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THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW

We come to our dear brethren and sisters with the New Year's greeting, and wishing you all the "fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ".

As we enter upon the duties of the new year, our hearts are filled with courage in the Lord, knowing that He lives and still directs His work in the earth, and that if we are submissive to him, he will order all our steps, and through us glorify his name.

The year that is past has been one of unprecedented prosperity to the cause of God in Indiana. Every line of work shows marked advancement. Prosperity, until the past two months, has been manifested in nearly every department of commercialism throughout the world. We have been blessed with good crops. As a result, liberal donations and offerings have been made and the showing is very encouraging indeed.

The past two months however have been somewhat trying upon the business men of the world, and our brethren, some of them at least, may have felt somewhat the pinch of the panic. But God has allowed this to come upon us, not to cause us to become more close and penurious, but to help us to see the uncertainty of all things connected with this old world, the uncertainty of trusting in riches and our ability to succeed without his blessing, and, the certainty of the sure word, that we are in the "perils of the last days".

Notwithstanding the present uncertainty of financial matters, and should this condition continue, if crops the coming year are good, there should be no decline in the work of the message, or a shrinkage in our tithes and offerings. But on the contrary, the evidences of the nearness of the end should stir us all to greater diligence and faithfulness so that there will still be growth and advancement in all our work.

In fact, the increased evidences of Christ's soon coming, should cause us to give larger donations than we have in the past.

Stop and think a moment, dear brethren and sisters, and then answer the question as to where you are going to have your money invested when the Master comes. Are you planning to have it all invested in some branch of the Lord's work? How much have you laid by for future use? One thousand dollars? Five thousand dollars? Or have you ten or twenty thousand? Suppose you have five thousand dollars laid up, and you give one hundred of it each year, and you only make enough to live upon aside from this, how long would it take to consume it? You answer fifty years. Then you expect the Lord to come in fifty years. But are there not many persons who have five thousand dollars worth of property who are not giving to the

cause in gifts the sum of one hundred dollars? How long would it take our brethren who are worth twenty thousand dollars to give it all into the cause if they gave five hundred each year? You say forty years. But how many of these brethren are giving five hundred each year or even one-half this amount?

It is alarming, my dear brethren, when we look the situation square in the face and see the unbelief manifested by our brethren when it comes to showing our faith by our works. May God help us to wake to the real situation.

Evidences are multiplying daily which show the certainty of the nearness of the end. The past year has been unequalled by any previous one, and the coming year is sure to outdo the one just passed. It will be the object and mission of the REPORTER to warn, entreat, rebuke, and jealously guard the interests of God's cause in Indiana.

We earnestly solicit the prayers of all our brethren and sisters that God may give wisdom and guide in the work. We also ask you to subscribe for the REPORTER and to endeavor to get every Seventh-day Adventist in Indiana to do the same. No one in the state can afford to be without the news of the progress of the work within our borders.

Let us unitedly pray that the Lord may make the coming year still more prosperous than the one just closed, and may we all do our best to help to answer our prayers, then in a little while, O how soon, the Master will say, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

W. J. STONE.



THE DEMANDS OF THE HOUR

You will observe in the "Christian Liberty" department of the Review, of December 26, 1907, an article announcing that three Sunday bills have already been introduced into

Congress. The text of these bills is given in the article. Two of these bills were introduced into the House of Representatives, and relate to the District of Columbia; the other was introduced into the Senate, and relates to the post-office department.

Three Sunday bills introduced into Congress at this early date should be a signal to every Seventh-day Adventist to arouse to the demands of the hour.

We are preparing petition blanks and appropriate literature for use by our people in making their protest against these bills. After examining the three Sunday bills referred to, we would urge that you commence at once to write your respective Senators and Representatives in Congress, protesting against the passage of these proposed measures. The letters should be short and courteous, but earnest. Ask the Lord to give you special help in writing.

We wish also to request you to write us a letter of introduction to any member of Congress with whom you are acquainted. This we believe, would be a material help to us when interviewing them upon these important issues.

K. C. RUSSELL.

THE CONFERENCE AGAIN

ONLY a few days and the Indiana Conference will convene to transact the business of the conference and lay plans for work during the coming year.

As each year brings us nearer the consummation of our work, and the rapid advancement of the message demands more perfect organization and centralization of effort, it is necessary to come together to study plans and then go forth unitedly to accomplish a mighty work.

I feel sure that the coming conference will be the climax of all the meetings held during the past year. We had an excellent state meeting last spring that brought great unity into our ranks. Our camp-meetings were a continuation of the spring meeting. Every succeeding meeting was considered the best. And with the help we are to have and the plans for daily studies of the Word and Testimonies, I am confident that when this coming conference is over, our laborers will go forth to labor as never before, and that the meeting will eclipse all previous

gatherings in Indiana. This must be so, for "The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

Every church in the conference should be represented at this meeting. We shall endeavor to care for all who are sent as delegates, and will do the best we can for all others.

The meeting will be held in the new sanitarium building. We think the parlor and rotunda will seat all the delegates. Arrangements will be made to furnish meals in the sanitarium dining room. We cannot furnish beds for all, but we will have a supply of single and double cots, but it will be necessary for all to bring their bedding and pillows. Mark this point well, that it will be impossible for the sanitarium to furnish delegates with bedding.

On arriving at La Fayette, go to Johnson's Drug-store and purchase a return ticket to the Trail. The car leaves the court house every hour and runs through the Sanitarium grounds.

It is not necessary to say more. Let all come bringing the angels of God with them and praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit for active service.

W. J. STONE.

LET US BE UP AND DOING

THE time has come when every one must be staunch and true to every ray of light which God has given and earnestly give this grand and glorious message to the world. One way that the Lord has provided for us to spread this message is to get out and sell our papers, especially our health journal.

Some may think that they can not make a living at this work, but that is a mistake for many of our people are averaging \$3.00 a day and some are making more than that. By only selling twenty *Life and Health* a day, a profit of \$1.40 is made (when you order more than 500 at one time), and anyone ought to sell that many, even though inexperienced. When one goes, taking gospel principles, he may be sure of divine assistance, for this is one line of God's work, and one of great importance, and one in which all who believe the special truths for this time should have a living interest.

The Spirit of Prophecy has said, "Some will receive more benefit from papers and tracts than from books,

and these things will act as entering wedges for larger works."

I have been in this work for six months and the Lord has blessed me wonderfully. I have grown more spiritually during this time than during the eighteen months that I had been in the truth before entering this work.

Those who intend to make this a self-supporting work should not sell five-cent papers exclusively, for the profit is not large. I have found it best to take both five-cent and ten-cent papers, and sometimes when people do not have the money to buy a ten-cent paper, I sell them a five-cent one.

From Sister White's article in the *Review* of November 12, 1901, I quote:

"The people are in sad need of the light shining from the pages of our health and temperance journals. God desires to use these journals as mediums through which flashes of light shall arrest the attention of the people and cause them to heed the warning of the message of the third angel. Our health journals are instrumentalities in the field to do a special work in disseminating the light which the inhabitants of the world must have in this day of God's preparation. They wield an untold influence in the interests of health and temperance and social purity reform, and will accomplish great good in presenting these subjects in a proper manner and in their true light to the people. In all our work caution should be used that no one branch be made a speciality, while other interests are left to suffer. There has not been that interest taken in the circulation of our health journals that there should be. The circulation of these journals must not be neglected or the people will suffer great loss. . . .

"The circulation of our health journals will be a powerful agency in preparing the people to accept those special truths that are to fit them for the soon coming Son of man."

The Lord is now calling for our young people to engage in the work of distributing this literature and I hope that a number in Indiana will take it up. When the Lord's voice calls, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" the divine Spirit puts it into hearts to respond, "Here am I, send me." Isaiah 6:8.

E. L. GRAHAM,

Terre Haute, Ind.

WANTED.—VOLUNTEERS

THE Week of Prayer is now past. Our hearts have been touched by the earnest appeals for a deeper and more thorough consecration of hearts and talents to the cause of God, and by the crying need of laborers and means in both home and foreign fields. Doubtless many have been moved like Saul of Tarsus to cry out, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Saul was sent to the Gentiles and became the greatest foreign missionary of the apostolic church, but he did not receive his commission to this work until he had proven himself a missionary at home.

A great work is yet to be done in Indiana in the circulation of our books, and God has certainly chosen individuals whom He is calling to do this definite work.

A few brethren have expressed to me the opinion that Indiana had been quite thoroughly worked for our books. I do not know to what extent this opinion prevails among our people throughout the Conference, but I want to say in all kindness to those who hold such a view, that it is founded upon very imperfect knowledge, to say the least. The principal reason for entertaining such an idea is that the territory immediately surrounding our churches has been canvassed more than any of the rest.

One of our brethren, a former field secretary, who is generally conceded to know more about the history of the canvassing work in Indiana than any one else, remarked to me a few weeks ago that "The whole state ought to be canvassed." I have met with some difficulties in seeking information, but have now obtained a fair knowledge of what has been done in most of the counties of the state, and I have estimated that there is at least one-half of the state which has never been canvassed for any book except "Bible Readings," and that not more recently than fifteen years ago. We have some counties that never have been canvassed even for that book.

Less than a month ago I enjoyed the experience of reporting the first orders from Dearborn county. Bro. Bell and I are having good success here with "Great Controversy." We have not found a single copy of any of our books in this territory so far.

There are two other neglected counties in southern Indiana which ought to be entered at once, and others almost as needy lie all about us. In fact, as may be inferred from the above statements, over half of the state is waiting to be worked, and has been waiting for sometime. Brethren, we must have more canvassers to finish the work "in this generation."

To those who may question the advisability of their entering this work on account of the "hard times," I will say that I also at first feared the effect of the panic on the book work, but our faithful canvassers in Indiana are proving by their reports that the financial crisis has not materially affected their success in taking orders. Our message must go to the world and it will take something more than a money panic to check its progress.

Furthermore, I would ask, where is our assurance that times will ever be better? The work *must be done*. *Someone* must do it. "The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man." "Who will go forth with our publications?"

A canvassers' institute will be held somewhere in the Conference next February, and we hope a goodly number will avail themselves of this opportunity to receive a training for the work. Doubtless some will want to begin work the first of the year or soon after, and will need personal assistance and instruction. These as well as those who desire to attend the institute are invited to correspond with the writer, addressing him at the Conference office. ARCHER WRIGHT.



ACCEPTS THE CALL

THE Columbia Union Conference has extended to Elder J. M. Rees an invitation to take the presidency of the West Virginia Conference. It

also requested the Indiana Conference, if this recommendation met the mind of Elder Rees, to release him from Indiana to labor in that field. They also made the request that Indiana furnish a laborer, paying his salary for one year, to assist in that field.

At a meeting of our Conference Committee four weeks ago last Sunday, it was voted, if in harmony with the mind of Elder Rees, to comply with these requests. Elder Rees has accepted the invitation and expected to attend a general meeting in West Virginia the latter part of December. There are many persons in Indiana who will regret to see Elder Rees leave the state, but he feels that the Lord has called him to go to West Virginia and be a father to that weak Conference, and labor to help bring it up to a greater degree of efficiency. We trust that the Lord will greatly bless him in his new field of labor. W. J. STONE.



READ THIS SLOWLY, AND THINK

Does my life please God?

Am I studying my Bible daily?

Am I enjoying my Christian life?

Is there any one I cannot forgive?

Have I ever won a soul to Christ?

Have I ever had a direct answer to prayer?

Is there anything I cannot give up for Christ?

Just where am I making my greatest mistake?

How does my life look to those who are not Christians?

How many things do I put before my religious duties?

Have I ever tried giving one-tenth of my income to the Lord?

Is the world being made better or worse by my living in it?

Am I doing anything I would condemn in others?

REPORT FROM COLPORTERS FOR DECEMBER 1907.

NAME	ADDRESS	Book.	Days	Hours.	Orders	Value.	Helps
Athen Metzker.....	Union Co.....	Gr. Con.....	10	79	5	\$ 12 50	\$ 2 75
H. C. Carmichael.....	Jackson Co.....	B. R.....	11	92	44	105 00	18 30
Burton Wade.....	Miami Co.....	C. K.....	5	27	3	3 00	21 30
Stephen Boze.....	White Co.....	H. of M.....	3	18	2	3 50	1 50
Jasper G. Bell.....	Dearborn Co.....	Gr. Con.....	10	49	20	50 00	2 50
Archer Wright.....	Dearborn Co.....	Gr. Con.....	13	62	13	33 50	8 30
John S. Grape.....	Dearborn Co.....	C. K.....	2	7	7	7 50	1 75
Martin Grim.....	B'tholomew Co.....	Gr. Con.....	2	9	1	2 50	60
Totals.....	8 Agents		56	343	95	\$217 50	\$ 57 00

NEWS AND NOTES

A HAPPY New Year to all.

BROTHER AND SISTER NIEHAUS, now of Greenfield, were in the city last week.

ABOUT forty men have been working on the Sanitarium, rushing it to completion.

THE annual meeting of the Indiana Conference will begin next Tuesday at La Fayette.

THE address of Elder J. M. Rees is now 1200 Seventh St., Parkersburg, West Virginia.

DURING the holiday vacation, Prof. H. M. Lee visited Chicago and the Wabash Valley Sanitarium.

OUR Assistant Treasurer, Brother A. N. Anderson, spent Christmas week with relatives in Iowa.

THE churches at Elora and Linton were much strengthened by meetings held by Elder H. R. Johnson.

SINCE December 23rd, Elder Stone has been confined at the Wabash Valley Sanitarium. He is gradually improving.

ALL church clerks and church treasurers should send both quarterly and annual reports to Elder Young at once.

THE elder of the Terre Haute church, Brother J. R. Minnick, recently was in our office and bought a supply of tracts for missionary work.

CREDENTIALS for delegates to the conference session which begins next week, should be forwarded immediately to W. A. Young, 823 College Ave., Indianapolis.

THE Anderson church building is now on wheels, and a few more days of fair weather will see it on the new foundation.

REMEMBER the first meeting of the Conference will be held Tuesday night, January 14, 1908, at the Sanitarium, La Fayette, Indiana.

THE Morning Watch Calendars may be obtained by sending six cents in stamps to Mrs. R. W. McMahan, 805 Meridian St., Anderson, Ind.

AN interesting letter from Brother John J. Brown reports good meetings at the Mt. Zion church, and a liberal offering during the Week of Prayer.

AS WILL be observed by the detailed report in another column, the tithe for December amounted to \$2,436.46, which is the largest tithe for December of any year in the history of Indiana.

ELDER H. R. JOHNSON held a few meetings with the Boggs town church last week, and was with the Middletown church over Sabbath. The present week he is to be with the Kokomo church and hold meetings until the Conference convenes.

IN selecting church officers for this year, do not overlook the Religious Liberty Secretary. This officer, together with the elder, should plan to make the fourth Sabbath services instructive and interesting in considering this department of our work.

MANY of our churches have already sent in substantial donations taken up at the close of the Week of Prayer. These annual offerings to missions may be sent in during the present month by such as found it impossible to contribute as much as they wished on the 21st of Dec.

SISTER LILLIE GROVE writes from Farmersburg that they conducted the examination in the Sabbath-school, as given in the December Worker. All the children did well, and took great interest. They feel now that they should have another church school next year, and are looking for a building.

THE Religious Liberty Study in this issue should be given careful consideration. We call special attention of our church officers to the fact that these studies should be conducted the fourth Sabbath of each month; they are too important to be omitted from the regular church services.

UP to January 1, Annual Offerings to the amount of \$788.08 had been received here. As the largest sum ever given in Indiana in Annual Offerings in previous years was \$827.00, we feel confident that this amount will be passed and that the total Annual Offerings this winter will exceed all former ones.

DURING the past two weeks a fifteen-year-old girl has been selling *Life and Health* in Indianapolis with excellent success. She is working large cities with her father, who sells *Liberty*, and intends to save

enough to pay her way through school next year. This is an excellent example that could be profitably followed by many of our intelligent young people.

ELDER STONE has been at the Wabash Valley Sanitarium for the past two weeks taking a much needed rest and treatments. He has also been able to give some counsel regarding the work being done, at last reports he was rapidly improving his health, which has been more or less impaired for several weeks. He hopes to be ready for vigorous work at the coming conference.

THE Indiana Medical Missionary & Benevolent Association has issued a beautiful lithograph certificate to take the place of all certificates previously sent out to those who have loaned money to the Wabash Valley Sanitarium. The new certificates are signed by both the president and secretary of the Medical Association and have the seal of the Association. The new certificate will be sent to all persons who have made notes to the sanitarium as soon as they pay their notes in full.

Good reports have been received from many of our churches regarding the Week of Prayer. Our two institutions, the Beechwood Academy and the Wabash Valley Sanitarium, I think have taken the lead in offerings, and thus the young have set a good example for the older brethren and sisters. The annual offering of the Beechwood Academy was sixty dollars, and the offering at the sanitarium was forty dollars. Both of these institutions are educating young people for workers in the cause of present truth.

ELDER REES has accepted the call to the presidency of the West Virginia Conference and began his duties there Dec. 27th. The Columbia Union asked that Indiana furnish a worker and support him for one year to assist Elder Rees in the work in that Conference. The Conference considered the matter favorably, and Elder Rees chose Elder Steele to labor with him in that Conference. Elder Steele has accepted the invitation, and will soon go to West Virginia to take up labor in that field. That is a needy field, and the Indiana Conference will be doing a noble work to render them some assistance.

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RELIGIOUS LIBERTY STUDY

For Sabbath, January 25

I. FORMATION OF THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST—No. IV.

In the lesson for to-day the review will be omitted. It will be necessary to print the lesson in full and have it read.

In our last lesson we studied to some extent the struggle and effort it took to separate church and state. We were reminded how every religious sect such as the Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Quakers, and others were persecuted in the colony of Virginia because they dissented from Episcopalianism, the established religion.

Persecution is always the result of the union of Church and State. Church and State were united here in America at the time of the Revolutionary War; but through the noble work of Jefferson, Madison, Patrick Henry, and others, the established religion was disestablished. Church and State were separated, and persecution ceased. The step taken by Virginia was soon followed by all of the other colonies; and when our government was organized, civil and religious liberty was guaranteed by the Constitution to all.

The Lord foreseeing that this government would not always maintain a separation of Church and State, but would repudiate the principles of the Constitution, said in Rev. 13:11, that the two-horned beast would speak "as a dragon." Before this government can speak "as a dragon," it must renounce its Lamb-like (Christ-like) principles and accept the principles of the dragon—Pagan and Papal Rome. The Lord further said, in verse 14, "that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live."

We are now in the time of the making of the image. The initial step was taken in 1863, the very

year of the organization of the General Conference. That year eleven Protestant denominations met in Xenia, Ohio, for the purpose of "bringing about needed reforms in our government." Then and there was organized the National Reform Association. The object of this association is stated in the first plank of its platform which reads:—

"To secure an amendment to the Constitution of the United States as will declare the nation's allegiance to Jesus Christ and its acceptance of the moral laws of the Christian religion, and so indicate that this is a Christian nation, and place all the Christian laws, institutions, and usages of our government upon an undeniable legal basis in the fundamental law of the land."

To the casual reader this may appear quite innocent, and seem to be the proper thing to do; but when this is done in fact or principle, then this nation will have repudiated its foundation principles, and will have accepted the dogmas of the beast, thereby forming a union of Church and State, thus making the "image to the beast." What was first wanted was that this nation should declare its "allegiance to Jesus Christ . . . and so indicate that this is a Christian nation." This, in principle, is just what the people wanted in the days of Christ. They sought to take him by force and make Him king; but He would not have it so. John 6:15. He at another time said, "My kingdom is not of this world." John 18:36. Christ refused to form any alliance of Christianity with the kingdoms of this world. Thus, the first step of the National Reform Association in wanting this nation to declare its "allegiance to Jesus Christ," is directly opposed to the teachings of Christ.

But by a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States written by Chief Justice Breuer, February 29, 1892, declaring this to be a "Christian nation:" the National Reformers gained a part of what they hoped to obtain in having the Constitution amended.

Since the decision declaring this to be a "Christian nation," the National Reformers have ceased to work for an amendment to the Constitution, and having turned all of their forces to bring about what is stated in the other part of the foregoing plank, that is, to have this nation accept "the moral laws of the Christian religion . . . and place all the Christian laws, institutions, and usages of our government upon an undeniable legal basis in the fundamental law of the land."

What are the moral laws of the Christian religion, which they want this nation to accept and to place upon the undeniable legal basis? The moral laws of the Christian religion is the ten commandments; and the fourth commandment says, "The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." Is this what they want placed upon an undeniable legal basis? Not by any means! They interpret this command to mean, the first day of the week is the Sabbath, and they want this nation to accept *their interpretation* of the moral law, and place it as interpreted by them upon an undeniable *legal* basis. They are working with all the power they can muster to have Congress pass a District of Columbia Sunday law, thereby having the government to commit itself to religious legislation. This would soon be followed by a National Sunday law, and then the moral law of the Christian religion (as interpreted by them) would be placed upon an undeniable legal basis in the fundamental law of the land. When this is done the image will be complete. Church and State will again be united. But when this is accomplished what will it mean to us? Let the Spirit of Prophecy answer.

"By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss

to clasp hands with Spiritualism, when under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and Republican government and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan, and that the end is near.

"As the approach of the Roman armies was a sign to the disciples of the impending destruction of Jerusalem, so may this apostasy be a sign to us that the limit of God's forbearance is reached, that the measure of our nation's iniquity is full, and that the angel of mercy is about to take her flight never to return." No. 32, p. 207.

"As the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was a signal for flight to the Judean Christians, so the assumption of power on the part of our nation in the decree enforcing the papal Sabbath will be a warning to us. It will then be time to leave the large cities, preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains. And now, instead of seeking expensive dwellings here, we should be preparing to move to a better country, even a heavenly. Instead of spending our means in self-gratification, we should be studying to economize. Every talent lent of God should be used to His glory, in giving the warning to the world." *Id.* p. 220, 221.

Already three Sunday bills have been introduced into the present Congress. The ministerial association of Washington, D. C., has united with the Catholics, hoping thereby to pass one or more of these bills. Are we ready for the issue?

A. L. MILLER, R. L. Sec'y.

1907-1908

ANOTHER year has passed into eternity, and a new year is ushered in. What has been our record of the past? What will the future be? These are serious questions, and much depends on our salvation as to how we answer them. Doubtless the past year has brought to you your share of trials, sorrows and heartaches. You doubtless have been sorely tempted by the wicked one, and may, perchance, have been discouraged with the prospects of

the future. But God still lives and is the same to-day, yesterday, and for ever. Let us consider the many things he has blessed us with, and strive so to live that we will even receive greater blessings, for our Father is a God of love, merciful and long-suffering, and is ready to grant unto us the best gift of Heaven.

This indeed has been the banner year for Indiana as well as for the whole harvest field. The Lord has opened the way for a great work to be done in Indiana by impressing upon the hearts of our brethren the great needs of the cause, and they have nobly responded with their prayers, tithes, and offerings, and in many other ways showed that their hearts are in the work, and that they have confidence not only in this message, but in the management of

the work in general. There has been a gain in the tithe over the year of 1906 of over \$3,000. Our annual offering is now \$800, a sum greater than in the past twelve years. This does not include the amount sent to missions.

Our canvassers have disposed of more books and periodicals than during the previous year. Then our Sanitarium work; it is simply marvelous to think what has been accomplished along this line. To-day we have an institution of which any Conference might be proud, and which we believe will be a great help in preparing our young people for the great work that is before us as a people. When the work seemed hard and we were sorely tried, we were often encouraged by a cheering letter or a kind word from our brethren. This mes-

STUDENTS' AID FUND

"In each Conference a fund should be raised to loan to worthy poor students who desire to give themselves to the missionary work; and in some cases they should even receive donations."

THERE is one new name to add to our list on the "Students Aid Fund." We are glad for these names because they demonstrate the general interest put in this worthy enterprise.

Just at present, we are bending our energy to meet the expense of erecting a fire escape on the building. This has been planned and voted by the Board for some time, and the numerous fires coming to our institutions have made it imperative to have one at once. The expense is between \$75 and \$100. I am sure every patron of Beechwood Academy is glad for this protection to the dear young people sent here to be educated. A few have contributed small sums, and we would be glad to hear from others. There ought to be forty or fifty who will give two dollars apiece, or seventy-five or eighty who will give one dollar apiece that this expense may be fully met. Perhaps this is rather a physical aid, than an intellectual aid, but it is necessary that we have it.

The Lord is richly blessing our work, and everyone is taking hold in good earnest since the vacation.

	Pledged	Paid
Mrs. M. Worster.....	\$ 72 00	\$
Mrs. Nora Johnston.....	18 00	.....
Mrs. Mary Grounds.....	18 00	18 00
Dr. S. L. Strickler.....	13 50	.....
Raymond Gardner.....	10 80	10 80
Individuals.....	12 39	12 39
C. J. Buhalts.....	10 00	.....
A. W. Bartlett.....	10 00	.....
M. M. Kenny.....	10 00	.....
W. J. Stone.....	10 00	.....
Mrs. R. W. McMahan..	10 00	2 00
Roy Roberts.....	9 00	4 00
Mrs. J. Carson.....	9 00	.....
Archer Wright.....	9 00	2 00
Mrs. Martha Redman..	5 00	.....
A. L. Miller.....	5 00	.....
C. L. Haskins.....	5 00	5 00
Martha Redenour.....	5 00	2 00
Ida Higbee.....	4 50	.....
Alice Buchanan.....	4 50	4 50
Dora King.....	4 14	4 14
M. M. Tucker.....	4 00	4 00
H. C. Carmichael.....	3 00	3 00
E. Nash.....	2 00	2 00
A. J. Korn.....	1 00	1 00
Bro. Rogers.....	65	65
J. Crary.....	25	25
Lizzie Meginnis.....	25	.....
Total.....	\$251 48	\$74 63

sage is going as never before, and from every land come the cheering reports of the ripened sheaves that are being gathered in from the harvest fields. In all parts of the world doors stand ajar for the missionary, and the Macedonian Cry, "Come over and help us," was never so loud and imperative as at the present time. Our people have gladly responded to the call for men and means during the past year, and there will be stars in many crowns awaiting some of God's dear self-sacrificing people.

These are trying times, and the tide of worldly pleasure and selfish gratification is infatuating those who are not wholly consecrated to God, and they are loosed from their moorings and are drifting, drifting out into the ocean of popularity and pleasure-seeking, forgetful of Heaven and eternal things. To many the Sabbath has lost its wonted sacredness; others are robbing God in tithes and offerings. To some the coming of the Lord seems afar off. Brethren let us arouse from this lethargy and get into the channel that leads to the portals of Glory. This work is nearing the end. Soon our dear Lord will come to gather His faithful ones home, and what a sad thing it will be if we are not among that number.

We have loved ones that we wish to see saved in God's Kingdom. When we think of these things and of the millions that know nothing of this truth and the great sacrifice made for us, we should work and give as never before so that this year may even be better than the past, and to Him let us give all the glory in Jesus' name.

T. A. GOODWIN.

SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

On November 30, Elder H. R. Johnson began a two weeks' series of meetings with the Middletown church. The church was greatly stirred with the straight gospel truths so clearly presented from the Scriptures. Neither the sinfulness of sin nor the consequences of continuing therein had ever been stated so forcefully in our church. The Spirit of God was present to reprove, rebuke, and cheer, and fill our hearts with the love which casteth out all fear.

The outside interest was very

good; the people were impressed with the simplicity of the truth presented from night to night. Since the meetings are over, we desire to to be faithful and true, remembering the promise, Blessed are they that do.

The Week of Prayer followed these meetings, and surely the Lord blessed from the very first. All had praises to offer for the blessings received. Such an interest has not been manifested in this church for many years. Everyone wants to work, everyone wants to give. The giving was done on the last day of the feast. At this writing we have more than \$100.00 in Annual Offerings and are expecting more. Even the children came with outstretched hands, asking for an envelope that they might share in the blessing. We are of good courage in the Lord.

MRS. DORA GREENLEE.



NOTICE!

To those who have ordered the "Morning Watch" Prayer Calendar. The calendars have been delayed, but will be sent to all who order, as soon as we receive them. Please continue to send in your orders, as we shall probably have them before this notice reaches you.

MRS. R. W. McMAHAN.

OBITUARIES

PORTER.—Harriet Leone, daughter of James W. and Ella Porter, was born June 26, 1906; died August 3, 1907, being one year, one month, and seven days old. A beautiful little bud, just beginning to unfold, withered so soon. Comforting words were spoken by the writer from Jeremiah 31:15-17.

J. M. REES.

When dear little Harriet came into the home,
A sweet bud of promise so fair,
Happy were the days as they passed one by one.

With never a thought of sorrow to mar.

Each day some new beauty unfolded to view,
And strong cords of love around her entwined,
Until dread disease laid this little one low,
With only sweet memories that linger behind.

Then peacefully slumber until that glad day,

When the voice of the Savior shall bid thee arise,

And join with loved ones then on the way,
And together with Jesus ascend to the skies.

TITHE REPORT FOR DECEMBER

Akron	17 75
Angola	
Anderson	61 71
Barbers Mill	5 38
Boggs town	175 98
Brookston	3 06
Connersville	
Denver	9 00
Dana	69 13
Evansville	18 70
Elmora	10 00
Elwood	2 60
Etna Green	14 25
Farmersburg	114 49
Fort Wayne	8 20
Franklin	61 25
Frankton	24 97
Grass Creek	28 13
Goshen	16 05
Glenwood	
Greenfield	18 30
Gum Corner	6 44
Hartford City	35 09
Honey Creek	2 00
Huntingburg	
Huntington	
Idaville	5 30
Indianapolis (23rd street)	139 33
" (East Side)	84 33
" (West Side)	35 34
Individuals	98 08
Inwood	13 43
Jefferson	41 50
Jonesboro	45 87
Kennard	25 26
Kokomo	63 71
La Fayette	22 11
Lebanon	16 00
Ligonier	12 10
Linton	56 30
Logansport	69 93
Michaels	27 82
Medaryville	
Marion	13 77
Michigan City	31 96
Middletown	322 06
Mt. Vernon	18 17
Mt. Zion	59 05
Muncie	12 84
Martinsville	18 68
New London	8 93
Noblesville	6 50
Northfield	
New Marion	
North Liberty	19 70
New Hope	21 82
Olive Branch	
Olivet Chapel	
Oolitic	7 24
Patrickburg	19 81
Peru	2 55
Petersburg	
Pleasant View	20 12
Princeton	18 31
Royal Center	
Richmond	7 30
Rochester	40 76
Rocklane	
Seymour	23 77
Salem	21 75
South Bend	24 74
South Milford	6 00
Terre Haute	34 74
Unionville	18 39
Wabash Valley Sanitarium	31 25
Waldron	
Walkerton	13 57
West Liberty	8 82
Windfall	
Wolf Lake	146 73
Total receipts	\$2436 46

ITEMS OF INTEREST

BROTHER H. R. JOHNSON reports good meeting at Elnora and Linton. It is believed that a protracted course of meeting in each place would bring souls into the faith. Some at Linton have recently taken their stand for the truth.

SISTER MINA ANDREWS, of Terre Haute, is selling *Life and Health* regularly and averages fifty copies a day. She sold 22 in the Court House. She writes, further, "The Lord has blessed in the work here; it is only through Jesus that I have disposed of so many papers. I enjoy my work now, but while in the factory, it was a drag; but His work is easy and His burden is light."

BROTHER E. E. BYERELY, now at Amarillo, Texas, writes that he is very pleasantly located with his family, and that they are well pleased with their new surroundings. Brother S. J. Clelland, of Wolf Lake, is also moving into the same locality. While we regret to lose these good brethren from our conference, we trust that they will accomplish much for the Master in the neighborhood to which they gone.

How to prevent attacks of cold weather diseases is fully explained in the January number of *Life and Health*. Every family in the state ought to have a copy of this valuable journal, which is ten cents a copy, or, in quantities, 4 cents each. Try selling 25 copies in your home town or neighborhood. Everybody is interested in how to prevent colds and other winter diseases and this journal will sell readily, being beautifully illustrated and full of interesting matter.

WANTED, FOR SALE, ETC.

WANTED.—A trusty boy of 12-15 years to do chores. Will furnish a good home for the right boy. He will have the privilege of going to school this winter. Must have no bad habits. Address, J. J. FELLOW, Greentown, Ind. R. F. D. No. 3.

THE \$25,000 DOLLAR FUND

For the Wabash Valley Seventh-Day Adventist Sanitarium

C. D. W.	\$1,000 00	A Friend	15 00
A Friend	1,000 00	E. M. S.	15 00
E. Hayes	1,000 00	C. L. Haskins	13 00
A. W. Bartlett and wife	500 00	W. E. Vaughan	13 00
Mrs. Maggie Worster	500 00	L. V. Hopkins	12 00
Dr. W. W. Worster and wife	500 00	F. N. Bartholomew	10 00
W. J. Stone and wife	500 00	Beatrice Barton	10 00
L. J. S.	500 00	Mrs. Mary Zuhalt	10 00
T. A. Goodwin	500 00	Mrs. P. J. Craig	10 00
S. J. Clelland and wife	500 00	John M. Davidson	10 00
J. W. Moore and wife	300 00	J. S. Edwards	10 00
C. W. Hayden and wife	200 00	Martin Grim	10 00
M. M. Kenney	200 00	Celia J. Hart	10 00
D. W. Albert and wife	100 00	Mrs. D. C. Horlacher	10 00
Mrs. E. E. Blain	100 00	Thomas Hubbard	10 00
C. J. Buhalt	100 00	Sarah J. Hunter	10 00
J. R. Minnick	100 00	Robert W. Leach	10 00
E. Nash	100 00	A. A. and Martha Marshall	10 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Nuding	100 00	Todd Maxwell	10 00
M. G. Pepple	100 00	Margaret M. Miller	10 00
G. A. Roberts	100 00	Cleotis Nash	10 00
R. R. Roberts and wife	100 00	J. M. Rees	10 00
John F. Steele	100 00	N. C. Rogers	10 00
C. L. Stone and wife	100 00	Nellie Rothbaust	10 00
Samuel J. Townsend	100 00	Mrs. J. F. Woods	10 00
James D. Woodburn	100 00	Mrs. B. E. Wright	10 00
Joel Yeager	100 00	Mary C. Kent	10 00
Mrs. R. W. McMahan	50 00	Charles H. Zirkle	6 00
J. H. Niehaus and wife	50 00	Ella M. Zirkle	6 00
Fannie M. Benson	50 00	Gabriella Havens	5 00
George W. Boston	50 00	Carrie Applegate	5 00
P. J. Craig	50 00	Raymond Brooks	5 00
L. F. Elliott	50 00	S. W. Burkhart	5 00
Margaret Fattic	50 00	J. A. Davis	5 00
N. D. Fisher and wife	50 00	Mrs. Rosa Davis	5 00
Blanche Goodwin	50 00	Mrs. Jennie Dilworth	5 00
R. W. Hostetler and wife	50 00	Mrs. Dora Greenlee	5 00
John S. Leach	50 00	Mrs. Alta B. Harvey	5 00
A. L. Miller and wife	50 00	Mrs. Sarah C. Hawk	5 00
W. T. Pitcher	50 00	Mrs. Susan Johnson	5 00
F. M. Roberts	50 00	Mrs. E. E. Lee	5 00
Frank G. Scarborough	50 00	Lydia A. Legg	5 00
Wm. M. True	50 00	Chris Mellinger	5 00
W. A. Young	50 00	S. A. Pepple	5 00
B. Hagle	50 00	Mrs. Zora Rabey	5 00
Mrs. A. M. Hand	50 00	Olive Sarber	5 00
Martha L. Outland	50 00	J. Theresa Thompson	5 00
Glesner Johnson	50 00	Clara B. Turner	5 00
Charles Grim	50 00	Adelia Wiser	5 00
B. R. Wirt	50 00	Carrie Wiser	5 00
U. S. Anderson	30 00	N. A. Wiser	5 00
Stephen Boze	30 00	Chas. Blackburn	5 00
Archer Wright	25 00	Mrs. Richard Ford	5 00
A. N. Anderson	25 00	Mrs. J. M. Johnson	5 00
T. P. Barrons	25 00	E. M. Jackson	3 50
Mrs. Julia A. Brown	25 00	Bertha Bartholomew	3 00
Mrs. G. W. Cooper	25 00	Mrs. F. N. Bartholomew	3 00
D. C. Horlacher	25 00	Everett E. Johnson	3 00
Rhoda Hamilton	25 00	Milton Jones	2 00
Mrs. Amanda Hunt	25 00	Wm. G. Kelley	1 00
M. M. Kenny	25 00	H. C. Carmichael	1 00
G. F. Knapp	25 00	Eva Darby	1 00
John W. McBride	25 00	Mary J. Darby	1 00
J. W. Montgomery	25 00	E. Hayes	1 00
Mrs. Eliza C. Nordyke	25 00	Olive A. Houser	1 00
Katherine Nuding	25 00	Cynthia M. Larkin	1 00
John Possman and wife	25 00	I. Mildred Pinkerton	1 00
R. C. Spohr	25 00	Mrs. N. Kate Pinkerton	1 00
A Friend	25 00	Chester Restorick	1 00
Henry J. Hershberger	20 00	Mary E. Switzer	1 00
G. W. Mann	20 00	Mrs. Lucinda Young	1 00
Mrs. M. L. Moore	20 00	Cash	19 00
Mrs. Ethel Deem	20 00	Total	\$10,750 50
Victor Thompson	20 00		