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THE TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR FUND

TO those who are especially interested in the Sanitarium work, (and that should include every Seventh-day Adventist in Indiana) the progress being made in raising the \$25,000 fund, must be very encouraging.

For some time after my sickness last winter, no great effort was put forth to secure funds, and consequently the growth of this fund was slow; but a new impetus was given this work at our camp-meetings, and as a result during the past two months this fund has increased over \$2,000, and we hope to see it increase a thousand each month for the next

few months. This can be done if we all take hold of the "one day a month plan" for a year, and others who are able to assist in larger amounts on the certificate plan.

There are a number in Indiana who are abundantly able to loan on the certificate plan from \$25 to \$500 and thus render much needed assistance that would be a great blessing to themselves as well as to the cause of God.

There may be those who have property they would give who do not have money, or they may have property they are desirous of selling and will help when they can sell the property. In Wisconsin there were a number who gave property of all descriptions. Some gave forty to sixty acres of land and some even more. One man gave a number of stands of bees. Others gave live stock, and still others gave other things until thousands of dollars were given to aid their Sanitarium work. Are there not those in Indiana who would be willing to do likewise?

The Conference committee has been in session the fore part of this week laying plans for the work, and for some minister to visit every church in the Conference during the next few weeks in the interest of this and other lines of work. May all heartily respond and make every department of the Lord's work a grand success. W. J. STONE.



NOT A NEW PLAN

To go to the world at large for assistance in carrying on the Lord's work in the earth, as it is proposed to do during Thanksgiving week in circulating the special *Review*, is not without Bible precedent. In past ages, the Lord's people have several times received very material assistance from the leading nations of the earth.

In our own time we have not gone

to those outside of the truth for as much help as we should have received from them. To show the importance of going to those not of our faith and asking them for help for carrying forward the great truth that we are bearing, read the following extracts from articles by Mrs. E. G. White on the book of Nehemiah:

"As Nehemiah's request to the king had been so favorably received, he was encouraged to ask for such assistance as was needed for the carrying out of his plans. He obtained royal letters to the governors of the provinces beyond the Euphrates, the territory through which he must pass on his way to Judea; and he obtained, also, a letter to the keeper of the king's forest in the mountains of Lebanon directing him to furnish such timber as would be needed for the wall of Jerusalem and the buildings that Nehemiah proposed to erect. . . .

"The example of this holy man should be an example to all the people of God, that they are not only to pray in faith, but to work with diligence and fidelity. How many difficulties we encounter, how often we hinder the working of Providence in our behalf, because prudence, forethought, and painstaking are regarded as having little to do with religion! This is a grave mistake. It is our duty to cultivate and to exercise every power that will render us more efficient workers for God. Careful consideration and well matured plans are as essential to the success of sacred enterprises to-day as in the time of Nehemiah. If all who are engaged in the Lord's work would realize how much depends upon their fidelity and wise forethought, far greater prosperity would attend their efforts. Through diffidence and backwardness we often fail of securing that which is attainable as a right, from the powers that be. God will work for us when we are ready to do what

we can and should do on our part.

"Men of prayer should be men of action. Those who are ready and willing, will find ways and means of working. Nehemiah did not depend upon uncertainties. The means which he lacked he solicited from those who were able to bestow.

"The Lord still moves upon the hearts of kings and rulers in behalf of His people. Those who are laboring for Him are to avail themselves of the help that he prompts men to give for the advancement of His cause. The agents through whom these gifts come may open ways by which the light of truth shall be given to many benighted lands. These men may have no sympathy with God's work, no faith in Christ, no acquaintance with His Word; but their gifts are not on this account to be refused.

"The Lord has placed His goods in the hands of unbelievers as well as believers; all may return to Him His own for the doing of the work that must be done for a fallen world. As long as we are in this world, as long as the Spirit of God strives with the children of men, so long are we to receive favors as well as to impart them. We are to give to the world the light of truth, as revealed in the Scriptures; and we are to receive from the world that which God moves upon them to give in behalf of His cause.

"The Lord's work might receive far greater favors than it is now receiving if we would approach men in wisdom, acquainting them with the work, and giving them an opportunity of doing that which it is our privilege to induce them to do for its advancement. If we, as God's servants, would take a wise and prudent course, His good hand would prosper us in our efforts.

"Some may question the propriety of receiving gifts from unbelievers. Let such ask themselves: 'Who is the real owner of our world? To whom belongs its houses and lands, and its treasures of gold and silver?' God has an abundance in our world, and He has placed His goods in the hands of all, both the obedient and the disobedient. He is ready to move upon the hearts of worldly men, even idolaters, to give of their abundance for the support of His work; and He will do this as soon as His people learn to approach these

men wisely and call their attention to that which it is their privilege to do. If the needs of the Lord's work were set forth in a proper light before these who have means and influence, these men might do much to advance the cause of present truth. God's people have lost many privileges of which they could have taken advantage, had they not chosen to stand independent of the world.

"Although now almost wholly in the possession of wicked men, all the world with its riches and treasures, belongs to God. 'The earth is Mine, and the fulness thereof.' 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, saith the Lord of hosts.' . . . O that Christians might realize more and more fully that it is their privilege and their duty, while cherishing right principles, to take advantage of every heaven-sent opportunity for advancing God's kingdom in this world!"

Let us all, then, accept this beautiful, God-sent opportunity to assist the cause of missions by laboring diligently to secure donations with the assistance of the special Thanksgiving number of the *Review*. We can not do too much for God's suffering children; we can very easily do too little.

R. C. S.



THEN AND NOW

PREVIOUS to 1879 no large denominational subscription books had been sold. In fact, we had none. Up to that time no one had comprehended the great possibilities of advancing the message through the sale of our books to those not of our faith, but all can now see how the general public has patronized us along this line. Is it reasonable to expect even greater and more direct financial aid from the world in the future?

The prophet Isaiah (60:5) assures us that the time will come when "the wealth (forces) of the Gentiles shall come unto thee (the church)." This wealth of the Gentiles is the Lord's, and at the command of His church when He can trust it with His possessions, but His people must sense their need of it, and for the blessings associated with its accumulation. It will not come to them without an effort on their part.

The Thanksgiving Ingathering

plan is a manifestation of our faith in the fulfillment of the time when the Gentiles are to help carry this message to all the world. It really seems strange that some such plan has not been adopted before. It is the same idea as calling upon the world in the sale of books. They have patronized us liberally in book sales, so it will be in soliciting for donations—success will come to those of faith and consecration. No one can afford to miss the blessings that will come as the result of promptly moving out in faith as the opening providences of the Lord are revealed.



CHURCH CHARITY FUND AGAIN

(Under the heading "Church Charity Fund" appeared an article in the last issue of the *REPORTER*, but through a mistake, a paragraph was left out connecting the article proper, with a quotation from one of the workers. It so confused the article in the mind of the writer that we republish it again with the connection. We hope it will be read again by all.)

In the last issue of the *REPORTER* we published again the \$5,000 Fund, but under a new heading. As this money is to be used as charity work, and our churches are to perform the part of the Good Samaritan, we are heading this report, "Church Charity Fund," and we hope to see it reach at least ten thousand dollars.

At our camp-meeting the plan was suggested that each church member give one day's work each month for one year to this fund, and after thoroughly discussing the question, it was unanimously adopted by nearly every person voting in favor of the plan. In a recent testimony from Sister White she urges all of our brethren and sisters to take hold and render the Sanitarium financial assistance and this will not only help the institution but give each church a fund with which to do charity work in the way of sending persons who are in need of Sanitarium treatments, to the Sanitarium and receive full credit for every dollar thus raised.

The plan in the past has been to raise \$3 per capita for each member in the State, but that is not an equality in giving, but the plan proposed now makes it equal for all. If one only makes ten or twenty-five cents a day that is all he pays, while

one who makes five dollars, gives that.

Is there a person in the Indiana Conference who can not afford to give one day's work in each month for a year to help some poor, sick person, and at the same time give present aid to the Sanitarium work of which the Lord says, "There is no more important work." When our hearts become imbued with the same love that the Master had, so that we have compassion upon the afflicted around us, one day a month will seem a comparatively small thing, beside that which our Lord did; for we are told that the greater portion of His time was given to ministering to the sick. Then He must have worked not one day each month but fifteen or twenty each month. While this is not directly ministering to the sick, if we devote a day's work each month for the benefit of the sick, and some one else applies the remedies, it is all the same and we will receive our reward.

There are great possibilities in this plan. Those who have not a means of labor to earn money can go out and sell ten to twenty-five copies of *Life and Health* or the *Signs Magazine* or the *Watchman*, and in this way earn some money to help the sick, and at the same time not only aid the Sanitarium, but carry the precious truths to the people, so that three objects are gained, and this work is the most fruitful of all. I hope that every Seventh-day Adventist in Indiana will join this army and thus unitedly engage in this noble work.

All the Conference workers are cheerfully taking hold of this work, and write very encouraging letters regarding it. I give below an extract from one of our workers which expresses the sentiment of all.

"I am glad to do all I can to help the Sanitarium, as I am sure that it is the right institution in the right place at the right time. And I am glad that the Lord has by His spirit manifested His pleasure in behalf of it by sending us a special testimony which was read in the hearing of the people of Indiana at the camp-meeting. I only pray that our people will rally to this institution and make it all that the Lord would have it to be, and I feel sure that they will. I believe that the time will come when our people will ap-

preciate the value of having this Sanitarium in Indiana, and will also realize in a greater extent what it has cost those who stand at the head and have borne the burden against circumstances under which many would be crushed if placed in the same position. I am sure if our workers all have the same spirit that the people had in the days of Nehemiah, and place themselves in an attitude that "the hand of the Lord be upon them"—having a mind to work—this institution will prove itself to be a great blessing to the cause of God. And they who hold up the hands of the institution in this time of embarrassment financially, both by voice and means, will be greatly blest at the outcome."

I trust that all will take hold of this work in earnest and receive the blessing that God has in store for them.

W. J. STONE.



WRITE TO THE CHILDREN

"HAVE you a letter for me?" "Did I get a letter from home?" "My! I have not had a word from home since I have been here." "How long have you been here?" "Two weeks." These are some of the things the preceptor and preceptress hears the first weeks of school. It is hard for these young people to leave home and friends and be dropped down amid strangers and new surroundings and then not to hear a word from the home folks for one or two weeks. This is not because the folks at home have forgotten them. Perhaps they are so busy with the added cares because of the absence of the trusty boys and girls that they have not realized how lonely it was for their children these first days. We have often wondered why the parents did not within a day or so after the departure of their children sit down and write them a good encouraging letter. Satan is busy enough to bring in discontent or homesick feelings. He would be glad to get them all away from the school and from the privileges that surround them. But you fathers and mothers know the Lord is very anxious for them to be in His schools getting a preparation for service, and we know too that you are sacrificing, and the very fact that you have not written is perhaps due to the heavy burdens that you are carrying. But please pause a moment and write a line to Pauline

or Mary or John. Tell them how glad you are that God has opened the way for them to have these privileges. Tell them that although you miss them and are often lonely, yet you are glad and thankful they are there. Tell them to be brave and courageous and think of what a good time we will have when the work is over and we are all at home together. Do not listen to words of homesickness, but inspire your children with the spirit of perseverance and good courage, for this is what we must all have to fight the battles of the Lord; and so, dear friends, you will write to your children. Write to them often. It will do them good, and they will be enabled to enter more earnestly into their school work which is the secret of their success.

MRS. C. C. LEWIS.



"THE WHOLE TITHE"

YEARS ago we were told by the spirit of prophecy that if all would faithfully pay a full tithe into the Lord's treasury, there would be no lack of means with which to carry on the work. The writer is fully persuaded that if "the whole tithe" were brought into the "storehouse," there would be no need of funds from other sources to support the work in all parts of the world. He is also convinced from the following incident that only a few, comparatively speaking, pay a full tithe:—

Jan. 1, 1905, a worker in this cause, who has a family of four to support, began to keep an accurate account of all tithes and offerings paid by him. This man had no support other than that paid him by the Conference. His wife kept a cow, some chickens, and a small garden on a city lot. The amount of tithe and donations paid by this worker up to Aug. 1, 1908, is \$439.50,—an average of 10.22 a month for the whole time. The tithe alone amounts to \$317.35, which equals \$88.56 a year, or \$7.38 a month.

Nor is this in any way an extraordinary showing. This man, before he entered the ministry, was a mechanic, earning much more than he has since. He simply did what every Seventh-day Adventist ought to do—honestly paid a tithe of his income. Not counting the two small children, the average annual

tithe for each church member in this family in \$44.28, which if equaled—as it should be—by all the people of this denomination, would every year amount to over three millions of dollars,—enough to support three times as many foreign missionaries as we now have, at the same time caring better for our home work.

Suppose we each try the plan of keeping an accurate account of our income, and find how much tithe we should pay during the next year. Such a plan would result in doubling, or even trebling, the average annual tithe as now paid, and would clear us of the charge of robbing God by not bringing in the *whole tithe*.



OUR PRESENT OPPORTUNITY

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Indiana:

I believe that we all to-day recognize the fact that we are facing a crisis in our work in the United States. Look where we will, this is apparent. Business, agriculture, labor, society, the church,—all feel the stress of the present situation.

The financial crisis of last fall has shaken the business world to its very foundation. There is quite a general crop shortage. Floods, drouths, hail-storms, and forest fires have increased the perplexity in many places. The relations of capital and labor are being discussed daily in the present political campaign, and the prohibition agitation is increasing in intensity, while the Sunday movement has progressed farther and more rapidly during the past year than ever before.

All these conditions warn us that our time to finish the work is short. The consecrated energy of every man, woman, youth, and child in the denomination is needed in the closing of this Advent movement.

Over and over, it has been demonstrated that the most effective way of rapidly carrying this message to the world is through the circulation of our literature, and this is a work in which all can take part.

No doubt, to a few, some of the conditions named above may appear as drawbacks to the canvasser's work; but those who are in the field selling the books are finding that these very conditions are helping them to secure orders. Many are anxiously enquiring, "What do these things mean?" When we

show them a book that answers the question from a Bible standpoint, they want it at once, and some are willing to sacrifice in order to obtain it. Shall we not sacrifice our own convenience enough to carry the truth to some of these hungry, troubled souls?

Recently, I overheard a barber talking to a man in his chair in regard to current events. The barber said, "There is something about the present situation that I can't understand. I have been talking with old men and they cannot explain it. I don't know what it is, but I am sure some great change is coming, something is going to happen."

These words might as well have been spoken by almost anybody; for they voice the conviction that has been growing and strengthening in many hearts. Surely our Saviour's prophecy is now being fulfilled, in which he tells of "men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth."

Brethren and sisters, this is our opportunity, and we must embrace it now; for soon it will be gone forever. Soon a famine is coming, a famine for the Word of God. Shall we not carry the precious Bread of Life to the multitude while yet it may be found of them?

If the "hard times" of the past year have had any effect on our book sales, it has been favorable. Our sales this year promise to exceed those of last year, although part of the time there have been fewer canvassers in the field.

We have still several counties in the State where very little, if anything, has been done with our literature. Among these, I would especially name Jasper, Newton, and Whitley counties in the northern part of the State, and Lawrence, Martin, Du Bois, and Warrick counties in southern Indiana. There are many others that have not been canvassed in recent years, and some that have only been partially worked.

Are there not many members in the Indiana conference who can enter the literature work this fall while the people are seeking light on the present situation, and thus help to hasten the coming of the King of kings?

We hope to organize a few more canvassing companies, and would like to hear at once from those who desire to engage in this work.

ARCHER WRIGHT, *Field Agent*.



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Akron	1 50
Anderson	\$ 3 98
Barbers Mill	12 73
Boggs town	133 01
Brookston	1 50
Connersville	36 87
Dana	162 21
Denver	5 00
Elnora	5 56
Elwood	19 29
Etna Green	61 07
Evansville	11 00
Farmersburg	13 80
Fort Wayne	4 31
Franklin	47 95
Frankton	4 54
Glenwood	37 53
Goshen	4 43
Grass Creek	128 35
Greenfield	129 85
Gum Corner	18 00
Hartford City	52 73
Honey Creek	12 40
Huntington	15 36
Idaville	39 70
Indianapolis (East Side)	4 51
" (23rd street)	32 80
" (West Side)	49 42
Individuals	10 68
Inwood	14 88
Jefferson	30 64
Jonesboro	19 48
Kennard	7 14
Kokomo	10 00
La Fayette	20 29
La Grange	46 50
Lebanon	37 53
Ligonier	21 62
Linton	6 41
Logansport	7 35
Marion	5 50
Martinsville	2 80
Michaels	30 27
Michigan City	22 12
Middletown	25 03
Mt. Vernon	14 46
Mt. Zion	36 70
Muncie	5 26
New Hope	9 34
New London	24 12
New Marion	9 00
Noblesville	1 55
Northfield	31 80
North Liberty	112 79
North Vernon	11 50
Olive Branch	3 73
Oolitic	164 90
Patrickburg	
Peru	
Petersburg	
Pleasant View	
Princeton	
Richmond	
Rochester	
Rocklane	
Salem	
Seymour	
South Bend	
Sunman	
Terre Haute	
Unionville	
Wabash Valley Sanitarium	
Waldron	
Walkerton	
West Liberty	
Wolf Lake	
Total receipts	\$1790 87

ITEMS OF INTEREST

A SERIES of Sunday night services was recently conducted in the Terre Haute church by Brother Wright.

ORDERS from thirty-two churches and individuals for a total of 9,750 *Reviews* have thus far been received.

SINCE the North Vernon camp-meeting, Elder V. Thompson has visited Sunman, Aurora, and Tell City.

THE scholarship book company working in Vigo county is enjoying the blessing of the Lord in its work and meeting with good success.

FROM the reports in this and past issues of the *REPORTER*, we can see that God is greatly blessing the work in Indiana. Let all take courage.

THE October *Signs Monthly*, with the leading theme, Concentrating and Concentrated Wealth, is having a ready sale. It merits a very wide circulation.

OUR office has a good supply of the new missionary maps which are furnished at \$2.25, post-paid. Every church and church school should have one of them. Order now.

Liberty No. 3 is excellent ammunition to use in connection with religious liberty petition work. It may be secured from this office at four cents per copy, in quantities of ten or more.

THE tent effort begun in Aurora is being followed by private Bible studies and hall meetings conducted by Brother Frank S. Busz. The outlook is bright for the addition of new Sabbath-keepers to the company there.

TEN churches have ordered 500 or more copies of the Thanksgiving *Review*; namely, Boggs town, Linton, Muncie, Terre Haute, Princeton, Marion, West Side Indianapolis, Peru, Seymour, and Huntington (by Sister Thompson.)

THE largest order for Thanksgiving *Reviews* has come from the Peru church. Its members are planning to do very thorough, systematic work in their city, such as ought to be done in every city where we have a church or company of believers.

ALL will note with interest the growth that is being made in the \$25,000 Fund. Let the good work go on.

WHEN sending in money to the office make it payable to Indiana Association S. D. A. or T. A. Goodwin, Treas. as this will prevent any mistake that might occur otherwise.

WE hope that all will read carefully the article in this issue of the paper by Brother Wright. It graphically sets forth the present conditions in the world, and the importance of our letting the people know what these things mean.

"A QUEER county this is, where the only things of interest you have to show me are graves," said a newcomer who had joined the mission forces in Africa. "Yes," was the reply, "but they are milestones of Christianity to regions beyond." Another missionary, illustrating the brave spirit actuating the advance into such dark climes, said, "Though every step be over the grave of a missionary, Africa must be redeemed." Soldiers of Christ are needed whose hearts beat with this true heavenly courage, who are not daunted in the face of hardships, to enter the great mission fields with the third angel's message.

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

WE are just taking in a new class at our Sanitarium, and when the members all arrive we will have in all about twenty-five in our nurses training school. All summer several have been sleeping in tents but soon it will be too cold to occupy tents and we will have not sufficient room to house all our patients and helpers. "What shall we do" under these circumstances is the question now confronting us.

We have nearly material enough on hand to build the foundation of a cottage and much of the rough lumber that would be needed which was left from our Sanitarium building and from our camp-meeting. If we could hire a thousand dollars until we could collect it in, we could before the first of December erect an eight-room cottage which is greatly needed and almost a positive necessity.

We will be glad to hear from any of our brethren or sisters who have means that they could let the Conference have, or any of our brethren who could donate a few days' work; we would like to hear from such. Address me at La Fayette, Ind., care Wabash Valley Sanitarium.

W. J. STONE.



PERU

AMONG the many good days for Peru, Sabbath, October 3rd, was the best, as all present testified. An all day's meeting was appointed at the Manhattan Inn. Sabbath-school began at 10:15 A. M. and meetings followed, continuing until almost six o'clock in the evening, with the exception of the noon hour, when we all sat down at one long table, which reminded us of the table in the kingdom, miles in length.

The ordinance of humility was celebrated and a testimony meeting, in which all except one took part, followed. Six were taken into full fellowship of the church, one came forward for baptism, and two made the start to keep the commandments. Several others are keeping the Sabbath and expect to unite soon. The harvest is ripe and here it is not, Where are the reapers, for as fast as they accept the truth they begin to tell it to others. A large numbers of *Reviews*, Thanksgiving number, are to be used in Peru.

COLPORTERS' REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1908

NAME	ADDRESS	BOOK	Days	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps
Stephen Boze	Newton Co.	H. of M.	19	152	33	\$ 57 75	\$
H. C. Carmichael	Scott Co.	B. R.	12	83	24	62 25	19 30
Chas Dudley	Knox Co.	Dan. & Rev.	2	8	2	5 50	
Della Faust	Noblesville	S. to C.	7	26	17	6 00	
Martin Grim	Vigo Co.	Dan. & Rev.	14	104	34	72 00	85
Dale Hendrixon	Vigo Co.	Object L.	11	65	21	26 25	5 50
Athen Metzker	Laurel, R.R.No.3	Gr. Con.	7	48	6	16 50	2 70
Luther Jacobs	Terre Haute	Gr. Con.	6	51	6	16 50	6 00
Archer Wright	Vigo Co.	Dan. & Rev.	5	32	7	13 00	1 00
Burton Wade	Miami Co.	C. King	3	32	12	12 00	17 20
Totals	10 Agents		86	591	162	\$287 75	\$ 52 50

After a season of prayer, we partook of the Lord's supper, closing the service with praises on our lips, giving the hand of fellowship to all and wishing for many more such days.

Still pray for the work here.

FANNIE DELL.

"LIFE AND HEALTH"

THE October number of *Life and Health* especially deals with the question of the health of school children, but the principles advocated are just as applicable to older persons. Parents and teachers will find this a valuable number as it suggests means of co-operation between them for maintaining the health of the children during the formative period of life.

The number is beautifully illustrated and contains many pictures showing school methods in different lands. In childhood is the time to form correct habits for maintaining health, and we trust no one in any way interested in the health of the rising generation will miss having a copy of this good October number. Send to the Conference office for a liberal supply to sell to your neighbors. Even the children can sell this number readily.

SPECIAL NOTICE

IN some way there was published in the last issue of the *REPORTER* a paragraph regarding the sending in of funds gathered from Thanksgiving week that conveyed a wrong impression and is liable to muddle up our work at the office. The statement was as follows:

"When the week is ended the donations with the cards are to be passed in to the church treasurer and by him forwarded to the State Tract Society Secretary. The Secretary of the Tract Society will remit for all churches and isolated members to the Mission Board."

Now the facts are, in Indiana we have no Tract Society Secretary and have not had for years. The Treasurer for the Conference and his assistants do the work formerly done by the Tract Society Secretary, and the work is all Conference work.

We have a Missionary Secretary but his duties are in the field largely, working up the Missionary work

and he handles none of the funds of the Conference. The Treasurer of the Conference and the Assistant Treasurer handle all funds, and the paragraph should have read that the donations and cards are to be passed into the Treasurer of the Church, and the Treasurer forward them to the Treasurer of the Conference.

All remittances should always be made to T. A. Goodwin, 515 E. 23rd St., Indianapolis, Indiana, whether for tithe, offerings, or for whatever purpose, then there will be no mixing up, and mistakes will not be so liable to occur, and the business will be more promptly attended to. Please make a note of this.

W. J. STONE.

THE PETITION WORK

THE right of petition is guaranteed by the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States, the same amendment which guarantees religious freedom to all so far as national legislation is concerned.

The object of our petition work is three-fold,—to preserve as long as possible the blessings of liberty; to prevent the passage of measures that would restrict religious liberty; and, above all, to enlighten the people upon the great issues involved in religious legislation, particularly in Sunday legislation.

The blessings in the petition work are likewise three-fold,—a blessing to those who are interviewed and asked to sign the petitions; a blessing to those to whom the petitions are sent; and a blessing to those circulating them.

The petition work affords an excellent opportunity to converse with the people in regard to the truth for this time.

Petitions and memorials play an important part in the great struggle for religious freedom in this country, fought out in old Virginia in Revolutionary times. Instance the many earnest and able petitions and memorials of the Baptist and Presbyterians, and Madison's masterly memorial and remonstrance.

Petitions and protests against religious legislation had much to do with defeating the Blair and Breckinridge Sunday-rest bills in 1888, 1889, and 1890.

Accompanied by earnest efforts,

appropriate letters, and the free distribution of literature, petitions may yet be the means of accomplishing much good in the closing work of God in the earth.

W. A. COLCORD.

MONON

THE 28th of August, Elder Young and I began tent meetings at Monon. A week later Elder Ellis joined us. We continued the services for four weeks. The interest was good from the beginning and the people gave splendid attention to the word spoken.

Eight persons decided to obey and we hope for two more. Nine were baptized and two more will go forward in baptism later. Some of these became interested through the efforts of our members living at Monon, before the tent went there, then by attending the services were more fully convinced and took their stand for the truth.

Elder Ellis is holding meetings in the country and my wife is following up the interest at Monon.

The brethren and sisters at Monon will all take part in the effort to circulate the "Thanksgiving number of the *Review*," and soliciting donations during Thanksgiving week.

The last Sabbath we were at Monon, we considered the recommendation adopted at the camp-meetings to give one day each month for a year for a "Church Charity Fund" and to assist the Sanitarium, and all took hold of this work heartily. About twenty-five subscribed their names to devote one day's proceeds to this work. Brother and Sister Ambrecht of Francisville attended several Sabbath meetings, and they also agreed to help on the Church Charity Fund. We are glad to see such a willingness on the part of all to help in this work.

The Lord came near in all of our meetings. Pray for the work at Monon and vicinity.

C. J. BUHALTS.

WANTED

WANTED.—To rent a farm, with team and implements furnished, or to work on farm for some Sabbath-keeper. Address J. A. DAVIS, Colfax, R. F. D. No. 1, Indiana.

THE \$25,000 FUND

For the Wabash Valley Seventh-Day Adventist Sanitarium

*C. D. W.	\$1,000 00	*U. S. Anderson	30 00	Todd Maxwell	10 00
*A Friend	1,000 00	*Stephen Boze	30 00	Margaret M. Miller	10 00
*E. Hayes	1,000 00	*Archer Wright	25 00	Cleotis Nash	10 00
		*A. N. Anderson	25 00	*J. M. Rees	10 00
*A. W. Bartlett and wife	500 00	T. P. Barrons	25 00	*N. C. Rogers	10 00
*Emmanuel Grounds	500 00	*Mrs. Julia A. Brown	25 00	*Nellie Rothbaust	10 00
Mrs. Maggie Worster	500 00	*Mrs. G. W. Cooper	25 00	*Mrs. J. F. Woods	10 00
*Dr. W. W. Worster and wife	500 00	*D. C. Horlacher	25 00	*Mrs. B. E. Wright	10 00
*W. J. Stone and wife	500 00	*Rhoda Hamilton	25 00	*Mary C. Kent	10 00
L. J. S.	500 00	*Mrs. Amanda Hunt	25 00	Guy Wiser	10 00
T. A. Goodwin and wife	500 00	R. G. Harrison	25 00	Charles H. Zirkle	6 00
*S. J. Cleland and wife	500 00	L. V. Hopkins and wife	25 00	Ella M. Zirkle	6 00
Wm. P. Cunningham and wife	500 00	Maggie E. Johnston	25 00	Raymond Brooks	5 00
		M. M. Kenny	25 00	*Gabriella Havens	5 00
*J. W. Moore and wife	300 00	*G. F. Knapp	25 00	*Carrie Applegate	5 00
*C. W. Hayden and wife	200 00	*John W. McBride	25 00	*Raymond Brooks	5 00
M. M. Kenney	200 00	*J. W. Montgomery	25 00	*S. W. Burkhart	5 00
*Henry Taylor Lumber Co.	165 00	*Mrs. Eliza C. Nordyke	25 00	J. A. Davis	5 00
*A Friend	100 00	*Geo. D. Zirkle	25 00	*Mrs. Rosa Davis	5 00
*Mrs. Elizabeth Nuding	100 00	*Katherine Nuding	25 00	*Mrs. Jennie Dilworth	5 00
*Mrs. E. E. Blain	100 00	John Possman and wife	25 00	*Mrs. Dora Greenlee	5 00
D. W. Albert and wife	100 00	*R. C. Spahr	25 00	*Mrs. Alta B. Harvey	5 00
*C. J. Buhalts	100 00	*A Friend	25 00	*Mrs. Sarah C. Hawk	5 00
*J. R. Minnick	100 00	*Edgar Goldberg	25 00	*Mrs. E. E. Lee	5 00
*E. Nash	100 00	*Hogan Drug Co.	25 00	Mrs. Susan Johnson	5 00
M. G. Pepple	100 00	*O. W. Pierce Co.	25 00	*Lydia A. Legg	5 00
G. A. Roberts	100 00	*H. E. Glick	25 00	*Chris Mellinger	5 00
*R. R. Roberts and wife	100 00	*H. Rosenthal	25 00	*S. A. Pepple	5 00
N. C. Rogers	100 00	*D. D. Jacobs	25 00	Mrs. Chas. Swayne	5 00
John F. Steele	100 00	*C. F. Johnston	25 00	Clara B. Turner	5 00
*C. L. Stone and wife	100 00	*Geo. Durgan	25 00	Adelia Wiser	5 00
*Samuel J. Townsend	100 00	*Schultz Boswell	25 00	*Olive Sarber	5 00
*James D. Woodburn	100 00	*Chas. Folkner	25 00	*J. Theresa Thompson	5 00
Joel Yeager	100 00	*J. B. Rugar	25 00	Clara B. Turner	5 00
Roy Fattic and wife	100 00	*Henry J. Hershberger	20 00	*Adelia Wiser	5 00
*W. C. Vore	100 00	G. W. Mann	20 00	*Carrie Wiser	5 00
Nancy Wiser	100 00	*Mrs. M. L. Moore	20 00	*N. A. Wiser	5 00
*A. O. Beam	100 00	Mrs. Ethel Deem	20 00	Chas. Blackburn	5 00
*Wm. C. Mitchel	100 00	*D. W. Ridgeway and wife	20 00	*Mrs. Richard Ford	5 00
*G. H. Hull	100 00	*Victor Thompson	20 00	*Mrs. J. M. Johnson	5 00
*A Friend	75 00	*A Friend	15 00	*E. M. Jackson	3 50
*Clara Strough	75 00	Frank Dudley	15 00	*Bertha Bartholomew	3 00
*E. A. Woodard	60 00	*E. M. S	15 00	*Mrs. F. N. Bartholomew	3 00
Stephen Boze	50 00	*C. L. Haskins	13 00	*Everett E. Johnson	3 00
*Mrs. R. W. McMahan	50 00	*W. E. Vaughan	13 00	*Millie Burdick	2 50
*J. H. Niehaus and wife	50 00	Mrs. A. E. Barcus	12 00	Milton Jones	2 00
*Fannie M. Benson	50 00	S. W. Burkhart	12 00	*Cash	57 85
*George W. Boston	50 00	*L. V. Hopkins	12 00	*Church Charity Fund	1,078 35
*P. J. Craig	50 00	Mrs. B. F. Halstead	11 00	Total	\$15,008 20
L. F. Elliott	50 00	F. N. Bartholomew	10 00		
*Margaret Fattie	50 00	Beatrice Barton	10 00		
N. D. Fisher and wife	50 00	*Mrs. Mary Euhalts	10 00		
*Blanche Goodwin	50 00	*Mrs. P. J. Craig	10 00		
R. W. Hostetler and wife	50 00	Fannie Campbell	10 00		
*John S. Leach	50 00	Jennie Dilworth	10 00		
*A. L. Miller and wife	50 00	*John M. Davidson	10 00		
*W. T. Pitcher	50 00	J. S. Edwards	10 00		
F. M. Roberts	50 00	*Martin Grim	10 00		
*Frank G. Scarborough	50 00	*Celia J. Hart	10 00		
Wm. M. True	50 00	*Mrs. D. C. Horlacher	10 00		
*W. A. Young	50 00	Thomas Hubbard	10 00		
B. Hagle	50 00	*Sarah J. Hunter	10 00		
*Mrs. M. L. Outland	50 00	*Robert W. Leach	10 00		
Mrs. A. M. Hand	50 00	*Walter Nash	10 00		
*Martha L. Outland	50 00	*Mrs. Lucy Miller	10 00		
*Glesner Johnson	50 00	*A. A. and Martha Marshall	10 00		
*Charles Grim	50 00	*E. M. Schnaible	10 00		
John S. Leach and wife	50 00	*E. R. Levering	10 00		
*B. R. Wirt	50 00	*Bass Bros.	10 00		
*Walter Ball	50 00	*A Friend	10 00		
*S. C. Curtis	50 00	*L. Philibin	10 00		
*Theime & Schusler	50 00	*M. J. Schnaible Co.	10 00		
*Wallace Bros. Co.	50 00				

THE LORD IS FOR US

You will rejoice with us on account of the favor the Post Office Department has just conferred in allowing us to mail the entire edition of the special Thanksgiving issue of the *Review* at the regular pound rate. This spells "success" for the entire plan. It is a pronounced evidence of the providential supervision of this work. The "Gentiles" have thus begun in their favors. Who can anticipate their limit in fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah 60:5? Thanksgiving in 1908 is to mark the beginning of better days for this message.

NEWS AND NOTES

CIRCULATE religious liberty petitions now.

GET ready to do a noble work for missions during Thanksgiving week.

KEEP up with the progress of the work in Indiana by reading the REPORTER.

A SABBATH-SCHOOL was recently organized at Valparaiso with Prof. C. L. Stone as Superintendent.

PLAN your work so as to have several days between November 21 and 29, free for missionary effort.

THE spirit of prophecy encourages the plan of securing donations for the support of our work from the outside world.

AS A result of weekly visits by Miss Kent to Southport, a suburb of this city, three persons have taken their stand for the truth.

BROTHER SPOHR visited the Pleasant View and Waldron churches the first Sabbath of this month. Encouraging meetings are reported.

BROTHER THOMAS HUBBARD has been holding meetings for several weeks in the Pleasant View church. The attendance and interest in the meetings are very good.

The Middletown church secured a house about three miles south of town for their church-school. The school is now well organized and is growing, the enrollment now being twelve.

THE Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society of the 23rd Street church of this city intended to organize last evening for the winter's study of the books comprising the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course.

THE continued blessing of the Lord upon the work in Peru, where Brother R. W. Leach is laboring, is evidenced by recent additions to the company of believers there. Others are expected to unite with the church at that place in the near future.

BROTHER GEORGE W. BOSTON has been holding meetings at Weston southwest of North Vernon, since the camp-meeting at the latter place. A very good interest is reported, and it is hoped that some will accept the truth as a result of this effort.

SISTER THERESA THOMPSON has begun Bible work in Huntington.

THIRTY Sabbath-keepers are the result of the camp-meeting and tent effort at North Vernon.

AT the Beechwood Academy Young People's meeting last Sabbath afternoon, it was decided to use 250 copies of the Thanksgiving Review.

THERE was a meeting of the Conference Committee held at La Fayette, Oct. 12-13. A report of the same will appear in the next issue of the REPORTER.

THE elder of the Kokomo church writes that while their tithe has been less the forepart of the year than last, he thinks that before the year closes it will exceed that of last year. This is good.

Plans are being laid for holding a Union Missionary Convention of the Indianapolis churches at the 23rd Street Church on November 7-8. Members of neighboring churches are invited to attend.

ELDER VICTOR THOMPSON reports the organization of a church at Sunman of twelve members, and seven others will unite soon. He says the prospects are good for a substantial church there.

ELDER STONE has improved in health much more rapidly than at first could be hoped, so that he has been able to prepare some articles for the REPORTER, and looks after the most important correspondence by the aid of Mrs. Stone. He feels very hopeful for a speedy recovery.

THE tithe report for September is published in this issue of the REPORTER. We are most happy to report that it surpasses that of the corresponding month one year ago. How glad we are to see this. It is greatly appreciated and God's blessing is sure to come upon the faithful souls.

ORDERS are still coming in for the Thanksgiving number of the *Review and Herald*, but there are a number of churches that we have not yet heard from; will all such report the number of papers that they will use, at once, so that we may place the order. They are furnished free to those who solicit donations for our mission work. Who will respond at once?

BROTHER A. N. ANDERSON, our Assistant-Treasurer, is making a brief visit to relatives in Iowa and Dakota.

THE tent meetings at Monon closed on the 27th ultimo, there having been ten additions to the Honey Creek church. Elder Ellis is remaining to follow up the interest.

THE last issue of the REPORTER stated that sixteen schools were to be conducted in Indiana this winter. We are pleased to correct this number to read seventeen.

ON the 5th instant Sister McMahan left her home in Anderson for a month's trip in the interest of educational, Sabbath-school, and young people's work in southern Indiana.

WE were pleased to have Brother Geo. W. Rader, of North Vernon, call at our office recently and tell us of some interesting incidents connected with the new company of believers at that place.

BROTHER E. A. KERN, of Wolf Lake, was expected to begin teaching the Mt. Zion church-school this week. We have hopes that all of our church-schools will be unusually successful during the current year.

LAST Thursday, our Missionary Secretary began an extended trip through southern Indiana, expecting to visit a number of companies and churches in that section of the State before the close of the month, in addition to calling upon some of the isolated members.

ON Friday, October 9th, Sister McMahan accompanied Miss Mayna Miller, of this city, to Petersburg, where a school was to be organized Monday of this week. The organization of new schools is one of the encouraging features of the educational work in our Conference.

SABBATH, September 12, Elder Stone visited the Anderson church, and read the recent testimony concerning our Sanitarium work. All voted in favor of the plan of giving one day's work each month, for a year to raise a church charity fund with which to do "Good Samaritan" work. Nearly all promised to assist in this work. Our workers have all cheerfully taken hold of this plan, and we believe it will meet with general favor in all of our churches.