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## DO WE BELIEVE THE TESTIMONIES?

**A**LMOST without hesitancy nearly every one who reads these lines will say, "Yes, of course I believe the Testimonies." Then do we *read* the Testimonies? The answer to this will doubtless not be so prompt or so general. Many must, if they respond truthfully, say, "No, I do not *read* the Testimonies," but, they add, "I *believe* them."

Without endeavoring to prove that one can not believe that which he has not read, let us ask another question, do we *live* the Testimonies?

If the life, the daily walk, of the professed child of God is in harmony with the teachings of the Testimonies, one can

truthfully answer that he lives the Testimonies, and also that he believes them. If prompt response is made to every call that comes through the spirit of prophecy, the life testifies to belief in the Testimonies.

## SOME STATEMENTS EXAMINED

Let us be more specific, examining some statements which have recently come to us from the spirit of God. If we are not, in our lives, giving incontrovertible evidence that we believe the Testimonies, and each of these statements particularly, let us change, bringing them into conformity with the duties laid down for us.

"We have done only a small part of the evangelical work that God desires us to do among our neighbors and friends. In every city of the land there are those who know not the truth."

Are we earnestly laboring for those around us, or do we satisfy ourselves by thinking, the people of *my* neighborhood are all so prejudiced that they would not receive the truth if I took it to them and God does not require me to work for those who will not listen anyway?

"In the closing controversy now waging between the forces for good and the hosts of evil, He expects all, laymen as well as ministers, to take part. All who have enlisted as soldiers of His, are to render faithful service as minute men, with a keen sense of the responsibility resting upon them individually."

Have we not been wont to say that we are not sufficiently versed in the Scriptures to labor for others, that the ministers are set apart for that work, and we are free from responsibility in the matter? But this idea is hardly in harmony with the Testimonies which we so promptly assert that we believe.

"The work of God in this earth

can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership, rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."

Then every loyal Adventist will bend every energy to help complete the work in the shortest possible time. But so many do not have ability to do successful labor for the Master, some may declare. Again reading from the testimonies we find:—

"In every church there is talent, which, with the right kind of labor, might be developed to become a great help in this work."

"The end is near, stealing upon us stealthily, imperceptibly like the noiseless approach of a thief in the night. May the Lord grant that we shall no longer sleep as do others, but that we shall watch and be sober. The truth is soon to triumph gloriously, and all who now choose to be laborers together with God will triumph with it. . . Let those who are rejoicing in the light of present truth, now make haste to impart the truth to others."

The question is, then, not whether we have the ability to serve the Master satisfactorily in our labors for others, but whether we will yield ourselves to Him to be trained for His service. "All who now *choose* to be laborers together with God," makes the matter one of our own personal choice, and all who desire to do so may *choose* to be in His blessed service.

Whenever the Lord sets before us duties or tasks that may seem difficult or menial or undesirable, He also presents to our view the glorious reward that will come to those who faithfully perform that which He requires. Such a presentation is found in this sentence, "The truth is soon to triumph gloriously, and all who now choose to be laborers together with God will triumph with it." Then let us



press forward, onward, upward, assured that finally victory is near, and that we may be among the victors.  
R. C. SPOHR.

### A BEAUTIFUL RETREAT

AFTER our good conference at Jonesboro, it was the privilege of the writer to visit the Wabash Valley Sanitarium. Like all others who have been there, I was charmed with the beauty of the place. Situated on the banks of the beautiful Wabash River, just outside the city of La Fayette, it appealed to me as I was shown into the parlor and looked out over the sloping lawn with its stately trees, and the rippling waves of the river reflecting the golden beams of the sun that I had never seen any thing more perfect. Here the sick may find a restful place, where the mind may be refreshed by the beauties of nature and the body be made well by scientific treatment.

From La Fayette I went to Indianapolis, where I visited the conference office. The many inter-urban lines as well as the railroad facilities make Indianapolis an ideal location for the conference headquarters.

Praying that God's richest blessing may rest upon our conference, and hoping it may be my pleasure to become acquainted with all the brethren and sisters in the near future, I am,

Yours in the Master's service,  
MORRIS LUKENS.

### INDIANA INSTITUTE

At the recent conference session held at Jonesboro, the following resolution was adopted:

"That a Canvassers' Institute be held at Beechwood Academy, April 8-18, and that we ask each conference laborer and church elder to secure at least one proper person to attend this institute and enter the canvassing work."

I trust that we will not forget to do all we can to get suitable persons to attend this institute. Brother Blosser, the Lake Union Field Agent, Brother Wright, the Indiana Field Agent, the writer, and others will be present to assist in giving instruction.

Those desiring to attend should write to Archer Wright at the conference office.  
MORRIS LUKENS.

### THE PROFESSION AND THE LIFE

I PROFESS to believe that Jesus is coming in this generation. I also profess to believe that the third angel's message must be proclaimed to the world before He comes. I profess to believe that this work is to be accomplished by men co-operating with the angels of God.

What a profession! There is only one way that I can prove to the world that I really believe these things,—by doing what I can to hasten the progress of this message to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. Unless I do this, my life proclaims to the world that I do not believe what I profess to believe.

Imagine, if you can, an organization of one hundred thousand people who profess to believe the three propositions stated in the first paragraph, settling down to work merely for a living, or to accumulate earthly possessions. Greater hypocrisy could hardly be thought of.

My brother, my sister, let us ask ourselves these questions: If every individual in the Seventh-day Adventist church were doing no more and no less than I am to spread this truth, would the whole world be warned in this generation? would the outside world as they look upon this denomination say, "These people believe their message"? Why should the knowledge of the present truth place a greater responsibility on the other man than on myself?

Is it not time we were all arising to finish the work God has given us to do?  
ARCHER WRIGHT.

### THE SANITARIUM

For the past ten days it has been my privilege to stop at this institution and take treatments; and I am glad to report that I am feeling some better than at the time of our conference. I believe now that as I am free from the burdens of conference work I shall make more rapid progress in regaining my health.

The sanitarium has been well patronized for the winter months. This is always a dull season at our sanitariums. Those in charge of the institution say that they are having more calls for catalogs, and more inquiries from prospective patients than they have ever had since the institution was opened. This en-

courages us to believe that the patronage for the coming year will be much larger than it has been during the past year.

A laundry has been recently installed, which is doing excellent work. For the past year the sanitarium has had to pay out \$30 to \$35 a month for laundry work done in the city, besides the large amount of laundry work that was done here at our home laundry. All this work that has been done in the city is now done in our own laundry, and will be a saving of from three to four hundred dollars a year to the institution; and at the same time will require less labor than has been bestowed upon our laundry work in the past.

While there are some things that are not just as we would like to see them in the institution, and perhaps we will never see perfection this side of the kingdom of God, yet I feel that there is a steady progress toward higher ground; and I can assure our people throughout the conference that their confidence in the institution will not be abused. Let us all pray that God may greatly bless this institution, and those who are in charge, that His name may be glorified, and souls saved in the kingdom of God as the result of the efforts put forth here.

W. J. STONE, *La Fayette, Ind.*

### DANA

ELDER VICTOR THOMPSON spoke four evenings and on Sabbath during his visit at this place. Those who were unable to attend the meetings were visited at their homes, so that all were benefited by Brother Thompson's coming.

His sermons showed that it is high time to awake out of sleep and put on the whole armor of God. He also made it plain that we are to be filled with the spirit and be purified as gold, that God may see His image in us.

He went from Dana to Montezuma, where he spoke two evenings to members of this church who live there.

May we all be faithful unto the end, is my prayer.  
R. R. FORD.

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# ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE INDIANA CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR END- ING DEC. 31, 1908

## RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES

### RESOURCES

Real Estate.....	\$9,979.00
Personal Property.....	3,713.30
Office Fixtures.....	272.74
Bills Receivable.....	9,861.32
Merchandise.....	703.62
Personal Accts. Receivable.....	2,022.36
Deposit at Merch. Nat. Bank.....	8.83
Cash in Safe.....	1,672.63
Total.....	\$28,233.80

### LIABILITIES

Bills Payable.....	\$ 4,175.69
Indiana Conference Fund.....	3,073.80
Tithe Fund.....	3,979.38
Aged & Orphans' Fund.....	190.77
Annual Offering.....	426.60
Sabbath-school Donations.....	213.03
Thanksgiving Ingathering.....	850.61
Weekly Offerings.....	223.09
Oxford University Press.....	8.99
Pacific Press.....	218.87
Review & Herald, B. C. ....	727.95
Review & Herald, D. C. ....	192.96
Southern Pub. Association.....	14.27
Southern Cotton Oil Co.....	107.70
Personal Accts. Payable.....	2,477.34
Present Worth, Jan. 1, 1909.....	11,352.75
Total.....	\$28,233.80

## LOSS AND GAIN

### GAIN

Merchandise.....	\$ 678.85
La Fayette C. M. Expense.....	226.64
North Vernon C. M. Expense.....	6.54
Total.....	\$ 912.03

### LOSS

Personal Property.....	\$ 673.70
Office Fixtures.....	30.30
Net Gain, credited to "Stock".....	808.03
Total.....	\$ 912.03

### STOCK

Net Worth, Jan. 1, 1908.....	\$ 10,544.75
Net Gain for 1908.....	808.03
Present Worth, Jan. 1, 1909.....	\$11,352.75

## AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

To THE Indiana Conference:

*This is to Certify:* That I have examined the books of your treasurer for the twelve months ending Nov. 30, 1908, and find them well kept and in good condition, with a trial balance taken every month, and the office work kept up to date. The accounts with three banks agree to

a cent with the bank reports. I found the cash over in a small amount, part of the same being covered by a voucher filed without having been entered; and the remainder of the surplus is decided to be for merchandise sales not entered. I have had entries made on page 194 of the cash book under date of Dec. 15, 1908 to equal the surplus. I found that all disbursements of conference funds have been made upon orders from the president.

W. H. EDWARDS, Auditor Lake Union Conference.

# ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE INDIANA MEDICAL MISSIONARY AND BENEVO- LENT ASSOCIATION, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1908

## RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES

### RESOURCES

Real Estate.....	\$45,667.88
Personal Property.....	4,152.43
Personal Accts. Receivable.....	375.17
Indiana Nat. Bank Deposit.....	3.76
Total.....	\$50,198.24

### LIABILITIES

Bills Payable.....	\$ 32,807.30
Mortgage Account.....	100.00
Personal Accts. Payable.....	37.00
Net Worth, Jan. 1, 1909.....	17,253.94
Total.....	\$50,198.24

## LOSS AND GAIN

### GAIN

W. V. S. Improvement Fd.....	\$ 202.39
La Fayette Subscriptions.....	2,934.50
Sanitarium Loans.....	2,341.32
Church Charity Fund.....	1,396.07
Total.....	\$6,874.28

### LOSS

Loss & Gain Account—	
Discount on Certificates.....	\$579.75
Expense.....	137.28
Expense of Sarah Carter.....	362.73
Net Gain credited to "Stock".....	5,794.52
Total.....	\$6,874.28

### STOCK

Net Worth, Jan. 1, 1908.....	\$11,459.42
Net Gain for 1908.....	5,794.52
Present Worth, Jan. 1, 1909.....	\$17,253.94

## AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

To THE I. M. M. & B. Assn:

*This is to Certify:* That I have examined the books of your corporation for the twelve months ending November 30, 1908, and find them

correctly kept, and in balance Dec. 2, 1908, according to the trial balance of that date.

W. H. EDWARDS, Auditor, L. U. C.

THERE can be no failure when we are doing our best at the thing God wants done.

## TITHE REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1909

Akron.....	
Anderson.....	\$ 7 01
Barbers Mill.....	
Boggs town.....	123 24
Brookston.....	
Connersville.....	
Dana.....	10 00
Denver.....	
Elkhart.....	19 17
Elnora.....	3 17
Elwood.....	3 60
Farmersburg.....	5 10
Fort Wayne.....	
Franklin.....	36 74
Frankton.....	5 25
Glenwood.....	3 50
Goshen.....	5 37
Grass Creek.....	
Greenfield.....	3 80
Hartford City.....	
Honey Creek.....	27 70
Huntington.....	
Idaville.....	5 75
Indianapolis (East Side).....	56 02
" (23rd street).....	152 31
" (West Side).....	16 25
Individuals.....	36 87
Inwood.....	27 29
Jefferson.....	12 15
Jonesboro.....	13 38
Kennard.....	32 42
Kokomo.....	
La Fayette.....	10 10
Lebanon.....	8 81
Ligonier.....	13 49
Linton.....	24 60
Logansport.....	43 70
Marion.....	5 35
Michaels.....	
Michigan City.....	62
Middletown.....	1 12
Mt. Vernon.....	9 61
Mt. Zion.....	19 08
Muncie.....	
New Hope.....	13 44
New London.....	6 93
New Marion.....	
Noblesville.....	77
Northfield.....	97 00
North Liberty.....	15 91
North Vernon.....	
Ooltie.....	
Patrickburg.....	5 00
Peru.....	3 76
Petersburg.....	
Pleasant View.....	16 69
Princeton.....	2 45
Richmond.....	
Rochester.....	39 76
Rocklane.....	20 91
Salem.....	22 12
Seymour.....	7 10
South Bend.....	
Sunman.....	10 98
Terre Haute.....	8 85
Unionville.....	
Wabash Valley Sanitarium.....	106 20
Waldron.....	
Walkerton.....	
West Liberty.....	6 50
Wolcottville.....	1 50
Wolf Lake.....	132 79
Total receipts.....	\$1272 23



## GLEANINGS FROM THE JONESBORO CONFERENCE

ELDER ALLEN MOON, president of the Lake Union Conference which is composed of the states of Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin, was the principal speaker at the first meeting, Monday evening.

PASTOR W. W. KENT, of the Methodist church in which the conference was held, gave a most hearty welcome to the Seventh-day Adventists, in a brief address. Elder Moon made a short response, expressing the appreciation which all felt, for the use of the church.

THE first business meeting of the session and the formal opening of the conference occurred at 11:00 A. M. Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1909. On account of the illness of Elder Stone, Elder Moon presided at this and all future meetings, with the exception of the last two.

THE roll call at the first meeting revealed that fifty-six delegates were present. Many others arrived later until toward the last of the week, nearly one hundred were in attendance.

THE departmental secretaries, Sister R. W. McMahan, Elder A. L. Miller, Dr. W. W. Worster, R. C. Spahr, Prof. C. L. Taylor, and Archer Wright gave interesting reports of the work in their respective fields; advancement and progress were made in them all during 1908, and plans for increased activity were laid for 1909.

THE treasurer, Brother T. A. Goodwin, made reports on Tuesday for both the conference and the Indiana Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, showing substantial gains and financial progress during the past year.

ELDER G. A. IRWIN, vice-president of the General Conference, arrived on Wednesday and remained until Sunday, going from Jonesboro to the Northern Illinois Conference at Sheridan, Ill. His counsels during his stay were greatly appreciated.

THE president, Elder A. G. Haughey, and the secretary and treasurer, Brother E. L. Richmond, of the West Michigan Conference, were in attendance at our conference session the major portion of the week.

THE sisters of the Jonesboro

church served meals to the delegates in the dining-room of the M. E. Church. Their excellent services were thoroly appreciated.

ON FRIDAY of the conference week, a vegetarian dinner was prepared for those not of our faith, and about one hundred of townspeople took advantage of the opportunity to partake of vegetarian delicacies. All seemed to be perfectly satisfied with a meal where no flesh was served, and many expressions of appreciation were heard.

LARGE congregations of those not of our faith attended the evening preaching services. The capacity of the church was taxed on three or four occasions, one of them being when Elder Moon gave a discourse on the Sabbath question, by request. The pastor of the church was very regular in attending both business and other meetings held and gave close attention to the discourses on the Sabbath and tithing.

## MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS, ATTENTION!

THE annual convention of Indiana Missionary Volunteers will be held at Beechwood Academy, April 16-18. We earnestly request all our churches to plan to send one or more of their young people to this convention, for it will be the most important meeting of young people ever held in our conference.

At our convention last June, twenty-eight churches were represented at this gathering.

MRS. R. W. McMAHAN.

## ELKHART REPORT

THE readers of the REPORTER will be glad to learn that some faithful representatives of this truth live at Elkhart. In this issue, Elkhart is included in the list of churches from which tithe was received during January. The company there is so regular in its tithe payments that, like some other companies that are not organized, as yet, into churches, we deem it advisable to place them on the tithe list.

In other respects, also, the members are alive. A short time ago they made up a barrel of bedding, towels, rugs, and other useful

articles, and sent same to the Oakwood Industrial School at Huntsville, Ala. In a letter of appreciation written by the School to Elkhart, we find this statement, "The matron said it was the best barrel ever sent to the School."

We trust that the Lord will bless the few faithful ones at Elkhart, and increase their numbers, making them a light in that place, and that their example may be followed by others.

## THE TEMPERANCE NUMBER OF THE "INSTRUCTOR"

WHAT shall we do about it? Ministry of Healing says: "Especially does the temperance reform demand the support of Christian workers. They should call attention to this work and make it a living issue. Everywhere they should present to the people the principles of true temperance." Last May when the Temperance Number of the *Watchman* was coming out, Sister White said, "There could not be a better time than now for a movement of this kind, when the temperance question is creating such widespread interest. Let our people everywhere take hold decidedly to let it be seen where we stand on the temperance question." The interest has not abated but has continued to increase. Surely what was duty then is emphatically duty now.

We are glad that the Temperance Number of the *Instructor* has been prepared to help us in this duty. The paper will do splendid service. It is larger than usual; very artistic, well illustrated, and filled with articles covering every phrase of the of the temperance question. Doubtless it is the best temperance periodical we have had the privilege of distributing, and will sell itself if it can be presented to the people. No pains have been spared in its preparation. No pains should be spared in its distribution.

Who will put forth a determined effort? Who will resolve that every home in his community shall be supplied with one or more copies of this excellent paper? Satan will whisper to you a hundred apparently good excuses for not engaging in this work, but the needs of the people and the words from the spirit of prophecy make duty clear.

What shall we do about it? Send



in your order. Lay your plans. Distribute your papers. Pray unceasingly.



### THE GOSPEL SENTINEL

This is a new weekly paper, published by the Southern Publishing Association. The first number bears date of Feb. 17, 1909. The "*Gospel Sentinel*" is published at the urgent request of the field workers in the South, who said they must have a weekly missionary paper, and that it must be cheaper than any other paper now published. It is not to take the place of the "*Watchman*" or other papers, but is to be used for gratuitous distribution in missionary efforts of volunteer societies and church missionary societies. It is entirely devoted to giving the message in plain, simple language, the articles being short and to the point. Its eight pages will be the same size as the *Watchman* magazine pages.

This new paper affords excellent opportunity for individuals who can not meet people face to face with the larger papers, to do excellent work at small expense from their own homes, or through the missionary society. In quantity the "*Sentinel*" is fully up to the standard of the weekly "*Watchman*."

Single subscriptions, per year, fifty cents. In clubs of five\* or more to one name and address, each, per year, twenty-five cents. Large quantities of any one issue, 1/2 cent per copy. The publishers will be glad to supply sample copies on request. Send orders to this office.



### UNIFORMITY IN PRICE

The three principal monthly magazines and the one quarterly magazine for general circulation by this denomination, namely, *Signs of the Times Monthly*, *Life and Health*, *The Watchman*, and *Liberty*, are uniform in price. Single copies of each of these journals are sold at ten cents; in quantities less than twenty-five sent to one name and address, the price is five cents per copy; 25 to 500, ordered at one time, may be had for four cents each, while 500 or more are furnished at 3 1/2 cents per copy.

If the readers of the *REPORTER* will carefully note these prices, which are permanent, they will know the price of each issue that is printed, without

going to the trouble of making special inquiry concerning the rates.

All of these magazines have been successfully handled by agents in different parts of our own State and there is abundant opportunity for more agents to accomplish much good by handling them. We solicit correspondence on the subject.



### SPIRITUALISM

OUR readers are no doubt aware that spiritualism has received special attention during the last few months in the leading magazines in this country, and that the public mind is greatly agitated over it. Scientific men are puzzled, and do not know how to explain the strange phenomena, although various theories are advanced by different ones. Nearly all, however, admit that there is some thing supernatural about it.

Now is the opportune time to call attention to what the Bible says concerning this great deception. This opportunity to disseminate light will be placed within the reach of all in the March number of the *Signs Monthly*, which will contain strong articles from our leading brethren covering the various phases of the subject, and it ought to have a wide circulation.

This number of the monthly magazine has a very striking cover design taken from a painting by one of the great masters, illustrating the scene recorded in I Samuel 28, entitled, "Saul and the Witch of Endor."

Single copies, ten cents; five to twenty-five copies, five cents per copy; twenty-five to 500 copies, four cents per copy; 500 to 1,000 copies, three and one-half cents per copy.

Agents wanted in every city and town. Write this office,



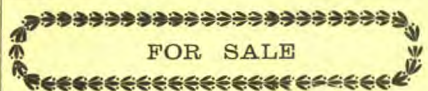
### A GREAT DELUSION

The main topic in the March number of the *Signs of the Times Monthly* magazine is on the subject of Spiritualism. These are articles from our leading brethren covering all phases of the question, and the magazine ought to be circulated by the millions.

This terrible delusion is fast gaining ground. The public mind is greatly agitated; and this is an op-

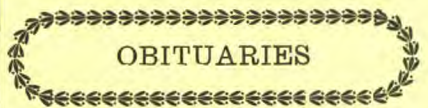
portune time to place before them the true interpretation of these things. We have nothing that meets the issue as well as this number of the *Signs of the Times Monthly*. It is well illustrated, has a striking cover design, and will sell at sight. Agents should send in their orders at once.

Many have friends and relatives to whom they would like to send a copy of this magazine. The publishers will mail this number direct from the office in lots of five or more to lists of names that may be furnished at the rate of five cents per copy. Address this office.



### FOR SALE

FOR SALE.—Violin, bow, and leather, plush-lined case: a \$50.00 outfit in good condition, for \$25.00. Address, T. A. Goodwin, 515 East 23rd St., Indianapolis.



### OBITUARIES

BUCK.—Died at Denver, Ind., Feb. 5, 1909. Elisha S. Buck aged 75 years, 9 months, and 17 days. When a boy he moved from Preble County, Ohio, to Henry County, Ind., later settling in Cass County, Ind.

He was married four times, and was the father of eleven children, six of whom are yet living. His last marriage, Oct. 16, 1907, was to Mrs. Naomi Anderson, the mother of W. H. Anderson, the director of the Barotseland Mission in north-west Rhodesia, South Africa. He served as a soldier through four years of the late civil war and was esteemed by his comrades. He accepted present truth in 1875, and loved it to the end. The burial was at Deedsville, his former home, where the large United Brethren church was filled with his old-time friends and comrades. Words of comfort from Isa. 57:1 were spoken by the writer.

W. A. YOUNG.

PARKER—Isaac Parker was born March 22, 1840, and died of cancer, October 18, 1908, age sixty-eight years, six months, and twenty-six days.

He had been a member of the



Seventh-day Adventist church nearly twenty-three years. The church has lost a faithful Christian worker, and the community an honest upright citizen. He leaves a wife, one son, three sisters, and one brother, with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss, but they sorrow not as those who have no hope. F. M. ROBERTS.

WALDRON.—Died at Haven Ind., Dec. 24, 1908, Elvira, the infant daughter of Brother and Sister Lewis Waldron, aged one month, two weeks and four days. The bereaved father and mother are comforted by the hope of the resurrection when this little one will be brought back and placed in her mother's arms, not subject to sin and death.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, Sabbath morning Dec. 27, 1908. Christmas did not bring joy to this home, but the thought of a better "hope" did.

FRANK S. BUSZ.

BURKETT.—Noah H. Burkett was born in Eagle Township, Boone Co., Ind., Aug. 11, 1853; died Nov. 19, 1908; aged 55 years, 3 months, and 8 days. All his life was spent in Boone County, and the last twenty years were spent in Lebanon. He was married to Miss Laura Fox, Feb. 19, 1879.

He never publicly professed religion, but he lived carefully. The last eight years his health was poor and during the last part of that time he prayed earnestly, and expressed confidence that his plea was granted, and said he was ready to die.

He is survived by the widow, one sister, two brothers, and a host of other relatives. Words of counsel and admonition were spoken to a large company at the Little Eagle church where he was laid away to wait the call of the Life-giver.

W. A. YOUNG.

BOLLER.—W. D. Boller was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1846, died at Landessville, Ind., Jan. 9, 1909, aged 62 years, 3 months, 21 days. I have known the deceased a number of years, and often talked with him concerning the truth for these times, which he always believed, but did not fully accept until a short time before his death when

Brother Milton Overman met with him. He was highly respected by all who knew him. He leaves a wife, seven children and many other relatives and friends to mourn their loss, but they mourn not as those who have no hope.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to a large and attentive audience: text Matt. 13:28.

F. M. ROBERTS.

RADER.—Simeon, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rader, North Vernon, Ind., died of membranous croup, Sabbath morning, Dec. 12, 1908. This was the second child that Brother and Sister Rader lost by this dread disease within the last three years. Simeon was a bright little boy, and his childish prattle was music in the home. Children dying of this disease must have a private burial within twenty-four hours after death. How sad this is! Death is a cruel enemy. How glad the day when death, the last enemy, will be destroyed. How welcome the thought that the faithful fathers and mothers will be privileged again to clasp to their bosoms loved ones from whom they have been separated. The writer was present at the time of the death and interment.

A. L. MILLER.

PRESSLER.—Jacob Pressler, born Dec. 14, 1867, at Dayton, O., died Jan. 11, 1909, near Crothersville, Ind.; aged 41 years and 27 days. In 1895 Mr. Pressler was united in marriage to Miss Caroline A. Flugge. To this union were born four children, two of whom, with the wife, survive to mourn their loss, but not without hope. When the truths of the third angel's message came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pressler, they gladly accepted them and endeavored to live these truths, although isolated from church privileges of those of like precious faith. The thought that the Saviour will soon return, bringing to an end the long reign of sin, was the anchor of his faith. He was a kind husband and father, and a good neighbor. Services were conducted by the writer, assisted by the Baptist minister of Crothersville.

H. C. CARMICHAEL.

STEARNS.—Elizabeth Starling Stearns was born March 24, 1885; fell asleep in Jesus, Jan. 10, 1909; aged 23 years, 9 months, and 17 days. She

was married to Morton Stearns in October, 1907. He passed away Feb. 11, 1908, and now she follows him to await the resurrection morn.

Sister Stearns was a devoted Christian, uniting with the church at Gum Corner in 1907. She believed in keeping the commandments as recorded in Exodus XX. and in the glorious appearing of Jesus our Saviour, who shall raise all those who believe in Him to immortality and change those who are living and fashion their vile bodies like unto His glorious body.

We believe that Sister Stearns sleeps in Jesus, and will share in the resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to a large congregation in the church at Deputy.

U. S. ANDERSON.

CARTWRIGHT.—James Cartwright was born Jan. 27, 1851, in Manchester, England, and fell asleep in Jesus, Jan. 10, 1909, in Muncie, Ind.; aged 58 years and 2 days. He came to America at the age of nineteen, and has almost ever since lived in Indiana, having been a resident of Muncie for the past twenty years.

Sept. 19, 1878, he was united in marriage to Mary L. Cawley. To this happy union, eight children were born, five of whom survive. One year ago last fall he attended a course of lectures given by the writer, and accepted the truth, and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church in Muncie. We believe he could have said with Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only but unto all them that love His appearing."

The deceased was of a strong constitution until he had an attack of diphtheria in 1887, which left him with organic heart trouble. This disease complicated with apoplexy, caused his death. He leaves a wife, three sons, two daughters, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss, but they mourn not without hope.

A large congregation assembled in the Madison Street church, where the writer spoke words of comfort to the bereaved ones.

U. S. ANDERSON.



## NEWS AND NOTES

ORDER *Sabbath-school Lesson Quarterlies* early.

THE Temperance Number of the *Youth's Instructor*, just out, merits wide circulation.

DO NOT forget the ten-cent-a-week plan. Give as much for missions each week as possible.

ELDER W. J. STONE spent some time at the Wabash Valley Sanitarium last month.

SISTER McMAHAN recently visited the Muncie and Middletown schools and reports that they are doing well.

LAST month Pearl M. Stiles sold several hundred of the first *Watchman* monthly on "Church Federation," in this city.

ON account of the illness of her mother, Miss Nellie Rothbaust has been obliged to spend a little time at her home in Franklin recently.

CHURCH Missionary Secretaries should by this time have sent their monthly missionary reports to the Missionary Secretary of the conference, R. C. Spohr. Let all help to make reports large and complete.

OUR field agent, Brother Archer Wright, has, since the close of the conference at Jonesboro, visited the Anderson, Michael, Barber's Mill, and Fort Wayne churches, and will soon visit others in search of recruits for the book work.

THE Barber's Mill church and school was favored with a visit from Sister McMahan February 12-16, during which time she conducted four services with them. The church-school, with Miss Bertha Bartholomew teaching, and the Missionary Volunteer Society, are in a prosperous condition.

THE Conference Sabbath-school Department is planning for a special service to be held in all our churches either March 20 or 27, in conformity to the General Conference S. S. Department's recommendation. The program may be found in the March Sabbath-school *Worker*. Sister McMahan expects to supply material to assist in carrying out the program.

THE Sabbath-school lessons beginning the first of April, will be on the life of Christ. *Quarterlies* may be secured now.

ELDER A. L. MILLER and Brethren H. C. Carimichael and R. C. Spohr made a brief call at the Anderson church-school as they were returning from the conference.

A CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE is appointed for April 8-18 at Beechwood Academy. Anyone wishing to enter the missionary canvassing work should arrange to attend.

DO NOT fail to order the *Daily Bulletin*. Think of it! About twenty daily papers, containing sixteen to thirty-two pages each, with full reports of the General Conference, for only fifty cents.

OUR missionary secretary was with the Muncie church February 20. Effective missionary work is being done by some of its members. Several of its young people desire to enter the periodical work this summer.

ALL young people who are desirous of taking up periodical work during the coming summer, and joining a scholarship company should make their wishes known to the missionary secretary, R. C. Spohr.

THE beautiful monthly *Watchman* for March reached our desk last week. Its principal articles deal with the marked increase of lawlessness in recent years, the reasons therefor. It is abundantly worthy of a wide circulation.

SEVERAL of our churches do not report having any missionary secretary, formerly called "librarian." We trust that all such will at once select someone for that office. Our conference missionary secretary, Brother Spohr, will take pleasure in giving any suggestions or assistance desired in this matter.

VERY few can realize the importance of the next session of the General Conference. The entire denomination should be in close touch with that gathering, and become conversant with its proceedings. One must either attend in person in order to do this, or he must secure the fullest possible report as given in print. The *General Conference Daily Bulletin* contains such reports.

ON the 19 ultimo, Elder Victor Thompson began a series of meetings in the Marion church in response to an earnest call.

A GENERAL attendance of young people from throughout Indiana will make the Missionary Volunteer Convention, April 16-18, unusually effective.

THE 1909 Year Book of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination contains much valuable information, and some features not heretofore introduced into the Year Book. Send twenty-five cents in stamps to this office for a copy.

WE trust that Brother Wright, our field agent, may receive a cordial welcome as he labors among our churches. The success of his efforts means the advancement of the truth in Indiana. Sons and daughters should be freely given to this work.

DURING the conference at Jonesboro, a number of families there became interested in the belief of Seventh-day Adventists, and Miss Mary C. Kent was therefore asked to remain for a time to conduct Bible studies with such. She reports some encouraging experiences.

SISTER MINA ANDREWS, of Terre Haute, spent the early winter months selling *Life and Health* in St. Louis, Mo. She sold several hundred of this journal in this city last month, and is now working in and near her home city. The Lord approves of such work and would be pleased to bless others in it.

THE second week in February, Brother Thomas Hubbard began a series of meetings in the Boggs town church, and an excellent interest among those not of our faith is reported. The evening services on the twelfth and thirteenth of February were conducted by Elder Young, excellent attention being given to the truth presented.

THE conference office has just received its first consignment of Dr. F. M. Rossiter's "Practical Guide to Health," a book which, as a scientific, exhaustive treatise on the use and care of the human body in health and disease, is not surpassed. It is published in three bindings, cloth, library, and morocco, the prices being \$3.00, \$4.00, and \$5.00, respectively. Special terms to agents.



SINCE the conference Elder A. L. Miller visited Goshen and Wolf Lake.

BROTHER FRANK S. BUSZ has begun a series of meetings in the Methodist church at Friendship.

THE students of Beechwood Academy enjoyed a chapel talk by Elder W. A. Young on the 15th ultimo.

SEVERAL times recently, the Academy has been favored with chapel talks by Brother Thomas Hubbard, which, we learn, are much appreciated by the students.

ELDER W. A. YOUNG was with the Rocklane church February 13, and conducted the election of officers and ordained the elder selected at that time. A good spirit prevailed in the meeting.

ALL mail for Elder Morris Lukens should be addressed to the conference office, 515 E. 23rd St., Indianapolis, Ind., from which it will always be promptly forwarded to him when he is not in the city.

THE conference field secretary, Archer Wright, in his annual report for 1908 gave the amount of book sales reported by canvassers during that year as being \$3,869.44; a substantial increase over the total sales of 1907.

THE rise, the progress, and the destiny of Spiritualism are logically chronicled in the *March Signs Monthly* by such thoro Bible students as M. C. Wilcox, R. A. Underwood, W. A. Spicer, and A. O. Tait. The deceptive work of Spiritualism should be understood by all in order to avoid its snares. You need the message that this magazine contains; your neighbor needs it.

THE readers of the *REPORTER* will be glad to learn that the State Senate passed the House bill permitting Sunday baseball games by a vote of 30 to 18. No hearing was held on this bill before the Senate committee having it in charge, but Religious Liberty Leaflet No. 6 was placed in the hands of all the senators, and some of them were personally visited by our religious liberty secretary, Elder Miller, and made acquainted with the principles of liberty involved in the bill.

A NEW edition of "Patriarchs and Prophets" is just out, and this office has a supply of the cloth binding, whose regular price is \$2.75.

LAST week, Sister McMahan passed through Indianapolis en route to the Boggs town and Pleasant View church-schools.

THE last issue of the *REPORTER*, dated February 17, should be preserved for reference to the many resolutions and recommendations which were passed at our recent conference. These should be often reread, and all the members of every church in the State should feel it their privilege and their duty to assist in making them effective.

THE latest number of *Liberty*, bearing date of First Quarter, 1909, is full of excellent matter that thinking men and women every where ought to read. Many principles of true liberty, obscure in the minds of a large portion of the citizens of this country, are clearly stated. Our readers are invited to study it themselves and assist in scattering it widely.

IN a statistical report rendered by Elder W. A. Young, the following figures appear: title for 1908, \$18,478.16; offerings to missions, local work, and for other purposes, \$11,844.11; total tithes and offerings for Indiana for last year, \$30,322.27; membership of the conference, 1,924; average tithes and offerings per member, \$15.76; average tithe per member, \$9.60. Is it possible for us to improve upon these figures; let us do it, for the Lord will help us.

WE take a few items from the missionary secretary's annual report which we believe will be read with interest. The total Indiana raised for missions during 1908 was \$4,024.30, which is an average of ten cents per week for 754 members, or about two-fifths of its membership. The periodical sales by the conference office amounted to \$1,789.63, a slight increase over the preceding year. The receipts from the Thanksgiving Ingathering campaign reported to Feb. 1 1909, were \$1,005.17; sixty-seven churches assisted in the work, and 20,000 special *Reviews* were ordered in Indiana. *Life and Health* had an average circulation of 1,500 copies per month in this State during 1908.

FREQUENTLY inquiries are made for a cooking oil that contains no animal ingredients. On such occasions we always take pleasure in recommending the Wesson Cooking Oil a pure, unadulterated cottonseed oil. The Wabash Valley Sanitarium, Beechwood Academy, and many of the most careful vegetarians throughout the State use no other oil for cooking purposes. Orders for more than \$800 worth of this oil went through our office last year. Write for prices.

THE last Sabbath of January, Elder C. J. Buhalts organized a church of fifteen members at Fort Wayne, where Brother and Sister Niehaus have been laboring for some time, and the church was taken into the conference at the first meeting of the recent session. On account of the inclemency of the weather on the date of organization, several prospective members were absent, but it is expected that there will be several additions to this church in the near future.

IMMEDIATELY at the close of the conference at Jonesboro, our new president, Elder Lukens, went to the Wabash Valley Sanitarium to become acquainted with conditions there. He spent one day in the office at Indianapolis, and then was obliged to return to Washington, D. C., to attend to business for the Review & Herald Publishing Association, by whom he has been employed for a year or more as manager of the circulating department. By correspondence he is keeping in touch with the work here. As quickly as the Review & Herald can release Elder Lukens, which doubtless will be within a very few days from the date of this paper, he will return to Indiana, and engage heartily in the work assigned him.

#### ❖ ❖ OMISSION

IN the report of the Committee on Licenses and Credentials, contained in our last issue, the name of Luzerne Thompson was omitted from the list to whom Ministerial Credentials were voted. This name appeared in the copy furnished the printer, but was overlooked in setting up the type. We regret this omission from the original list.