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### ELNORA MEETING

**A**CCORDING to appointment a general meeting was held at Elnora, March 10-13. Elder Young, who had been there a week previous to the opening meeting had an excellent interest created before Elder Miller and the writer arrived. There is a desire on the part of the people at Elnora to hear the truth for this time. The church was filled with attentive listeners every night during the meeting.

Sunday morning the Methodists' pastor sent a delegation of his members to the church to inquire if we would not take up his appointments in his church that day and invite

our people to come there that day as our church was hardly large enough for the two congregations. This was done, the writer speaking in the morning and Elder Miller speaking Sunday night. Excellent attention was given to the word spoken.

While at Elnora, the books of the church were examined and some who were members in name only, were dropped.

We are sorry that the people from the neighboring churches were unable to attend the Elnora meeting. With the exception of Sabbath, when all the members from Linton came, there was none in attendance except the members of the church. One came from Oolitic Saturday night and remained over Sunday. I am sorry that our people who have the opportunity of attending a general meeting can not always plan their work to be present the entire time.

The \$300,000 Fund was taken up and pledges were made that will cover the quota of the Elnora church and the Linton church. There was also a lively interest manifested in the circulation of the book, "Ministry of Healing."

A Sabbath-school Convention was held Sabbath afternoon and a Young People's Convention Sunday afternoon. We believe that much good was accomplished by this general meeting.

The writer left Sunday afternoon for Terre Haute. Elder Miller went to Farmersburg on Monday and held some meetings in the interest of the religious liberty work, while Elder Young visited the company at Patrickburg.

MORRIS LUKENS.



"YESTERDAY is dead; forget it. To-morrow does not exist; don't worry. To-day is here—use it."

### A RECENT TRIP

AS STATED in another article, the writer was at Terre Haute, Sunday, March 13. A short business meeting was held preceding the preaching service that night. There was a large attendance at the church during the evening service. The Lord has been blessing the efforts of Brother Leach, who has had charge of the work in Terre Haute, and as he has the cooperation of Brother Smith, the elder, and the other officers of the church, they are making progress.

At the close of the preaching service, an invitation was given to those who desired to take their stand for the truth of God and six young people came forward. Some of them desired to be baptized and unite with the church while others felt that they needed a new experience in the things of God.

During the night I left Terre Haute, arriving in Chicago Monday morning, where I met with the subcommittee appointed to look up a site for the Swedish Seminary. We looked at several farms in the vicinity of Chicago, and later at a farm in the northern part of Indiana. Nothing definite was decided, but we are hoping they will accept the place in our own State.

While in Chicago, I had the privilege of calling on Miss Nellie Rothbaust and Miss Mary C. Kent, who are taking some special medical training. They are expecting to return to Indiana in time to attend our annual camp-meeting, which will be the latter part of August.

Monday night it was my privilege to be at the Sanitarium at Hinsdale. Dr. David Paulson and his wife, as physicians, and Brother H. E. Hoyt, as manager, are doing an excellent work at Hinsdale. Not only have they a nice large Sanitarium which will accomodate about one hundred patients, but they have also es-



established a rescue home for unfortunate girls, together with other enterprises. The Lord is blessing their efforts and they report a number of new Sabbath-keepers as a result of their work.

As the Union Conference Committee and the Emmanuel Missionary College Board were to meet at Berrien Springs Tuesday afternoon, in company with Elders McReynolds, Covert, and Mortenson, the writer went to the College. Important matters were discussed at this meeting. The Faculty was elected and steps were taken to carry out the resolution passed at the recent conference at Battle Creek for the reorganization of the school. The council continued until Thursday night.

After stopping at South Bend and Elkhart, I spent Sabbath with the company at Rochester, speaking three times. This was my first visit to this church, and I was glad to become acquainted with the brethren and sisters at that place. I am trying to plan my work so as to visit every church where I have not been in the very near future, but as there are about seventy churches in the Conference, it requires some time to get around to all.

MORRIS LUKENS.

## II. ORIGIN, NATURE, AND TIME OF THE TITHING SYSTEM

*By whom was this arrangement for the payment of tithes made?*

"Just in proportion as God has given his property to man, so man is to return to God a faithful tithe of all his substance. This distinct arrangement was made by Jesus Christ Himself." Vol. 6, p. 384.

"He has given His people a plan for raising sums sufficient to make the enterprise self-sustaining. God's plan for the tithing-system is beautiful in its simplicity and equality. All may take hold of it in faith and courage, for it is divine in its origin." Vol. 3, p. 388.

*Was the tithing system provided for the typical dispensation only?*

"The tithing system reached back beyond the days of Moses. Men were required to offer to God gifts for religious purposes before the definite system was given to Moses, even as far back as the days of Adam. Vol. 3, p. 393.

*Is this plan binding upon Christian people?*

"The tithing system was no burden to those who did not depart from the plan. The system enjoined upon the Hebrews has not been repealed or relaxed by the One who enjoined it. Instead of being of no force now, it was to be more fully carried out and more extended as salvation through Christ alone should be more fully brought to light in the Christian age. Id. p. 392.

*Was this requirement enjoined by Christ in His teaching?*

Yes. He taught that it was right to tithe the least valuable herbs of the garden. See Luke 11:42.

*What is to be the relation of the tithing system to the closing work?*

"God never designed that the law of the tithing system should be of no account among His people; but instead of this, He designed that the spirit of sacrifice should widen and deepen for the closing work." Vol. 3, p. 396.

*How enduring is the principle that is involved?*

"The special system of tithing was founded upon a principle which is as enduring as the law of God. Id. p. 404.

*Was it for the benefit of God or man?*

"This system of tithing was a blessing to the Jews, else God would not have given it them. So also will it be a blessing to those who carry it out to the end of time. Our heavenly Father did not originate the plan of systematic benevolence to enrich Himself, but to be a great blessing to man. He saw that this system of beneficence was just what man needed. Id.

*What relation does the tithe sustain to the "forbidden fruit" of Eden?*

"The Lord created every tree in Eden, pleasant to the eye and good for food, and He bade Adam and Eve freely enjoy its bounties. But He made one exception. Of the tree of knowledge of good and evil they were not to eat. This tree God reserved as a constant reminder of His ownership of all. Thus He gave them an opportunity to demonstrate their faith and trust in Him and their perfect obedience to His requirements. So it is with God's claims

upon us. He places His treasures in the hands of humanity, but requires that one-tenth shall be laid aside for His work. He teaches us the lesson that He requires this portion to be placed in His treasury. It is to be rendered to Him as His own. It is sacred, and is to be used for sacred purposes, for the support of those who carry the message of salvation to all parts of the world." E. G. W.

*Are any without excuse?*

"It is a heaven appointed plan that man should return to the Lord His own; and this is very plainly stated that men and women have no excuse for misunderstanding or evading the duties and responsibilities God has laid upon them. Those who claim that they cannot see this to be their duty, reveal to the heavenly universe, to the church and to the world that they do not want to see this plainly stated requirement."

E. K. SLADE.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

IN a recent issue of the REPORTER there appeared under the above heading the following:

"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.

We have received some replies to this notice but as the Conference had been called on for several thousand dollars, because of the above reasons we could use more. Money loaned to the Conference Association is safer than that deposited in banks, as safe, in fact, as the third angel's message, which is the only thing in the world which will not finally fail. The Association could use several thousand dollars at this time.

If you are interested communicate with

MORRIS LUKENS.

## OUR NEW FIELD AGENT

INASMUCH as Brother Burt White, our field missionary agent, has gone to Tennessee where he has bought a farm and expects to open up his school; and, as Brother O. Morris, who was recommended at the recent session of the Lake Union Conference to come to Indiana, could not see



his way free to accept, we have asked Brother N. L. Taylor to accept the position as missionary field agent in the Indiana Conference. Brother Taylor has canvassed for a number of years in Illinois. Last year, in twelve weeks, he took orders to the amount of over \$400. He has been attending school at Berrien this year. I had the privilege of meeting Brother Taylor last week while at Berrien Springs. He comes to us well recommended and I believe that the future for the book work in Indiana under his leadership is very bright.

MORRIS LUKENS.

### BEECHWOOD ACADEMY

Misses Ethelyn Bossing and Vera Mc Call spent a few days of last week in Indianapolis visiting friends and relatives.

The School Board met Thursday, March 22, for the purpose of discussing some important topics pertaining to the school. They voted to retain the present teachers of the Faculty for the ensuing year.

SISTER McMahan and Elder Lukens attended Board meeting last week. Sister McMahan remained at the Academy over Sabbath and Sunday.

Misses Blanche Hicks, Ada Achor, Emma Sahli, Ona Marshall, and Beulah Tucker, canvassed in Indianapolis Friday, Saturday evening, and Sunday. The sales amounted to \$72.30.

### ADVANCEMENT

SABBATH, March 19, was a red-letter day in the Indianapolis 23rd Street church. Elder W. J. Stone preached a powerful discourse, speaking with more than usual freedom on which is the first and great commandment, showing how God regards the substitution of some human invention in the place of that which He has commanded. An appeal was made calling upon those that wanted to stand on higher ground to make the advance. Many came forward. All others asked for the prayers of the church. One sister gave up some gems that her hands might be more free to serve

God. It was truly a blessed occasion. We were all glad to see Elder Stone in improved health, and hope that he may soon reach the vigor of former days.

W. YOUNG.

HAVE you seen the April *Signs Monthly, Watchman, or Life and Health*? They are all unsurpassed on general excellence. At the time that this paper reaches its readers, we expect to have good supplies of each of these magazines, but as our business is not to keep our denominational publications but to sell them, we can not promise that we can fill orders from this office after the middle of next week. We accept orders at any time and hasten them on to the publishers when we are unable to fill orders here.

### WANTED

WANTED—Two first-class (Seventh-day Adventists) painters. At once. Wabash Valley Sanitarium, La Fayette, Ind.

WANTED—Middle-aged woman to assist with housework in family of three. Church privileges. Address, L. B. Manful, R. F. D. No. 4, Springfield, Ohio.

WANTED—A girl about ten years old, willing, and with good health, who will do chores for an invalid for her keeping. Any one who can give any information should write to W. A. Young, 904 College Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

FOR SALE—House and lot in Olio, six rooms, good well water, one-half acre ground, good barn, all in first-class condition. Good location for store. Price, \$850. Address, Mrs. Delia J. Thurber, R. F. D. No. 11, Noblesville, Ind.

FOR SALE—Farm of twenty-five acres, seven miles southeast of Noblesville, five miles from Fortville, one mile from Olio, with a two-roomed house, a barn, and other out buildings; a good well of water; six acres in timber; \$125 an acre. If not sold will rent for \$150 a year, part of which may be taken out in work. Address, Mrs. Delia J. Thurber, R. F. D. No. 11, Noblesville, Ind.

### OBITUARIES

RIDGEWAY—Angella May Ridgeway died at her home near Middletown, Ind., Mar. 1, 1910, aged thirty-nine years, three months, twelve days. She had been failing in health for the past three years and had traveled in the West and otherwise endeavored to regain her health, but to no avail.

Sister Ridgeway was converted and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church about twenty-five years ago, and has lived a consistent Christian life. She desired to live, if it was God's will, to bless her husband, mother, sisters, and brother; but at the last she said she was fully reconciled to rest until the Life-giver comes. She had the sweet assurance that there was a crown laid up for her which she would receive at that day.

The funeral services were conducted by Elder W. A. Young and the writer, in the church formerly occupied by our people at Mechanicsburg, Ind.

W. J. STONE.

THURBER—Theodore, youngest son of Alpheus and Nancy Ann Thurber, was born in La Porte county, Indiana, Feb. 19, 1846, died at Ohio, Ind., Feb. 27, 1910; aged sixty-four years and eight days.

Nov. 11, 1880, he was married to Della J. Mamship. To this union one son was born, Oren L. Thurber, who lived but twenty-three months.

Mr. Thurber was a soldier in the Civil War, a member of the Fifty-fourth Regiment of Indiana Volunteers. He was not only a soldier in the service of his country, but he was a soldier of the Lord. In 1895 he was converted and connected with the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Noblesville; to this faith he adhered until death. The precious promises to the faithful were his hope and strength.

The wife and a host of friends are left to mourn his departure. Services were conducted by the writer to a large and attentive congregation, who for the first time heard a Seventh-day Adventist. The text was Gen. 2:15-17. Burial was at Noblesville.

A. L. MILLER.



## NEWS AND NOTES

ELDER A. L. MILLER went to Michael last week to hold a few meetings and then to Marion to hold a ten days' meeting.

A SABBATH-SCHOOL and Missionary Volunteer Convention will be held at Terre Haute, Apr. 22-24. A profitable time is anticipated.

SPECIAL studies on the book of Revelation are to appear in the weekly *Signs* during the next six months. Have you subscribed for the series?

THE Twenty-third Street and East Side churches of this city are purchasing new song books, the revised and enlarged edition of "Christ in Song." Orders from other churches would be acceptable.

THROUGH its religious liberty secretary, Brother Walter Reese, the Boggs town church last week sent to our office a good list of subscriptions for *Liberty* to be sent to prominent judges and lawyers of Shelby County.

A GOOD interest to hear the truth is reported at Flat Rock by Brother Thomas Hubbard, who has been holding meetings there for the past few weeks. Some are expected to accept the entire message in the near future.

MRS. DR. W. L. YOUNG, a member of the Franklin church, residing at Edinburg, was one of the pleasant callers at the office last week. She took with her a supply of "Ministry of Healing" which she expects to sell in a short time.

ALL Protestant subscriptions which began with the first number published last year have now expired and should be promptly renewed in order that the next number may not be missed. Send twenty-five cents in stamps to this office for renewals.

WE have failed, as yet, to devise a plan whereby all our people can get their Sabbath-school *Quarterlies* on time. So long as our church missionary secretaries and Sabbath-school secretaries fail to place either a standing order for the year or an order for the current issue before the last Sabbath of the quarter, it is impossible to mail *Quarterlies* so that our people can get them on time.

HAVE you paid your pledge to the Sanitarium?

WHAT is your church doing toward raising the \$300,000 Fund?

HOW MANY copies of "Ministry of Healing" have you sold this year?

THE tents have been ordered but all of the money needed to pay for them is not in the treasury because some of the pledges have not as yet been paid.

NEXT Sabbath and Sunday, Elder Morris Lukens expects to be with the Barber's Mill church and on Monday evening, April 4, he expects to speak in the Muncie church.

PREPARATIONS are already being made for the Fourth Annual Young People's Convention at Beechwood. Judging from the program which is being prepared, this is to be the best we have ever had. We hope every church will be represented by one or more of its young people.

THE third Sabbath of this month, Brother Spohr visited both the North Vernon and Seymour churches, the former holding their services in the morning and the latter in the afternoon. He went to North Vernon Thursday, the 17th, speaking there that evening and Friday evening.

LAST Thursday, the 24th inst., Elder Morris Lukens went to Beechwood Academy to attend a meeting of the Academy Board and on Friday, the 25th, he made a trip to the northeastern section of the State, having planned to spend Sabbath and Sunday with the Wolf Lake church and Monday with the Marion church.

BROTHER N. L. TAYLOR, of the Northern Illinois Conference, has been secured to act as Field Agent of the Indiana Conference, and he will doubtless visit some churches in the northern part of the State in the interests of the canvassing work soon after April 1, when it is expected that he will take up his duties.

THE Secretary of the Missionary and Publishing Department of the General Conference, Elder E. R. Palmer, informs us that last year's sales of denominational literature in the United States and Canada alone exceeded the sales of 1908 by \$120,324.77, the total sales being \$944,059. Truly this is reason for thanksgiving.

THE sum of \$1,168.30 has been received by the Treasurer as a result of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign begun last fall. This is a few dollars short of the receipts from the similar campaign the preceding year, but as the money is still coming in, we expect to pass last year's figure.

DURING the six months beginning the first week in April, the *Signs of the Times* will publish one of the strongest and most interesting series ever presented. The general testimony from the field is that the *Signs* is growing better and better, and it certainly does bring people into the truth. By the grace of God, it will be made still better and even more effectual as an evangelizing agency.

AT the session of the Lake Union Conference held in February at Battle Creek, Mich., the matter of placing the Third Angel's Message in the hands of the blind of our Conference received consideration and it was voted to raise about \$200 annually for this purpose. Our Treasurer, A. N. Anderson, will gratefully receive all contributions for the blind. *The Christian Record*, a monthly magazine for the blind, is to be sent to blind people in Indiana.



### ELNORA

THE general meeting at Elnora is now an event of the past, leaving in its wake many pleasant reminders of the blessing of the Lord. The Lord surely blessed in all the meetings. There was throughout an excellent attendance from without. As our house can not seat a large congregation, we were invited to hold our meetings on Sunday morning and at 7:00 p. m. in the Methodist church, Elder Lukens and Elder Miller filling the pulpit at these times.

THE \$300,000 Fund was considered and a generous response was made by those present. Others who were not present will be seen later.

THIS was the last of the series of general meetings, and we are sure that the work in the State has been advanced because of them. The majority of the members of the Linton church attended one day. Oolitic was represented one day.

W. A. YOUNG.