what was expected of them, but trace the difficulty to its source, and it will be seen that some one needs to be converted to the cause of Christian education so that they will give it their moral as well as financial support, instead of their unjust, thoughtless, and careless criticism; then they will not contribute their influence to overthrow the work of a teacher, and the school which she is trying to uphold in harmony with what God says is the only hope for our children's receiving the gift of His Spirit.

The Lord graciously brought to our school children from homes where our truth has heretofore been unknown, and through them an entrance has been gained into those homes which in the end must surely count for Christ.

As one by one we saw our children give their hearts to God and ask for baptism and a place in the church, all effort and time and money spent in

holding up the school sank into insignificance.

On the last evening, after the work for the year was finished, we gave an entertainment for the benefit of the patrons and friends of the school, and in as clear and concise a way as possible set before a large crowd of people present, many of the truths which we hold, and in declamations, dialogues, compositions and songs, we were able to present the Sabbath, State of the Dead, Manner of Baptism, Christ's Coming, etc.

We closed the program by receiving an offering which the children had gathered up, and which we had voted to the \$150,000 Fund. It amounted to \$9.34, making a total of \$14.84 that we have given to that fund. \$1.75 to other missionary work was also brought in on our last night.

May the Lord keep our children in the hour of temptation, and help us to train them for Him.

Yours in the Master's work,

GROVER R. FATTIG.

A GOOD EXPERIENCE

NEVER before in my life did I enjoy such an afternoon as yesterday in the canvassing work. What I thought would be hard was a pleasure. I left home at half past one o'clock and was back at five, and had taken ten orders—five for Coming King and five for the New Testament Primer. Yet not I, but He that sent me. To Him be all the glory. How glad I am when I leave Coming King in the homes of my friends and neighbors, knowing the blessed truths it contains.

I was coming down the street yesterday morning and one of the doctors of our town stopped me and wanted to know if I was a Seventh-day Adventist. I told him I certainly was. He said his father and mother were Adventists, and that he believed that way, too. He also said he wished some of them would come here and preach. Different persons have made the same remark. I see no reason why a good work could not be done here. A minister strong in the Lord could certainly accomplish much, as I firmly believe there are people here anxious to know what is right and what is truth.

Your sister,

MINNIE COOPER.

THE WORKERS' MEETING

WE are in the midst of the most remarkable meeting. In many respects, that we have ever had the privilege of attending. Our workers were called together by our Conference President May 28, for the purpose of seeking a closer connection with God, and another and a better preparation for the work of God in this solemn time.

The very first meeting was characterized by a large measure of the presence of the Holy Spirit. The keynote of the whole meeting seems to be "Unity." The instructions that are coming to us through God's servants are indeed meat in due season.

Elder Campbell, pastor of the Battle Creek church, gave much valuable instruction, from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy on the present situation among us. He showed quite clearly from the Word of God and the Testimonies of His Spirit that disloyalty and rebellion against rightly constituted authority, will, if persisted in, result in apostasy, as it did in the case of the first rebellion against the government of heaven.

Elder Haughey, of the West Michigan Conference, is giving needed instruction on Organization and Gospel Order. The lessons being given by Elder Johnson, of Wisconsin, on the Judgment is causing a heart-searching that we trust will bring us to a realization of our condition before God, such as we have never known. We believe that our workers will go out from this meeting, united in heart and purpose, to carry the "gospel of the kingdom" to souls that are perishing for this saving truth.

MRS. R. W. McMahan.

HELP FOR NEW ORLEANS

THE brethren in New Orleans have secured a very favorable building for a much-needed headquarters for the work in that large city, but they are poor and need help in paying for the property.

There has been a special 10,000 edition of the *Bible Training School* prepared to help pay for the building. One thousand dollars is to be paid July 1st. and if the 10,000 New Orleans Special *Bible Training School* can be sold by that time it will furnish the \$1000.00 to make the payment. The *New Orleans Specials*

sell for ten cents per copy. If you wish to help in this needy field send for a quantity of the papers. You can sell them to your neighbors and friends and get back all the money you pay for them.

By paying for the papers you do missionary work for New Orleans, and in selling them you are spreading the message in your neighborhood. There is a double blessing in this work. If any one has a stray dollar they wish to donate it will also be accepted.

Send all orders to *Bible Training School*, South Lancaster, Mass.

NOTICE!

THE Young Peoples' Convention postponed from the last of May will be held at Beechwood Academy June 14-16. It is hoped that the young people in this part of the State will be well represented at that meeting.

APPRECIATES THE REPORTER

To the *Indiana Reporter*:

I have been a reader of the *REPORTER* ever since its first issue. I still want it, and you will find enclosed my subscription for another year. At times I have felt like stopping it, as I did not feel that it contained what its name implies—the *INDIANA REPORTER*. Instead of getting the reports from our workers, there were long articles, some of which were good and some were not. Indiana has passed through some sore trials. I hope that the workers of Indiana will fill the *REPORTER* with reports of their work. If you wish the brethren and sisters to pay their tithe, let them know what you are doing out in the field. If you wish to discourage the lay members, be dilatory about reporting what you are doing in bringing souls into the truth.

I am glad to see that the tithe is increasing in Indiana. I have paid tithe here in Ohio, but now I will pay my tithe in Indiana where my membership is, until we get a church organized at Piqua. The Sabbath-school is held at our house each Sabbath. There are three Sabbath-keepers who live five miles in the country but meet with us, so that we have a school of fourteen members.

I have written more than I intend-

ed, but I think much of my brethren in Indiana, and love the truth more and more. My courage in the Lord was never better.

MARTIN DUNN.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY STUDY

For Sabbath, June 22.

I. REVIEW.

1. What is Civil Government?
2. What is the source of rights?
3. Can governments create rights?
4. Should the state exercise control over all rights? Matt. 22: 21.
5. What is the prime duty of the State? Rom. 13:4.—To secure justice to its citizens and protect them in their rights.
6. What are some of man's *natural rights*?—Ans. The right of *personal security*, of *personal liberty*, of *private property*, and of *religious belief and worship*.—*Martin's Civil Government*.
7. Which of these rights has the State a right to legislate upon? Upon which has it no right to legislate? Why? Matt. 22:21; Rom. 13:3, 4, 9.

II. THE RELATION OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT TO RELIGIOUS RIGHTS.—NO. 2.

1. What is the proper domain of the legislative body of a state? Matt. 22:21.
2. Does "Rendering unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and unto God the things which are God's," mean that the legislature is to create rights and then give them either to Cæsar or to God? Make the answer clear.
3. Is not the state ordained of God? Prov. 8:15, 16; 1 Peter 2:13, 14; Rom. 13:4.
4. Are we not to obey the state? Rom. 13:5; 1 Pet. 2:13, 14.
5. Must one submit to every ordinance of man "for the Lord's sake" (1 Peter 2:13), if the obeying of the ordinance compels you to break God's law? Can you break God's law "for the Lord's sake"?
6. When the Lord ordained the civil power, did He give it unlimited authority? John 19:11; Dan. 5:18-21. For full answer to questions five and six study carefully Dan.3; 6; Acts 4:19; 5:17-20, 28, 29. Procure and read Religious Liberty Leaflet No. 9.

A. L. MILLER, R. L. Seely.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

NEWS AND NOTES

ELDER BLOSSER and Brother Ford are spending some time with the students of Beechwood Academy assisting them in preparing for book work the coming season.

A POSTAL card request to the Pacific Press Publishing Company, Mountain View, California, will bring you free sample pages from the new Church School Readers.

SABBATH, May 25, Elder Stone was with the Franklin church. One person was received into the church subject to baptism. He reports the company at Franklin of good courage and growing.

WE hope that there are many young people throughout the Conference expecting to attend our Academy the coming year. No doubt there are some of these who could earn a scholarship by canvassing. For information apply for the school calender, or address Beechwood Academy.

IN a recent letter from Elder Anderson, he states that the New Hope church has agreed to raise its portion of the \$150,000 Fund as fast as possible, and that he thinks by the last of the month it will all be raised. He says furthermore, "I have just sent to Brother Goodwin seven subscriptions for the REPORTER," and that he expects to secure all the subscriptions he can as all our people should have this paper to keep pace with the message in our own state.

A FEW days ago we received a telephone message from Bedford stating that they had the club-footed man who has been swindling our people in this and other states, in jail, upon the charge of vagrancy. He was attempting to borrow money from persons there in the city. Elder Harris recently wrote that he was in Illinois, and that instead of asking now for three dollars he was asking for five dollars wherever he goes. We wish to warn our people against this man, but hope that his recent experience at Bedford will teach him a lesson.

"THE GOSPEL HERALD" is the organ of the Southern Missionary Society, the department of colored

work in the Southern Union Conference. All our people ought to be intelligent concerning this feature of our denominational work, therefore all should read the *Gospel Herald*. It is a four-page monthly paper, published at ten cents a year, payable in postage stamps. Please send your subscription to "The Southern Missionary Society, North Station, Nashville, Tennessee. By so doing, you will help the work for the colored people.

OUR attention has been called to the fact that a mistake was made in the tabulated report of tithe for 1906 which appeared in the last issue of the REPORTER. The tithe from the Salem church for the year should have been \$81.63 instead of \$41.63; thus making the average per member \$1.54 instead of 70 cents. We were very sorry that this mistake was made. The tabulated report was made up from the monthly reports, and the same mistake was made in the monthly report, the reason it appeared in this annual report. We would further say that through apostasy and removals, the membership of the Salem church has been greatly reduced, and the church records not having been revised, gives the church a much larger membership than it really has. If the church records were properly pruned the tithe per member would show a much larger average.

OBITUARIES

WIDEMAN—Died March 20, 1907, of peritonitis, at her home in Lakewood, Ohio, Dr. Ethel Wideman, daughter of Sister Mary Teters of La Grange, Ind. Dr. Wideman had made a real success of her profession as a physician, having built up a large practice which won the hearts and affections of a large circle of friends who will greatly miss her. Interment at LaGrange, Ind., March 24, 1907.

ANDERSON—Died at Denver, Ind. April 26, 1907, Benjamin F. Anderson, aged 73 years, 1 month, and 16 days. Brother Anderson was married to Diana Dillinger in 1869; she died in 1903. To this union were born two children who died in infancy. He

was married to Mary E. Brown, May 18, 1905, who survives him. He was converted and united with the Seventh day Adventist church in Denver, Ind., in 1886.

The home has lost one who ever tenderly cared for its inmates,—here his virtues were best known—here a tender void remains. The community has lost an honest, honorable and upright citizen—a good, sympathetic neighbor; the church, a loyal, faithful adherent, ever anxious for her prosperity and contributing liberally to her needs. Honest in his convictions—pure in his motives; he was, truly, a good man.

The funeral services took place at the Denver church, Sunday, April 28. The M. E. church kindly withdrew their appointment for that hour and consequently the church was crowded; many also stood about, outside. Words of comfort were drawn from Psalms 39:4, 5. W. A. YOUNG.

McMEANS—Died at the Deaconess Hospital in Indianapolis, May 16, Marshall Edward McMeans, aged 83 years. Brother McMeans accepted the Present Truth about twenty years ago and always remained true to the message. He was a man that would never compromise in the least with any thing that he believed was not right. In his earlier life he belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church, and was also an ardent worker with the Y. M. C. A. There was one family that received help in the gospel from him, returned to give him praise—a son preached the funeral discourse from Luke 24:32.

Doctor Chapman of New York, the great evangelist of world renown, has said: "Next to God, I owe all that I am to Mr. McMeans." Doctor Chapman was a member of Brother McMeans's Bible class in early life.

Brother McMeans was married twice. His first wife, and also some of their children, died some time ago. Three children survive. He was joined in marriage some four years ago to Sister C. E. Harter of Akron; she also survives him. Funeral services were held at the residence of his daughter in Richmond, in which the writer assisted. Surely a good man has gone to his rest.

W. A. YOUNG.

"Love covereth all sins."

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ENCOURAGING WORDS

THE elder of one of our churches sent the following encouraging letter to our office:

"I thought I would write a few lines in regard to the church and the work here, as I felt you would like to hear from all the churches and what they are doing.

"I received the letter from the Conference Committee in regard to the \$150,000, and read it to the church Sabbath, May 4, and all seemed willing and anxious to raise our quota of the money as soon as possible. We lack \$24.50, but we have enough promised to more than pay our portion. We will raise all above our portion that we can, for we want Indiana to sing the jubilee song as soon as possible and be ready for other duties.

We as a church here are all in harmony with the General Conference organization, and the Spirit of Prophecy, and fully in harmony with the Indiana Conference administration. The financial condition of our state conference, and the progress that it is making, give us more courage to go forward and strengthen our confidence. We as a church hope to cling to the Third Angel's Message and stay by the old landmarks and not be carried away by the apostasy that is working among us. Pray for the work here."



ANOTHER PARTIAL REPORT ON THE \$150,000 FUND

ON the closing day of the church school at Anderson, the children brought in their soliciting cards, and presented them, with their final offerings on the \$150,000 Fund. These amounted to \$11.83.

The pupils of Rocklane church school raised \$4.59. If there is any church school, or Sabbath-school that has not reported, I shall be glad to hear from them. I feel very grateful for the cheerful way in which the children have responded

Churches Assigned to Laborers

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

Showing amounts paid to Conference Treasurer to June 2, 1907

| | Mem. bers | Amt. to be Raised | Amt. Paid | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|
| J. M. REES. | | | | J. F. STEELE | | |
| Honey Creek | 21 | \$63. | 39 50 | Rocklane | 18 | \$54. 7 49 |
| Idaville | 23 | 69. | 42 00 | Pleasant View | 19 | 57. 29 03 |
| Royal Center | 11 | 33. | 24 00 | Boggsstown | 70 | 210. 162 40 |
| Grass Creek | 33 | 99. | 65 00 | Waldron | 28 | 84. 19 76 |
| Denver | 24 | 72. | 54 00 | Unionville | 17 | 51. |
| Peru | 16 | 48. | 40 | | 152 | \$456. 218 68 |
| Lafayette | 30 | 90. | 77 75 | C. J. BUHALTS. | | |
| New London | 19 | 57. | 34 15 | South Bend | 25 | \$75. 32 34 |
| Kokomo | 55 | 165. | 18 50 | Goshen | 12 | 36. 35 50 |
| Jefferson | 7 | 21. | 21 00 | Ligonier | 44 | 132. 133 15 |
| | 239 | \$717. | 376 40 | North Liberty | 34 | 102. 57 46 |
| U. S. ANDERSON | | | | Walkerton | 6 | 18. 18 00 |
| Marion | 61 | \$183. | 40 80 | Inwood | 17 | 51. 12 25 |
| Michael | 33 | 99. | 23 14 | Michigan City | 3 | 9. 9 00 |
| Jonesboro | 47 | 141. | 36 75 | Etna Green | 14 | 42. 23 00 |
| Hartford City | 43 | 129. | 98 25 | Medaryville | 23 | 69. 8 00 |
| West Liberty | ..... | ..... | 13 50 | Mt. Vernon | 25 | 75. 23 20 |
| Windfall | 14 | 42. | 6 00 | | 203 | \$609. 351 90 |
| Elwood | 12 | 36. | 10 50 | W. A. YOUNG. | | |
| New Hope | 23 | 69. | 27 00 | Indpls (23rd st.) | 125 | \$375. 191 15 |
| Barber's Mills | 25 | 75. | 17 85 | Lebanon | 11 | 33. 125 50 |
| | 258 | \$774. | 273 79 | Northfield | 17 | 51. 18 60 |
| A. L. MILLER. | | | | Richmond | 10 | 30. 111 00 |
| Anderson | 19 | \$57. | 60 31 | Connersville | 40 | 120. 27 65 |
| Muncie | 40 | 120. | 32 80 | Glenwood | 9 | 27. 23 00 |
| Olivet Chapel | 47 | 141. | 25 00 | | 212 | \$636. 496 90 |
| Middletown | 24 | 72. | 59 00 | F. M. ROBERTS. | | |
| Mechanicsburg | 29 | 87. | 42 27 | Dana | 32 | \$96. 66 80 |
| Kennard | ..... | 69. | 47 25 | Terre Haute | 32 | 96. 102 25 |
| Frankton | ..... | (?) | 8 00 | Farmersburg | 53 | 159. 47 37 |
| | 203 | \$609. | 274 63 | Patricksburg | 16 | 48. 48 00 |
| J. H. NIEHAUS. | | | | Salem | 53 | 159. 10 00 |
| Franklin | 13 | \$39 | 40 75 | Linton | 13 | 39. 353 00 |
| Martinsville | 26 | 78. | 11 25 | Eluora | 29 | 87. 22 12 |
| | 39 | \$117. | 52 00 | Princeton | 19 | 57. 13 58 |
| A. W. BARTLETT. | | | | Mt. Zion | 81 | 243. 47 09 |
| East Indpls | 56 | \$168. | 133 68 | | 328 | \$984. 710 21 |
| Greenfield | 17 | 51. | 31 10 | R. W. LEACH. | | |
| Noblesville | 35 | 105. | 25 85 | New Marion | 26 | \$78. 34 25 |
| | 108 | \$324. | 190 63 | Gum Corner | 12 | 36. 15 20 |
| B. HAGLE. | | | | Fredricksburg | ..... | ..... |
| Angola | 5 | \$15. | 16 00 | Seymour | ..... | 15 05 |
| Auburn | 6 | 18. | 1 50 | Oolitic | 19 | 57. 15 05 |
| South Milford | 3 | 9. | 15 50 | | 57 | \$171. 79 55 |
| Wolf Lake | 90 | 270. | 127 79 | O. S. HADLEY. | | |
| Fort Wayne | 4 | 12. | 4 00 | West Indpls. | 28 | \$84. 35 75 |
| Wabash | ..... | ..... | ..... | Logansport | 24 | 72. 30 25 |
| Huntington | 7 | 21. | 25 64 | | 52 | \$156. 66 00 |
| Rochester | 30 | 90. | 90 00 | Isolated | ..... | 463 46 |
| Akron | 13 | 39. | 39 00 | | 2,009 | \$6,027. \$3873 58 |
| Corunna | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |  |  |
| | 158 | \$474. | 319 43 | | | |

to the request for them to have a part in this work. They have manifested a missionary spirit that speaks

well for their future development as Christian workers.

MRS. R. W. McMAHAN.

SALE OF BEECHWOOD ACADEMY

SOME of our brethren have written and asked, "Is it true that the Conference Committee is going to move the Beechwood Academy to LaFayette?" We might answer this question in one word—"No;" but for fear the answer would not then be understood, we will give a more complete answer.

It is reported that some one has written or stated that the Conference Committee was going to move the Academy, and this is the reason why such questions are being asked. Now, the facts are that the present Conference Committee has never considered this question. About nine months ago the former Conference Committee talked the matter over a little, suggesting that if the Beechwood Academy building could be converted into an old people's home, and the School and Sanitarium be connected, it would be an ideal plan and in harmony with recent Testimonies.

Recently the matter has been considered by the Lake Union Conference Committee and some members of the Indiana Conference Committee, and a committee was appointed by the Lake Union Conference Committee to investigate the matter, which has been done; but as yet no report has been given or any proposition made.

Now, we wish to state plainly that the Conference Committee has never had the slightest intention of moving the Academy or taking such a responsibility. If such a move is ever made it will be after the matter has been carefully considered by the Indiana Conference. Every church in the state will have an opportunity to send to the state conference delegates to represent their church, and to consider the question from every standpoint and from the Testimonies, and then the Conference so assembled settle the question. But no delegates should come instructed how to vote, as that would not give the Spirit of God an opportunity to work upon their hearts, and to help them to weigh the evidence and instruction the Lord has given upon this question. Much more might be said, but this is sufficient for the present. Let it, however, be fully understood that the present Conference Committee will never

take the responsibility of moving the Beechwood Academy. So wait; do not worry, and murmur not.

ENCOURAGING

OUR Convention at Wolf Lake was the best I ever held. The program was carried out almost entirely as planned, and there was the most hearty co-operation on the part of young and old. We had seven meetings, and each one was filled with enthusiasm. Brother Ford was with us and rendered valuable help. I have asked the secretary to prepare a brief report for the REPORTER, and I am especially anxious that the recommendations adopted by the convention be published in full.

The article in the last issue of the REPORTER in reference to the proposed Bible School to be held at Indianapolis, was brought before the convention, and a recommendation that our young people embrace the opportunity to secure a training for the Lord's work, was adopted. There are some who feel anxious to become efficient workers for God, and I think you will hear from these. Already some have gone and others are preparing to enter the canvassing work. There are some Anderson people who will wish to take advantage of the Bible School if it is held. I think there surely should be a large number in the state who desire this course.

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BUSY TIMES AT BEECHWOOD ACADEMY

ASIDE from the regular school work, an earnest class of teachers are pursuing a line of Normal work in the school. Some of these are teachers of experience, while others are taking their first work in preparing to teach.

Immediately after the chapel hour, which is devoted to a study of the principles of Christian Education, the Normal Students pass to their class in blackboard drawing. If one may judge by the sketches seen in passing the class room door, some skill is being developed for practical lesson illustrating. The teachers are enjoying this class especially well. Following this is the class in special methods in advanced arithmetic. The work given in this class is not only a theory based upon the psy-

chology of number, but makes practical the presentation of arithmetical operations.

The class in General Method are in the midst of a study of the essential steps in presenting any lesson.

The class in special methods in primary reading express themselves as having received great help. Since reading is getting and expressing thought, the first work of the primary teacher is the development in her pupils of right thinking, and freedom in expressing thought. The Bible story is therefore made the basis of the reading work, and every teacher should develop skill in telling Bible stories. The first two weeks in this class, were spent in developing the principles underlying the art and science of effective story telling.

Since many of our teachers have found themselves wholly unprepared to teach reading according to the plan outlined in the True Education Series, this method is being critically studied. At present every teacher in the class is preparing a set of perception cards such as will be needed in teaching Book One. While this involves a great deal of work, the teachers are doing it gladly, feeling that they will be amply repaid when they are again in their school rooms.

In the sloyd class a set of models in paper sloyd, sufficient for one year's work in the church school, has already been completed, and the working drawings, with the dictations, have been carefully placed in the teachers' note books.

In the methods in primary arithmetic, special attention will be given to the correlation of paper sloyd and primary arithmetic. Practical demonstrations of the educational value of paper sloyd will be given.

In another column, notice is given that a canvassers' institute is in progress at this place. For this we have the efficient help of our conference canvassing agent, Brother Ford, and Elder Blosser of Berrien Springs.

A goodly number of the youth in our school, and a few from the outside are preparing to do active work in selling the printed page the coming summer.

While it may seem impossible to arrange the programs for three distinct lines of work, as yet there has been no friction.

But this is not all that makes busy times at Beechwood. In a short time there will be held a Young Peoples' Convention at this place; and those to whom papers have been assigned, necessarily give that matter attention.

Again, we are nearing the close of the year, and some have been assigned parts in the closing exercises of the school. This with the examinations about to be entered upon, fills up the odd moments so fully that all agree in saying, "These are busy days at Beechwood Academy."

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