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SOUTHERN INDIANA

IT was the privilege of the writer to meet with the church at Waldron on Sabbath, July 17. At the close of the morning service we repaired to the water's edge and three little girls were baptized.

After the service in the afternoon we left for Boggs town, arriving there in time for a meeting that night. On Sunday afternoon we assembled on the banks of a creek, at which time five more precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. These will unite with the Rocklane church. All of the persons baptized at this time accepted the truth under the labors of Brother Hubbard last winter and spring.

Tuesday night, I was at Dillsboro, where Elders U. S. Anderson and Luzerne Thompson are holding meetings. The Lord has blessed their efforts, and some have accepted the truth.

Wednesday I visited the periodical scholarship company. It was interesting to see the enthusiastic manner in which these noble young people enter upon their work. The Lord is blessing their efforts. It is their plan to visit Indianapolis and canvass in that city before going to the camp-meeting at Bluffton.

At Marengo where Elder Ellis and Brother Charles Allen have been holding meetings, it was my privilege to speak in the tent two nights to large and interested audiences. Six or seven have already begun to keep all of God's commandments, and several others are much interested.

Sabbath and Sunday, July 24 and 25, I was with the Mt. Zion church. At this time Sabbath-school officers were elected, also a board of trustees for the church-school. Unity and harmony prevailed during all of our meetings. May the Lord bless the brethren and sisters at Mt. Zion.

I stopped at Bedford and Oolitic Monday, July 26, speaking to the church at Oolitic, Monday night. Brother and Sister Archer Wright have been canvassing in Bedford. About three weeks ago Brother Wright was taken sick with typhoid fever. He was much improved, however, when I was there, and with the good nursing of Sister Wright I believe he will soon be entirely well. If any of his friends wish to write to him, they may address him at 515 M. St., Bedford.

By the time this issue of the REPORTER reaches its readers, the writer will be at Bluffton assisting in making arrangements for the camp-meeting.

MORRIS LUKENS.

THE CAMP-MEETING

WE are promised excellent help for the Bluffton camp-meeting. Elders Daniells, Evan, Moon, and Slade, as well as our own Conference laborers, will be in attendance. God has in every way indicated His desire to meet with His people on such occasions, and richly bless them. Let us be prepared to receive all that He has for us.

Letters are coming in from church elders stating that quite a good representation will be in attendance at the camp-meeting. One church expects that all its members will attend. From two of our larger churches word comes that forty persons from each place will be at this meeting. Bluffton is a central point and easily reached from a large number of our churches.

MORRIS LUKENS.

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BILLY BRAY

BILLY BRAY was a humble, devoted man of God, in the early days of Methodism. He always enforced the principle that the best should be given to the Lord, and not the "blind," the "lame," or the "sick." One time at a missionary meeting he seem quite vexed. There was something said in the report about money received for "rags and bones," and when he arose to address the meeting, he said, "I don't think it is right, supporting the Lord's cause with old rags and bones. The Lord deserves the best, and ought to have the best. However, He is very condescending, for when a person has a chick that is likely to die, puts it into a stocking, and lays it by the fire, saying, 'If that chick lives, I will give it to the missionaries,' it is not long before it says, 'Sweet, sweet, let me out; I am better.' I knew a woman at St. Just, some years ago, who had two geese; and though she might have a

good flock to begin, she could never rear above two or three. At last she promised the Lord if He would increase her flock she would give every *tenth* goose to the missionaries. Now I reckon you will say that woman had a good heart, but I don't think so; for if she gave every fifth goose to the missionaries, she would then have more than she had before. However the Lord took her word, and she had *eleven*, and they all lived till they grew up nearly as big as the old ones, and then the Lord tried her faith. One of her geese died, and what do you think the devil said? 'That's the missionaries' goose.' That's as the devil would serve missionaries; he would give old dead, stinking geese to them to eat, but what do they want of an old, dead, stinking goose? But she knew 'um, and she said, 'No, devil, I have ten left now, and the missionaries shall have one of them.' And the next year she had eleven again. They were out swimming about the pond, and *they were the most respectable looking geese I ever saw.*"—*Life of Billy Bray, page 104, 105.*

Are there not some in your church or your neighborhood, or in your home that believe or acknowledge the message and are yet lacking in honoring the Lord with their substance? Will you talk to them about their duty? If so, how? Like the woman at St. Just, or as the devil talked to her? W. A. YOUNG.



"HE WILL FINISH THE WORK"

OFTEN the following text is quoted: "For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness; because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." That it applies to this work and this generation, is very evident; for it relates to the finishing of God's work upon the earth, and other texts reveal that when God's work is *finished*, then comes the end.

But, while it says "he will finish the work," it should not be concluded that God in some supernatural way of which we know nothing, will take it out of human hands and Himself do it. No; God does not work that way. He did not deliver Israel from Egypt in any such manner. He did not deliver His people the scores of times they

afterward fell into sin, and in consequences into the hands of their enemies, in some mystical way. He wrought with chosen human instrumentalities filled with the Holy Spirit. Always this has been God's way of doing things. And may we not safely conclude that as we face the mighty problem of finishing the work in this generation in all the world, it will still be through consecrated human instrumentalities filled with His Spirit, that He will do it? We believe so.

And what seems to be one of the greatest evidences that God is steadily bringing His servants into line for the accomplishing of what He has promised to do—the finishing of His work in the earth—is that there is a unanimity of sentiment, a oneness of purpose, taking possession of the leaders of this cause, serving in different capacities, in different countries, that is truly inspiring—all joining hands in the one work of hastening with the message out into the dark corners of the earth. This was the real inspiration of the recent General Conference. Upon this point all saw eye to eye. That it may be accomplished, conference presidents are willing to share their best workers, as well as a portion of their tithe. Who dare say that this is not God's working to bring about the answer to His own promise that "He will finish the work"?

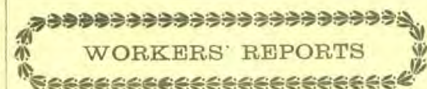
With strong conferences offering to release their best workers, and definitely setting aside as sacred to mission fields a certain per cent. of the tithe coming into the treasury, a long step is made toward reaching the goal of warning the world within the limits of this generation. This can not be brought about without no little self-sacrifice on the part of the conference officials. And while it will bring great courage to every believer, yet at the same time it brings additional responsibilities to every church-member. With devout thankfulness can every one lay aside sacredly the tithe of the Lord. To think that a portion of it will enable some heathen land to hear the message, by helping to provide some messenger, should thrill every loyal Seventh-day Adventist heart with joy.

This is a noble stand for a conference to take. And, as expressed by

one Conference president, "If we do this, I believe in my soul we shall see more people added to our churches; and more churches raised up in our own borders than we are seeing now." No doubt this will prove true; for God has other valuable workers—humble men and women, perhaps not now known, whom He has in reserve to step in and carry forward the work at home, as other laborers are sent to distant fields. God blesses liberality. It is the withholding of resources that impoverishes.

The oneness of purpose shown by every delegate from the homeland assembled, to share men and tithe with the mission fields; the willingness to endure some of the deprivations here at home rather than consume the greater part of the resources here and let other fields suffer and wait—this was the greatest feature of the recent General Conference, that truly brought the most courage and hope to more than simply the missionaries themselves gathered from distant lands; for it at least contains a portion of God's answer as to every believer in the third angel's message as to how "He will finish the work" in this generation. Let us all enter heartily into the plan; for with God's continued blessing, it will mean much in the rapid advancement of the cause in all the earth.

T. E. BOWEN.



REPORT FROM ELDER ELLIS

FOR the last fifteen months, I have been laboring under the direction of the Indiana Conference and this is the first report I have sent in to the INDIANA REPORTER in all that time; yet articles have appeared frequently regarding my work taken from letters I have written to the president and secretary.

I shall now briefly review the work I have done; and let it take the place of more frequent reports, and be an answer to the question, "Is Brother Ellis working now, or is he silent?"

In April and May, 1908, I held a six-weeks' series of meetings at Guy, near Greentown. One person near

there accepted the truth and is still faithful, or at least was a short time ago. At the dedication of the Wabash Valley Sanitarium the last of May, it was decided that Elder Roberts and the writer should conduct a tent effort at Sheridan, which we did, and toward the latter part of the series, Elder Luzerene Thompson joined us. That meeting resulted in two persons accepting the truth, one of whom united with the Northfield church.

On the fifth of September, I joined Elders Young and Buhalts in a tent effort at Monon. At that place, about six persons, some of whom accepted the truth then and the others later, became obedient to all of God's commandments. On the last Sunday night of September, I began labor at Honey Creek. At that place ten persons were baptized, six united with the church. Two persons began the observance of the Sabbath who have not as yet joined the church. In the month of December, in connection with Elder Luzerne Thompson, I conducted a four weeks' meeting at Northfield. Two persons, already Sabbathkeepers, united with the church at that place. In January, 1909, I conducted service for five weeks at Grass Creek. Two adults united with the church at that place, and one other began the observance of the Sabbath.

In the latter part of February and the first part of March, a series of meetings was held with the church near Winamac. Two persons united with that church as a result. Within a week after the close of the Winamac meeting, I was twice called to Grass Creek to conduct funeral services of a father and son, the father dying only four days after the decease of his son.

After conducting quarterly meeting with the Idaville church, I began a series of meetings in the country about seven miles north on Seafield. This was in the month of April; and, as the farmers were somewhat delayed in getting their oats sowed and their ground broken for corn on account of the rains that had hindered them, they were so busy that they did not attend the services very regularly. However, they requested that meetings be held there again at a time when the people could attend with no rush of work

on hands. So the effort at this place closed without any material results; yet several subscriptions were obtained for the *Review*, *Liberty*, *Protestant Magazine*, and the *Bulletin*. The same could be said of periodical subscriptions at Grass Creek, Winamac, and Idaville.

In the month of May a few meetings were held in Monon and Honey Creek. At this time two persons united with the Honey creek church and were baptized. During the first of June a few more meetings were held at Monon and Idaville. One person at each of these places united with the church, the former one with the Honey Creek church, both subject to baptism.

On June 10, the writer left home for Marengo, where a tent-meeting has been held since the 18th of June. Our meetings have been fairly well attended considering the big rains that have lessened our crowds on several occasions. Other meetings have also been conducted in the town almost every night, sometimes at only one church and at other times at four meeting houses. Various kinds of exercises are given, all calculated, in their nature, to weaken our congregations. Yet some five or six have begun the observance of the Sabbath as a result of the effort here. Brother Allen's sister and the writer's daughter have been with us and have assisted quite materially in our meetings.

To-night, July 21st, Elder Lukens is to be with us. We have announced that he will speak at the tent this evening, and we look for a good number to be present and listen to what he may have to say.

Hoping this will find all the readers of the *REPORTER* of good courage, and living in daily, anxious anticipation of attending our camp-meeting, I remain

Your brother,

J. M. ELLIS.



The book of Jonah was written to show that God is in favor of foreign missions.



Your mind is a picture gallery. Hang it with pictures beautiful and inspiring. Never let that of Christ's unparalleled sacrifice for us be taken from its walls.

WE MAY HOPE FOR AN EXCELLENT MEETING

THE annual camp-meeting for 1909 should be the best meeting ever held in our Conference. Our own individual needs call for it.

The needs of our local work and of all our churches demand it. The great world-wide work in all its vastness, which is to be accomplished in a short time, calls for the better fitting up that we should receive at a camp-meeting at which the Spirit of God is poured out in a large measure. Everything pertaining to our welfare and God's glory emphasizes the importance of our having a convocation such as we have never had before that will bring rich blessings to every church, family and individual within the Conference. Can you afford to be without the blessing that such a meeting is intended to bring to God's people.

We wish to ask all to take a careful review of the development of things up to date and of their own personal experiences and needs, and then begin early to plan to come and bring others to the camp-meeting to seek for the refreshing that we need at that time. We should pray for and expect great things from the Lord. We must realize as never before that our own salvation and the finishing of this work require that we shall make the things of God the first in all our considerations. A responsibility rests upon each one to help and encourage others who are needy and possibly somewhat dependant to attend the camp-meeting. We want those who are old and who have been in the message for a long time to attend. We desire to have the children and youth attend also. Let us have a grand reunion and a reviving of our interests in the things of God.

—Selected.



EVEN the devil will behave himself when chained.



THE human race is divided into two classes—those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit still and inquire, "Why wasn't it done the other way?"

NEWS AND NOTES

COME to the Bluffton camp-meeting on August 5.

FROM Dillsboro comes the report that several have taken their stand for the truth of God as a result of the tent-meeting conducted at that place.

THE president of Emmanuel Missionary College, Prof. O. J. Graf, is to be present at our camp-meeting at Bluffton, and will render good help in the meetings.

ELDERS A. G. Danells and I. H. Evans are to be at Bluffton at the opening of the camp-meeting, August 5, but probably will be unable to remain with us during the entire time.

SISTER THOMPSON, who has been doing Bible work at Huntington, reports that two persons are keeping the Sabbath as a result of her efforts in that place. Several from Huntington expect to attend the camp-meeting.

A TENT to be used as the office of the Conference secretary and treasurer will be upon the campground, where payments of tithes and offerings may be made, and other business transacted pertaining to the Conference office.

SOME of our exchanges are being sent to the old address of the Conference office, 240 Indiana Avenue. Our correct address is 515 E. 23rd St., Indianapolis, and mail intended for this office should be directed to that number.

THE tent at South Bend was taken down and shipped to Bluffton early last week. Elder Young reports that several persons are much interested in the truth, as a result of the meetings, and one has promised to obey all of God's commandments.

MISS MINA ANDREWS and Miss Smith, of Terre Haute, were in Indianapolis early last week on their way to the camp-meeting at Bluffton. They expected to visit La Fayette, Logansport, Kokomo, and other cities, and sell the August number of *Life and Health*.

ELDER E. K. SLADE, president of the East Michigan Conference is expected to give the opening address at the camp-meeting, Thursday night, August 5.

THE Indianapolis tent-meeting closed on Sunday night, July 25. At the closing service six or eight signified their intent to begin the observance of the Sabbath.

WE have just received a letter from Elder H. R. Johnson, asking us to renew his subscription to the REPORTER. He states that he is much interested in the progress of the work in Indiana, and especially in the Sanitarium enterprise.

IN remitting tithes and offerings to the conference treasurer, checks or money orders should be made payable to the Indiana Conference, S. D. A., instead of to individuals. We trust our church treasurers and others will make note of this.

BROTHER FRANK S. BUSZ, recently a worker in this Conference, is now located at Wessington Springs, S. D., where a tent-meeting is being conducted. He sends in his subscription for the REPORTER, and states that he is enjoying his work there.

WE have received a number of inquiries in regard to the price which will be charged for tents at the camp-meeting this year. It has been decided that the rates will be the same as last year—from \$1.50 to \$2.50. The best tents, with flies, will rent for \$2.50, without floor.

When sending postage stamps to the office at this season of the year, our correspondents should place them between oiled paper to prevent their sticking to the letter. We are experiencing a little difficulty these days separating stamps from our letters.

ON the 25th ultimo we received an order for 1,000 copies of the August number of *Life and Health* from Brother G. W. Rader of North Vernon. These papers are to be sold by a company of seven persons who will in this way pay their expenses to the Bluffton camp-meeting.

THE Conference office at Indianapolis will be closed during the time of the camp-meeting, but all mail will be promptly forwarded to Bluffton and will receive due attention.

ELDER LUKENS returned to the office on July 27 from his trip to the southern part of the State. He spent a few days in Indianapolis looking after his correspondence, and on Friday left for Jonesboro. He visited the Marion church on Sabbath, and Sunday arrived at Bluffton to help in the preparation for the camp-meeting.

BROTHER CHARLES ALLEN was in the office on July 27, on his way to Bluffton where he will assist in the erection of the camp. He reports that seven persons have begun the observance of the Sabbath as a result of the meetings held at Marengo, and they have hopes that four or five more will take their stand before the close of this series of meetings. Elder Ellis will remain until August 2.

THE periodical scholarship company broke camp at Louisville on last Thursday, and arrived in Indianapolis that evening. They expected to work several days in this city before leaving for the camp-meeting at Bluffton. We go to press too early this week to give a detailed report of their work at Louisville, but hope to get this into our next issue. We understand that more than 12,000 copies of our denominational magazines have been sold thus far in the campaign.

THE dining-tent at the camp-meeting is to be conducted on the European plan, and the same system used as that employed at the recent General Conference. Each person pays for the exact amount of food ordered instead of the regular rate per meal. The plan of conducting the dining-tent as a cafeteria seemed to give general satisfaction to those in attendance at the General Conference, and it has been decided to try it in Indiana at our camp-meeting this year. There will be no soup-counter such as we have had at these meetings in the past.