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ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

WE have reached the closing month of the year. During this month it is expected that all churches will hold their annual election of officers. It may be suggested that we carry out the plan of the General Conference Committee in appointing a committee to nominate these officers.

I read on page 136 of "The Church: Its Organization," etc.:

The plan first adopted in selecting conference officers was the same as was finally recommended in organizing churches. The organizer was to select a committee of two or three consecrated brethren of ability and good judgment; and they unitedly were to look over the membership list, meanwhile seeking wisdom from God as to who were best qualified

to fill the offices of the church. These names were then nominated and brought before the church for consideration, the church-members either electing the persons nominated, or others, if in their judgment there are others better qualified.

This committee should be appointed at least one week before the day of the election as they should have time to carefully consider the qualifications of the officers to be selected. It might be suggested that this committee of three be appointed Sabbath, December 25, so that the new officers can begin their work with the new year.

The Bible, in 1 Timothy 3:1-10 and Titus 5:1-9, tells us who should be selected to act as elders and deacons.

I hardly need mention that the church clerk should be a consecrated person, one who attends church regularly and is capable of keeping the books of the Lord's house as they should be kept.

The treasurer should especially be one who guards as sacred the funds of the church. By no means should a person be selected as treasurer who does not believe in paying an honest tithe. It is also important that the clerk and treasurer should be persons who are "diligent in business," as reports and funds should be sent to the Conference office promptly.

For the church missionary secretary one should be selected who is awake to the importance of the message, one who will keep constantly before the members of the church the importance of doing missionary work.

Some one should be selected as religious liberty secretary who is especially interested in this line of work and will keep this important branch of the message constantly before the members.

If the committee that may be appointed to nominate officers thinks it advisable to make some special change in the officers, it may be well to consult with the Conference Committee.

MORRIS LUKENS.

MEETING FOR LOCAL CHURCH ELDERS

By the time this paper reaches its readers, the general meetings will be in the past. Now comes the Week of Prayer. That being over, we trust our people will look forward with interest to the time appointed for the Elders' Meeting, Jan. 20-23, 1910.

The elders of the churches occupy a very important position and in order that they may properly "feed the flock" entrusted to their care, it is essential that they receive proper instruction. Matters of grave importance are constantly coming up and the times demand that our elders should know what is expected of them. I am sure that the churches will all be benefited by having their elders attend this meeting.

The instructors will be Elders Moon and Covert and some of our Conference workers.

MORRIS LUKENS.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER

ARRANGEMENTS have been made for our workers to visit as many of the churches during the Week of Prayer as they can consistently with their other duties. Following is a partial list of appointments. In each case, the first place mentioned is where the worker is to spend the first Sabbath, December 11. Sabbath, December 18, will be spent at the last place mentioned, unless otherwise stated.

Elder U. S. Anderson: Muncie, New Hope, Hartford City.

Elder C. J. Buhalts: Peru, Logansport, Grass Creek.

Elder J. M. Ellis will visit churches in the vicinity of Seafield where he is holding meetings.

Elder B. Hagle: Ligonier, Wolcottville, Inwood, Akron, Anderson, Middletown.

Elder A. L. Miller: Indianapolis 23rd Street and East Side; Wednes-

day, December 15, Kennard, Thursday Greenfield.

Elder O. S. Hadley: Indianapolis West Side.

Elder L. Thompson: Northfield and New London.

Elder V. Thompson: Lebanon, Jefferson, Kokomo, Barber's Mill.

Elder W. A. Young: Oolitic, Linton, Elnora.

Elder F. M. Roberts: Jonesboro, Marion, Michael.

Thomas Hubbard: Waldron, Beechwood Academy, Boggstown.

R. W. Leach: Terre Haute, Farmersburg.

J. H. Niehaus: Wolf Lake, Huntington, Fort Wayne.

R. C. Spohr, Noblesville, New Marlon, Seymour, North Vernon.

E. C. Townsend: South Bend, Elkhart (Wednesday and Thursday).

Sister Mc Mahan: Anderson, Elwood (Wednesday and Thursday).

J. Theresa Thompson: Connersville.

Lora Duncan: Indianapolis churches.

Elder Morris Lukens: Anderson, Marion, Indianapolis West Side, East Side, 23rd Street, Franklin, La Fayette, Wabash Valley Sanitarium.

We are sorry it will be impossible to have our workers visit every church but we trust that in all of the churches the Week of Prayer will be observed and that as far as possible, the members will arrange their work so as to attend the meetings daily. I would suggest that the meetings be held at a time when all the members can be present. In the past, the Week of Prayer has been a special blessing to our people and we trust that this year will be no exception.

ANNUAL OFFERINGS

Do not forget the Annual Offerings for foreign Missions. Can we not at least double the amount that we gave last year? We are one year nearer the end. The many openings in the great mission fields demand that we give liberally even tho we need to deny ourselves.

May the Lord guide us during this Week of Prayer and may we remember the great need in our mission fields when we give our offering, Sabbath, December 18.

MORRIS LUKENS.

"EVERY man has time enough to do his whole duty."

THE NEEDS OF HUNTSVILLE

THE Oakland Manual Training School at Huntsville, Alabama, is conducted to train colored workers for the South. Few of our students can pay their way through school; we are obliged to furnish them employment and furnish their board. About twenty-five applicants have been refused admittance. Their services on needed improvements could be used but we are unable to provide for them at present. The school is prosperous, growing. We want to enlarge; we need help.

We are planning to load a car of provisions at some central location in Indiana for this school. Some of our crops have been abundant but we have no Irish potatoes. We have corn for our stock but not enough to grind for corn meal. Potatoes, corn, and beans are especially desired but any fruits, grains, and vegetables will be gratefully received.

If any reader of these lines has a good plow, mower, wagon, or vehicle that is not in use that you would be glad to have consumed in useful service in the cause, we can make good use of it at Huntsville. Moves and changes often throw a part of one's equipment out of use. Articles for the home, dishes, kitchen-ware, chairs, rugs, sewing-machines, harness, etc., would be much appreciated.

It may be that you have outgrown or out-of-style clothing in your wardrobes which we could use. Possibly some sister in a city would be glad to visit some homes of the well-to-do and gather garments for us.

These suggestions are made, in spite of frequent calls upon the generosity of our people. We still remember recent sacrifices in our behalf, but we see such a contrast between two pictures.—the prosperous North, with its fertile soil, comfortable homes, and modern conveniences; the neglected South, with its waste lands, stingy soil, and illiterate people that we make this call.

Kindly write me what you have or what you would like to do. We expect free transportation on our loaded car.

May heaven's choicest blessings rest upon God's liberal people.

C. J. BOYD.

Route 3, Muncie, Ind.

HARVEST INGATHERING ITEMS

"PLEASE send me fifty more copies of the Missionary Campaign Number of the *Review and Herald*. Did very well with the first fifty." So writes Sister Mary Smith of the Soldiers' Home at La Fayette.

AT the close of November, the treasurer of the East Side church of this city sent us \$23.24 and the treasurer of the 23rd Street church \$37.66, amounts thus far received in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Many members of both of these churches have not yet passed their receipts in to the church treasurers.

ORDERS for the special *Review* are being received at the Conference office almost every day. Some write that they can not immediately use the papers but they are ordering for use in the near future. It is not too late to secure copies of the *Missions Review*. The probability is that the campaign will continue for several weeks beyond the close of the present year.

THE Indianapolis church school teacher, Miss Mayna Miller, assisted materially in enlarging the Harvest Ingathering receipts for her church by selling twenty-three copies of the *Review* in the down-town district of Indianapolis, Saturday night, November 20, receiving for them \$3.65. Miss Genevieve Spohr, also of the 23rd Street church, gathered in \$2.65 the same evening in the same way.

THE plan of selling *Reviews* on the streets evenings, especially Saturday evening, could be successfully used in many of our cities and towns by our energetic sisters, and thus the amount raised for missions in this campaign be greatly increased. Success has attended the efforts put forth by even the inexperienced workers who have had the courage to try it.

DO NOT forget that all money received as a result of the campaign with the *Reviews* should be labeled "Harvest Ingathering money" and forwarded at an early date to the Conference treasurer.

"A FAMILY without prayer is like a house without a door, exposed to every danger, and offering an entrance to every evil."

IMPORTANT TO SABBATH SCHOOLS

ON account of the increased price on the raw materials which enter into the production of our publications, the publishers, upon advice of the recent General Conference Council, held in College View, Nebr., have arranged for an advance on the club rates of the *Youth's Instructor*, and the *Sabbath-school Worker*, after Jan. 1st, 1910. Previous to that time, however, new subscriptions may be given for any part of, or the entire year, 1910. Old subscriptions may be extended, or renewals ordered at the old rates, provided the orders are received by the publishers before Jan. 1, 1910.

The new rate on the *Instructor* clubs of 5 or more copies to one address is 75 cents per copy for one year; 40 cents for six months; 20 cents for three months.

The new rate on the *Sabbath-school Worker* in clubs of two or more copies to one address is 30 cents for a full year. Only yearly subscriptions on the *Worker* are received.

Old prices on single subscriptions for each of these papers remain unchanged.

Let all Sabbath-schools take notice of these changes in the prices of these important periodicals, and extend present subscriptions for the entire year of 1910.



NEW REVIEW PRICES

FOR a long time the *Review* and *Herald Publishing Association* has been struggling against the necessity for an increase in the subscription price of the *Review*. But on account of the great increase in cost of producing the paper, they have finally been forced to submit to the inevitable to raise the prices of the *Review* as follows:

One year,	\$1.75
Six months,	.90
Three months,	.50

These prices go into effect Jan. 1, 1910, but all of our people are given the opportunity to subscribe, to re-

new, or to extend their subscription for any part of, or for all of the year, 1910, at the old prices provided their orders are received by the publishers before Jan. 1, 1910.

Now is the time to attend to this important matter. Any believer can not afford to be without the *Review*. Subscribe now, and save the increase in prices.

ELDER A. L. MILLER was called to Ligonier to preach the funeral of Sister Feebles of that place.

ORDERS for holiday books should be sent in early so that the usual delay in handling the mails at this season of the year will not make your order late in reaching you.

THE new Morning Watch Calendars for 1910 are beautiful and helpful. Five cents in stamps, sent to Mrs. R. W. McMahan, 805 Meridian St., Anderson, Ind., will bring one to you.

CHILDREN'S books, such as the "New Testament Primer," at thirty-five cents in board binding, "Best Stories from the Best Book," at fifty cents, and "Making Home Happy," at fifty cents in cloth, are suitable for presentation to children or for sale at this season of the year.

THE tithe report for November shows that \$1579.50 was received by the Conference treasurer last month. This is a larger sum than was received during the corresponding month one year ago. The October tithe this year was also larger than that of the same month in 1908. Can the December tithe for 1909 exceed that of December 1908?

It is quite proper for individuals to place a five-dollar bill in the Annual Offering, Dec. 18. Occasionally some one thinks a check for \$25.00 looks well at that time. The Lord blesses those who give liberally and freely. He is well pleased with widow's mites when that is all we have to give, but He expects large gifts from those who are able to give largely.

TITHE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1909

Akron	\$	10 78
Anderson		10 00
Barber's Mill		77 15
Boggs town		
Brookston		
Connersville		30 39
Dana		4 00
Denver		19 66
Elkhart		20 28
Elnora		
Elwood		17 74
Farmersburg		17 38
Fort Wayne		
Franklin		5 30
Glenwood		17 80
Goshen		42 50
Grass Creek		
Greenfield		83 15
Hartford City		3 20
Honey Creek		4 15
Huntington		8 65
Idaville		42 90
Indianapolis (East Side)		136 43
" (23rd street)		14 88
" (West Side)		31 93
Individuals		
Inwood		1 00
Jefferson		15 75
Jonesboro		12 58
Kennard		70 67
Kokomo		6 20
La Fayette		11 50
Lebanon		71 36
Ligonier		14 35
Linton		49 84
Logansport		33 43
Marion		24 10
Michaels		1 40
Michigan City		58 90
Middletown		15 35
Mt. Vernon		57 11
Mt. Zion		
Muncie		61 59
New Hope		7 25
New London		5 00
New Marlon		17 93
Noblesville		2 71
Northfield		20 80
North Liberty		29 56
North Vernon		
Oolitic		31 20
Patrickburg		10 25
Peru		
Petersburg		12 42
Pleasant View		12 13
Princeton		
Richmond		5 89
Rochester		18 97
Rocklane		12 00
Salem		22 35
Seymour		75 42
South Bend		26 22
Sunman		25 50
Terre Haute		11 01
Unionville		64 20
Wabash Valley Sanitarium		22 14
Waldron		
Walkerton		16 50
West Liberty		35 25
Wolcottville		
Wolf Lake		
Total receipts	\$	1579 50

A. N. ANDERSON, *Treas.*

WANTED!

WANTED—A willing boy, 14 or 15 years old, or man; to do chores for the winter. Will give a good home to the right person. References given and required. Sabbath-keeper preferred; write for terms. J. J. Fellow, R. No. 3, Greentown, Ind.

"If we endure, we shall also reign with Him." 2 Tim. 2:12.

COLPORTERS' REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1909

NAME	ADDRESS	BOOK	Days	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps
Stephen Boze	Newton Co.	H. of M.	4	30	6	\$ 12 00	\$ 5 60
W. G. Keelly	Greene Co.	Daniel & Rev.	12	82	17	53 50	1 80
E. A. Kern	La Porte Co.	Great Con.	16	112	23	\$ 65 50	\$ 7 40
Totals, 3 Agents							

NEWS AND NOTES

Sabbath-school Quarterlies are now ready.

THE Week of Prayer begins next Sabbath, December 11.

ALL churches throughout the State should hold at least one service each day or evening, December 11-18.

BROTHER BOYD'S appeal for assistance for the Huntsville school should be thoughtfully considered by our readers.

LAST Friday, the 3rd inst., Elder Lukens went to Kokomo to attend the general meeting Sabbath and Sunday.

ON the 26th ult., Elder W. A. Young went to Salem to begin a series of meetings for the church at that place.

THE *Review* of November 18 contains the readings for the Week of Prayer. They should be very carefully studied, not hastily read.

FROM December 10-13, Elder Young expects to be with the Oolitic church; from December 14-16, at Linton; and December 17 and 18 at El-nora.

ORDERS for Volume 9 of "Testimonies for the Church" are not coming in so plentifully of late. It is an excellent volume, to be had for seventy-five cents.

ELDERS VICTOR THOMPSON and U. S. Anderson began the general meeting at Kokomo last Wednesday night, December 1. It was to close last Sunday night.

OUR secretary and treasurer, Brother A. N. Anderson, spent the last Sabbath and Sunday of November in attendance at the Boggstown general meeting.

THE Committee voted to ask Sister Lukens to accept the responsibilities of the Sabbath-school Department and she expects to enter upon her duties the first of next month.

THE articles in this week's issue concerning the election of church officers and the importance of observing the Week of Prayer should be thoughtfully considered by all of our readers.

THE Salem and Terre Haute church schools were visited last week by Sister McMahan. This week she expects to visit Dana and Monte-

zuma, returning home to Anderson on Friday.

THROUGHOUT the United States, Adventists will make a liberal Annual Offering for missions at the close of the Week of Prayer, December 18. Will you join in making this a large offering?

OUR two quarterly magazines, *The Protestant* and *Liberty*, are both full of excellent reading in their last quarter's issues. Either as missionary magazines or as salable matter, they are excellent.

THE December magazines can be obtained in quantities of 25 or more at four cents each. After the December supply is exhausted, the rate on ten to twenty copies will be five cents each and on fifty or more, four cents.

LAST year's Annual Offering was much smaller than for a number of years preceding. Indiana gave only \$549.23 in the 1908 Christmas offering. In 1907 the amount was \$982.23. Can we not make it \$1000 this year?

OUR field missionary agent, Brother White, is spending some time this month in southern Indiana. We trust our people where he visits will heartily co-operate to make his work profitable.

WE heartily commend to the consideration of all our readers the appeal which Prof. Boyd makes in this paper for assistance for the Oakwood School at Huntsville. This is a very worthy enterprise and anything we can do to help it is helping the Lord's cause.

THE *Watchman* for December is an unusually attractive magazine of sixty-four pages, full of truth for these times. Being beautifully illustrated, it will sell readily at ten cents a copy. We will furnish it from this office, in quantities of twenty-five or more at four cents each.

BOTH the illustrations and the articles in the December *Life and Health* are unusually excellent. Sister Mina Andrews of Terre Haute, has placed an order for 500 copies of this number to sell in her home city and nearby. Doubtless others would enjoy success in its sale were they once to undertake it.

IF all Sabbath-school and church missionary secretaries whose duty it is to order *Sabbath-school Quarterlies* for the first quarter of 1910 will

place their orders for them at once, the usual but unnecessary delays attending the reception of the lesson pamphlets in our several Sabbath-schools will not occur.

ELDER VICTOR THOMPSON will spend the Week of Prayer visiting the following churches: Lebanon, December 11 and 12; Jefferson, the 13th and 14th; Kokomo, the 15th and 16th; and Barber's Mill, December 17-19. He is expecting to hold quarterly meeting at Barber's Mill and have the election of church officers while there.

INDIANA is to have a new departmental secretary after Jan. 1, 1910. Because of the heavy burdens which fall to her as Secretary of the Educational and Missionary Volunteer departments of the Conference, Sister McMahan some months ago requested to be relieved of the Sabbath-school work. The Executive Committee recently voted to release her.

HAVE you noticed that the subscription price of the *Review* will be raised to \$1.75 a year after Jan. 1, 1910? Better order now while the rate is still \$1.50. To get others in your church also to subscribe or renew their subscriptions is a good missionary work. Will not the 200 REPORTER readers who do not receive the *Review* subscribe for it during this month?

A GOOD denominational book is an elegant present to make a neighbor, friend, or relative during the holiday season. Why not try it? "Daniel and the Revelation," "Great Controversy between Christ and Satan," "Patriarchs and Prophets," and "Desire of Ages," can not be equalled by the best writers of religious works in other denominations. Write this office for prices. A liberal discount from list prices is offered on these books.

ELDER LUKENS expects to meet with the church in Anderson, Sabbath morning, December 11, and the Marion church in the afternoon. He will also hold meetings with the Marion church Sunday, the 12th inst. It is expected that the churches at Jonesboro and Michael will meet with the Marion church on this occasion. Monday night he expects to meet with the West Side church in Indianapolis; Tuesday, the East Side church; Wednesday, the 23rd Street church. Thursday, the 16th, he will spend at Franklin and Friday and Sabbath he will be at La Fayette.