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### SACREDNESS OF VOWS

THE above is the title of one of the most interesting chapters in Volume Four of the Testimonies. Looking over several lists of pledges, many of which the long past due are still unpaid, suggested the thought that it would be timely to call attention to some of the statements this Testimony contains. The following are especially worthy of our study.

"When a verbal or written pledge has been made in the presence of our brethren, to give a certain amount, they are the visible witnesses of a contract made between ourselves and God. The pledge is not made to

man, but to God, and is as a written note given to a neighbor. No legal bond is more binding upon the Christian for the payment of money, than a pledge made to God. . . .

"God works through human instrumentalities; and whoever shall awaken the consciences of men, provoking them to good works and a real interest in the advancement of the cause of truth, does not do it of himself, but by the Spirit of God which worketh in him. Pledges made under these circumstances are of a sacred character, being the fruit of the work of the Spirit of God. When these pledges are canceled, Heaven accepts the offering, and these liberal workers are credited for so much treasure invested in the bank of Heaven. Such are laying up a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. . . .

"The plan of systematic benevolence was of God's own arrangement; but the faithful payment of God's claims is often refused or postponed, as though solemn promises were of no significance. It is because church members neglect to pay their tithes and meet their pledges that our institutions are not free from embarrassment. If all, both rich and poor, would bring their tithes into the store-house, there would be a sufficient supply of means to release the cause from financial embarrassment, and to nobly carry forward the missionary work in its various departments."

Great things have been accomplished through the liberal offerings of our people here in this State. A sanitarium has been established, an academy built, much work done for those within our borders, and thousands of dollars have been sent on to the distant fields to support our faithful missionaries. But there is another side to the picture. Some of these enterprises have been launched on the strength of pledges

given for their support. These come due but no payment is made. Perhaps reminders are sent out but these too pass unnoticed. Then it is not difficult to see what embarrassment must come to those responsible for the liabilities incurred.

An example of this is afforded in the cases of some students now attending the Academy. They are bright and promising youth and, if permitted to have the proper training, will develop into valuable workers in this message. In fact, this is already their ambition. But those who promised assistance to meet their expenses, for some reason, have done little or nothing for them. The school is unable to carry them along in their work without something in return. Some of these referred to are orphans, others have parents too poor to help them, and still others have parents who are not Adventists, hence have no sympathy with their children who desire a Christian education.

Something must be done for these students at once or their work be broken off in the middle of the school year. Will not those who have promised assistance, now redeem their pledges? And may God put it into the hearts of others to send of their means something to help these young people in their efforts to obtain a training for service.

"There are only two places in the world where we can deposit our treasures.—God's storehouse or in Satan's, and all that is not devoted to Christ's service is counted on Satan's side, and goes to strengthen his cause."—Testimonies, Vol. 6, page 447. CLETON L. TAYLOR.



### PROVIDING A CHURCH FOR OUR COLORED PEOPLE IN CHICAGO

We have a population of colored people in Chicago variously estimated at from fifty to eighty thousand. Fifty or more of these have



embraced the truth, and many others of them will do so as soon as they can hear it properly presented. But the interests among the millions in this great city are varied, and the work is so great that we have decided to ask the other conferences in the Lake Union to assist us in providing a church house for our colored people.

Being deeply concerned about how work could best be done in Chicago for this people, I sought and obtained an interview with Sister E. G. White upon the subject last summer; and she unhesitatingly advised us to organize them into a church to themselves and provide them with a respectable place of worship where they could in a comfortable way carry forward evangelistic work for their own race. She referred to what was then soon to be published in Vol. 9 of the Testimonies upon the subject of work for this people, and suggested that we follow the instruction therein given. And this is what we are endeavoring to do. A room has been rented and a church with Sabbath-school and a full complement of church officers organized. A good minister of their own race has been secured, who is well able to give the whole truth to the needy multitudes who seem ready to hear. But a suitable house of worship is greatly needed for this purpose and it should be provided for them immediately. Yet our Conference is not able alone to meet the expense, as about \$5,000 will probably be needed. And as Chicago is a great needy mission field the delegates at the Lake Union Conference, who were lately assembled in biennial session at Battle Creek, unanimously voted that all our churches in the Lake Union set apart Sabbath, March 19, as a day in which to make a special offering with which to provide a house of worship for our colored people in Chicago. It is sincerely hoped that these offerings will be liberal, because the house is greatly needed and the work is a worthy one, which will result in accomplishing much good.

Let every member and friend help. The assistance thus rendered will be most highly appreciated by those having oversight of this work. It is possible that some may think the Northern Illinois Conference should raise all the funds for this purpose

without asking others to help; but in Chicago this message must be given in almost every language spoken in the civilized world, and to some of every race and nation under the sun. In this Conference we are working to the limit of our ability to hasten forward the message and we will be grateful indeed for the help our good people in all the Union can give.

Will church and Conference officers please to make a note of the date on which this offering is to be made, March 19, and labor to secure a large one? There is time for all to get something in hand to give. Also please to send it forward so that it may reach our treasury department at an early date after the offering is made. All offerings should be sent through regular channels.

WM. COVERT, Pres.

H. E. MOON, Sec. & Treas.

(I trust our people in Indiana will enter heartily into the above mentioned proposition.

MORRIS LUKENS.



#### GENERAL MEETING AT ELMORA

THERE will be a general meeting at Elmore, Ind., beginning Thursday night, March 10, and continuing until Sunday night, March 13. Three services will be held daily during this general meeting. Elders Young and Miller and the writer will be in attendance. Elder Young will begin a series of meetings at the church at Elmore about the 3rd of March and continue until the general meeting begins. It is hoped the neighboring churches will plan to attend this general meeting. Let all be there during the entire time. Remember the date and place: Elmore, Ind., March 10-13, 1910.

MORRIS LUKENS.

#### THE \$300,000 FUND

ENCOURAGING reports are coming in from most of the churches in the state telling of their plans to raise their quota of the \$300,000 Fund. All of our laborers who were at the Lake Union Conference meeting were enthusiastic over the fact that they expected in a very short time to have the quotas of the churches assigned

them, all pledged. Some of the churches are planning to sell books and periodicals to raise their quota. Others are making arrangements in some other way, but all are expecting to have most of their quota of the \$300,000 paid during the present year. I am also receiving some encouraging reports concerning the plan to sell the book "Ministry of Healing." We hope that our churches all over the State will take hold of this and will do what they can to assist in raising money in this way until our Sanitarium is entirely free from debt. MORRIS LUKENS.



#### ITEMS OF INTEREST

MISS J. THERESA THOMPSON, who has been engaged in Bible work in Connersville for sometime, returned to her home at Russellville this week.

THE fourth number of the *Protestant Magazine* contains a tabulated report of the growth of the Catholic church in the United States from the year 1776 up to 1909, revealing the phenomenal increase from one in 120 of the population of 1776, to one in six of the population of 1909, or a net increase of 15,575,000 communicants.

IN the council of Indiana workers in attendance at the Lake Union Conference at Battle Creek, Mich., last month, a majority of the Conference Executive Committee being present, it was decided to hold tent meetings this summer in Indianapolis, Evansville, Elkhart, and Taswell, and to place a strong force of workers with each tent.

IN our next issue, the tithe of February, 1910, will be compared with the tithe received in February, 1909, church by church. Watch for the report and see what proportion of the gain is due to a gain in the church to which you belong. We are pleased to be able to state that the total tithe for the entire State for February 1910 was several hundred dollars in excess of that of the same month of last year.

A STUDY of "The Apostolic Oath of Allegiance to the Pope," published in the fourth number of the *Protestant Magazine*, will enable one to form a fair, impartial judgment of the principles of Roman Catholics. The oath being a document of their own, ex-



pressed in their own words, can not fail to be a true expression of their faith and practice.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

OWING to the fact that several people that have moved out of the Conference have drawn their money which they had deposited with the Conference Association, we are now in a position to accept loans of several small or large amounts, and will pay all depositors 4% interest.

INDIANA ASSOCIATION, S. D. A.  
MORRIS LUKENS, Pres.

### BEECHWOOD ACADEMY

HARRY SWAYNE is spending a few days at his home near Noblesville.

MR. J. H. BUSH was the guest of his daughter, Orna, Thursday, February 24.

MISS ELIZABETH BAILEY and Miss Vivian Halstead were in Indianapolis on business, the 17th inst.

THE Faculty spent a very pleasant evening with Professor and Mrs. Taylor, Sunday, February 27.

BECAUSE of the severity of the winter, the Academy has been obliged to purchase another car load of coal.

WE regretted to lose another student, Simeon Carahool. He has returned to his home in Bowling Green.

MR. HARRY FORD has recently been called home because of his sister's illness. Miss Clementine's many friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

THE Young People's Society observed Missionary Volunteer Day. The special program prepared for the occasion proved to be very instructive.

AFTER an absence of one week, Professor Taylor returned Friday, the 17th, ult., from the Lake Union Conference. His many interesting reports of the meeting have been enjoyed by all.

THE "Outline Studies from the Testimonies," which has been in course of preparation by Professor Taylor for the past few months, came from the press last Sunday.

Several orders from the College and academies of the Union have been filled. Ministers and Bible workers will find the "Studies" of great value to them in their work. About two-thirds of the books have been sold, but orders will be filled so long as the present edition lasts. Price, twenty cents, net.

### WANTED

WANTED.—To rent or buy a good, general purpose farm. Might trade in Colorado land. Address, INDIANA REPORTER, Department L, 521 E. 23rd St., Indianapolis.

WANTED—A good S. D. A. girl or middle-aged woman to do house work on farm. Church privileges; two miles from Beechwood Academy. For further information address, Mrs. Eva Cushing,

R. F. D. No. 1, Fairland Ind.

### BULBS FOR SALE

THE Oakwood Manual Training School has raised a nice collection of summer flowering bulbs the past season, and is now offering some for sale. The growing of these bulbs is undertaken to furnish work to poor students who can attend school only as they are able to pay their expenses in work. To place an order for these bulbs will not only bring to your home some beautiful flowers, but will also help the school. We have the following to offer:

Daffodils: Each, ten cents; six for fifty cents; twelve for seventy-five cents. If by mail, add twenty cents per dozen for postage.

Gladiolus: Each, two cents, twenty cents per dozen; \$1.00 per 100. If by mail, add ten cents per dozen for postage.

Tuberose: Each three cents, twenty-five cents per dozen; \$1.00 per 100. Ten cents extra by mail, per dozen.

Cannas: Strong Roots, ten cents each; seventy-five cents per dozen. By mail, five cents each for postage.

Caladium Esculentum—Elephant's Ear: Large Bulbs, ten cents each; seventy-five cents per box. By mail, five cents each for postage.

We have issued a neat little cir-

cular giving a concise description of these flowers. We shall be glad to send one to you if you will send us your address. If you wish you can enclose stamp to help out on postage. Address,

Oakwood School, Box 414, Huntsville, Ala.

W. J. BLAKE, Principal.

### COMPARATIVE TITHE REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1909 AND 1910

Akron.....	\$ 6 00	
Anderson.....	\$ 7 01	28 98
Barber's Mill.....		
Boggs town.....	133 24	118 97
Brookston.....		1 10
Connersville.....		49 33
Dana.....	10 00	
Denver.....		7 10
Elkhart.....	19 17	8 88
Elmore.....	3 17	
Elwood.....	3 60	2 65
Farmersburg.....	5 10	14 26
Fort Wayne.....		5 16
Franklin.....	36 74	
Frankton.....	5 25	
Glenwood.....	3 50	
Goshen.....	6 36	3 86
Grass Creek.....		
Greenfield.....	3 80	2 00
Hartford City.....		60
Honey Creek.....	27 70	33 65
Huntington.....		8 50
Idaville.....	5 75	5 67
Indpls (East Side).....	56 02	60 51
" (23rd street).....	152 31	145 58
" (West Side).....	16 25	5 00
Individuals.....	36 87	59 97
Inwood.....	27 29	
Jefferson.....	12 15	37 26
Jonesboro.....	13 38	26 33
Kenard.....	32 42	
Kokomo.....		161 09
La Fayette.....	10 10	21 12
Lebanon.....	8 81	3 00
Ligonier.....	13 49	16 54
Linton.....	24 60	
Logansport.....	43 70	54 47
Marion.....	5 35	63 28
Michaels.....		
Michigan City.....	62	
Middletown.....	1 12	
Mt. Vernon.....	9 61	
Mt. Zion.....	19 08	3 50
Muncie.....		
New Hope.....	13 44	30 15
New London.....	6 93	7 14
New Marion.....		1 50
Noblesville.....	77	8 88
Northfield.....	97 00	46 31
North Liberty.....	15 91	6 40
North Vernon.....		
Oolitic.....		24 14
Patrickburg.....	5 00	
Peru.....	3 76	15 97
Petersburg.....		67 51
Pleasant View.....	16 69	36 18
Princeton.....	2 45	
Richmond.....		
Rochester.....	39 76	4 05
Rocklane.....	20 91	14 11
Salem.....	22 12	16 80
Seymour.....	7 10	2 65
South Bend.....		
Sunman.....	10 98	5 27
Terre Haute.....	8 85	31 88
Unionville.....		
W. V. Sanitarium.....	106 20	32 50
Waldron.....		14 95
Walkerton.....		
West Liberty.....	6 50	0 00
Wolcottville.....	1 50	40 23
Wolf Lake.....	132 79	49 57
Total receipts.....	\$1272 28	\$1414 91



## NEWS AND NOTES

SISTER McMAHAN spent Sabbath, February 19, at Fort Wayne.

*Sabbath-school Quarterlies* for the second quarter of 1910 should be ordered now.

ELDER A. L. MILLER returned to Indianapolis from Battle Creek on Friday, February 18.

In our next issue, we expect to give a statement of all money paid by churches on the \$300,000 Fund.

DR. W. W. WORSTER of the Sanitarium at LaFayette, spent several days at the Lake Union Conference at Battle Creek.

"TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH," Vol. 9, should be in every home. Have you one? Cloth, seventy-five cents; leather, \$1.25.

ELDER VICTOR THOMPSON went to Kokomo at the close of the Lake Union Conference and Elder U. S. Anderson returned to Muncie.

TEN or twelve have already pledged to pay \$100.00 on the \$300,000 Fund. Can this number be increased to fifty? Let us hear from you.

OUR conference treasurer, Brother A. N. Anderson, left Battle Creek, Michigan, on the 17th, ult. and again took up his work at the office on the 18th.

THE Lake Union Conference at its recent session elected Elder C. J. Buhalts as Missionary Secretary. He is expected to take up the duties of that office this month.

ELDER and Sister Lukens visited Ligonier, Ft. Wayne, Hartford City, New Hope and Muncie, before returning to Indianapolis from the Lake Union Conference last week.

ELDER W. J. STONE was in attendance at the Lake Union Conference from its opening meeting until Wednesday, February 16. He was made a delegate-at-large by vote of the Conference.

THE fifth biennial session of the Lake Union Conference closed Thursday evening, February 17 with a most interesting meeting during which more than \$115 was raised for China by the sale of a quilt made by Sister McDonald, ninety-two years of age, living at South Milford, Ind. which was also given to China.

HAVE you sold two copies of "Ministry of Healing" this year?

HAVE you read the March number of our monthly magazine?

WE now have a large supply of "Ministry of Healing" and can fill orders promptly.

THE Year Book for 1909 is now ready. Order from this office, enclosing twenty-five cents in stamps.

THIS office can now fill orders for lesson pamphlets for the second quarter of 1910. Send orders promptly.

ALL of our ten-cent magazines may be had in quantities of ten to forty copies at five cents each, fifty or more four cents each.

THE March *Life and Health* may be had in any quantity by addressing this office. Forty or less are five cents each; fifty or more are four cents each. Cash with orders will be appreciated.

ALL churches are requested to take up a special offering the third Sabbath of this month, March 19, for the Chicago Colored Church. See Elder Wm. Covert's article on another page.

AN order to send *Liberty* to all state legislators, the governor, supreme court judges, and other state officials, was recently sent to the publishers. Local churches ought to arrange for sending this magazine to prominent city and county officials in their respective neighborhoods.

THE Wolf Lake Young Peoples' Society is planning to sell one hundred copies of *Life and Health* in the near future and give the proceeds to the Sanitarium at LaFayette, in harmony with the recommendation that all our members sell five or more papers for the benefit of this institution.

WHEN the United States was busy and oppressed with the great burden of the Civil War, one of the nations of Europe sought to establish an empire on the American continent. In the March *Signs of the Times Monthly*, Elder J. O. Corliss writes the first article that portrays this interesting event, and shows the part which the papacy had in making this attempt. This is only one of many vitally interesting articles in this number, which you ought by all means to read.

ELDER W. A. YOUNG spent the last Sabbath of February at Connersville.

ELDER A. L. MILLER is visiting scattered members of the Kennard church this week.

BROTHER SPOHR returned to the office on Monday of this week after an absence of nearly three weeks.

PARTICULAR attention should be given to the new special series of the *Signs of the Times* to begin about April 1. Notice the statement of this series found on another page.

CHURCHES within reach of Elmore, at which place a general meeting is appointed for March 10-13, should take advantage of this occasion and attend that important gathering.

YOU will be glad to observe by the comparative title statement for January, 1909 with January, 1910 that there was an increase of about \$140. How does your church stand?

AS THE tent season is drawing on, the Conference is obliged to place its order for new tents, altho all money pledged on the Tent Fund has not yet been paid in. Prompt payment of such pledges will be much appreciated. Address, A. N. Anderson, 521 E. 23rd St., Indianapolis.

THE *Protestant Magazine* is not conducting a campaign of abuse of individuals. While it is sincerely and unalterably opposed to the doctrines of the Roman Catholic church, it opposes in a strong, dignified, convincing manner the principles and doctrines of the church without attacking any member of that communion.

SIMPLY astounding is the doing of the apostate power that attempted to change the law of God. The prophet was beholding the investigative judgment, and marvelous and almost spectacular as was the scene, his eye left the glory of it, drawn to the strange and curious endeavors of the little horn. In the vision his mind was burdened to know about "that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows." Dan. 7:10,11,20. Eld. H. W. Cottrell writes a very complete article on the work of this power that sought to change God's law. It is published in the *Signs of the Times Monthly* for March.