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GENERAL CONFERENCE COUNCIL

AFTER filling appointments which were mentioned in the last REPORTER. It was my privilege to be with the Barber's Mill church Saturday night, April 2. They had the closing exercises of the church-school at this time. It was a very pleasant occasion. A large number of friends and neighbors attended. Miss Beatrice Murphy, the teacher, had arranged an excellent program. The part assigned to each one was given in a very creditable manner, and those in attendance were intensely interested.

After stopping at Hartford City, where, in company with Elder U. S. Anderson and Brother Leach, I

visited several members of the Hartford City church, it was my privilege to meet with the church at Muncie Monday night.

Tuesday, April 5, I returned to the office in Indianapolis, and, after a few hours' work, started for Washington, D. C., in response to a call from the General Conference to attend their spring council, and to assist in auditing the accounts of the laborers of the General Conference and our workers in foreign fields. Matters of great importance concerning all parts of the field were considered during this council.

Some of the more important things arranged for were the selection of a superintendent for India and also one for Japan. Elder C. J. Behalts who recently left Indiana to accept the position of Missionary Secretary of the Lake Union Conference, was recommended to take the presidency of the North Dakota Conference. Prof. Frederick Griggs, who for a number of years, has been secretary of the Educational Department in Washington, was asked to accept the presidency of Union College at College View, Neb. Prof. H. R. Salisbury was chosen to take Professor Griggs' place at Washington. Doubtless the Review will contain announcement of other changes.

I returned to Indiana on Monday, April 18, and, after attending to important matters at the office, left, in company with Sister McMahan and Mrs. Lukens, to assist in the Sabbath-school and Young people's convention at Terre Haute, April 22-24.

MORRIS LUKENS.



GOD'S TREASURY AND THE SACREDNESS OF TITHE

QUESTION. Why is so much said in the "Testimonies on this subject?

ANSWER. "When the Lord repeatedly sends messages to His people, it is because He desires them to

follow the light that He gives." Testimonies dated Jan. 5, 1909.

Q. How much is involved in disregarding the instruction of God in regard to tithes and offerings?

A. "The man who will rob God is cultivating traits of character that will cut him off from admittance into the family of God above." Vol. 6, p. 391.

"One of the greatest sins in the Christian world to-day, is dissembling and covetousness in dealing with God. There is an increasing carelessness on the part of many in regard to meeting their pledges to the various institutions and religious enterprises." Vol. 4, p. 475.

Q. What is said in regard to the sacredness of the tithe?

A. "God gives man nine-tenths while He claims one-tenth for sacred purposes, as He has given man six days for his own work, and has reserved and set apart the seventh day to Himself. For like the Sabbath, a tenth of the income is sacred; God has reserved it for Himself." Vol. 3, p. 325.

Q. What plan has the Lord made for financing His work?

A. "He will carry forward His work upon the earth with the increase of the means that He has entrusted to man. . . . If all who profess the truth will come up to the claims of God in giving the tenth, which God claims as His, the treasury will be abundantly supplied with means to carry forward the great work of the salvation of man." Id.

Q. What is the cause of financial embarrassment in the Lord's work?

A. "It is because church members neglect to pay their tithe and meet their pledges that our institutions are not free from embarrassment. If all, both rich and poor, would bring their tithes into the storehouse, there would be a sufficient supply of

means to relieve the cause from financial embarrassment, and to carry forward nobly the missionary work in its various departments." Vol. 4, p. 475.

Q. Are we left without instruction as to where the tithes are to be paid?

A. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house." Mal. 3:10.

"The majority of professed Christians part with their means with great reluctance. Many of them do not give one-twentieth of their income to God and many give far less than that; while there is a large class who will rob God of the little tithe, and others who will give only the tithe. If all the tithes of our people flowed into the treasury of the Lord as they should, such blessings would be received that gifts and offerings for sacred purposes would be multiplied ten fold, and thus the channel between God and man will be kept open." Vol. 4, p. 474.

Q. "What is the storehouse in God's organized work?"

A. It is the treasury from which the funds are drawn for the support of the gospel ministry.

"Those who have used the tithe money to supply the common necessities of the house of God, have taken the money that should go to sustain the minister in doing his work, in preparing the way for Christ's second appearing. Just as surely as you do this, you misapply the resources which God has told you to retain in His treasure house, that it may be full, to be used in His service. This work is something of which all who have taken a part in should be ashamed. They have used their influence to withdraw from God's treasury a fund that is consecrated to a sacred purpose. From those who do this, the blessing of the Lord will be removed. The tithe money must be kept sacred." Special Testimony, p. 21.

Q. For what purpose is it set apart?

A. "The tithe is to be used for one purpose—to sustain the ministers whom the Lord has appointed to do His work. It is to be used to support those who speak the words of life to the people and carry the burden of the flock of God." E. G. W.

Q. Upon whom does the responsibility rest of determining who shall be supported as gospel workers?

A. "This responsibility is placed upon the members of our churches. To them it is left to determine that those who give evidence that God has called them to the ministry shall be supported from the tithe. From year to year the credentials of each worker are renewed, providing, in the judgment of the Conference delegates, His work and walk before God and man will warrant it. It is the duty of our church members to take a position against credentials being granted, or rewarded to one whose life, work, and teaching are not in harmony with that high calling. In view of this plan, which is ordained of God, no one is permitted to say, "My tithe shall not go to the support of such and such workers, or to the Lord's treasury as long as they are supported from the tithe."

E. K. SLADE.



THE CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

MANY counties in the state of Indiana have never been entered by the canvasser. The Lord has repeatedly told us that where there is now one worker there should be one hundred. If we all did our duty, every worker in the State and every church would see that at least one person from their vicinity attended the canvassers' institute to prepare to be an efficient worker in this branch of the Lord's cause. May we not hope that all our churches and workers will immediately plan to have someone from their neighborhood attend the canvassers' institute, which is to be held at Beechwood Academy, May 20-30?

In addition to our new state agent, who has had years of experience in canvassing, we are promised the help of Brother Blosser, the general canvassing agent for the Lake Union.

MORRIS LUKENS



SUNDAY AND THE BARBERS

DURING the session of the State assembly in 1907, a law was enacted compelling all barbers to close their shops on Sunday. To test the constitutionality of the law, one of the barbers of the city of Indianapolis shaved a customer on Sunday and

was arrested. The lower court upheld the law and found the barber guilty. But on being brought before the supreme court, the law was decided to be unconstitutional, in that it was class legislation. This decision permitted the barbers to open their shops upon Sunday if they chose to do so.

About two weeks ago matters changed, so far as the city of Indianapolis is concerned. The city council passed an ordinance requiring all barbers owning or controlling shops to take out a license for barbering work. The city authorities based their action on sanitary grounds. Although the ordinance requiring the barber to be licensed says nothing about Sunday or Sunday work, yet the city authorities say they have no right to license any one to work at his trade or vocation on Sunday, therefore the barbers must all close their shops on Sunday.

After a number of meetings the barbers have decided to test the constitutionality of the ordinance. The case will soon be in the courts. In the meantime the barbers have agreed to close on Sunday until the case is decided. If the ordinance is held to be constitutional that will close all the shops in the city on Sunday.

How shrewd the adversary is! He cares not what method he uses so he accomplishes his purpose. In one way or another, the whole world will be compelled to worship the beast.

A. L. MILLER.



OUR TITHE RECEIPTS

NO DOUBT all the members of the Indiana Conference are gratified to read in the REPORTER the comparative statement of tithe paid by the different churches. If you have noticed carefully, you have seen that each month of this year has shown an increase over the corresponding month of last year. I would be glad to have each church treasurer look over the list and see how his church is doing compared with one year ago.

As I visit our among the churches, some of the members of the church who pay their tithe about the second or third day of the month, ask that their tithe be applied on the month before. We would be glad to com

ply with their request if this were possible, but inasmuch as we close our books promptly on the first day of the month, it is impossible thereafter to enter anything for the previous month.

This may explain why sometimes a church has a large tithe one month and scarcely anything the next.

We are receiving interesting reports from all parts of the Conference and have every reason to feel encouraged over the outlook for the future.

MORRIS LUKENS.



CHURCH WORK AND THE \$300,000 FUND

ALTHO I have made no report in our State paper for sometime, I have been engaged in active service along the lines indicated above. I endeavored to reach the isolated ones in my district so as to be able to present personally the importance of the \$300,000 Fund and the sale of "Ministry of Healing."

I am glad to report that the work proposed meets with general approval. All expect to meet their quota of this Fund. Some may not reach their full amount, but others who are able will do much more.

One brother belonging to the Kokomo church gave me his check for \$261.00, of which \$161.00 was tithe and \$100.00 for the \$300,000 Fund. I held several meetings in the neighborhood near Phlox, and one brother, the husband of Sister Legg, bore his first testimony in our social service, stating that he expected soon to take a full stand with us and probably remove to Berrien Springs to educate his children. He has kept his promise, and is now living near Emmanuel Missionary College.

A lady living in the vicinity of Galveston, several miles from Kokomo, is also keeping the Sabbath. Her father is also much interested. The Kokomo church is growing, and they will doubtless reach more than their quota of the \$300,000 Fund. We expect at least one more to reach the amount of \$100.00 to this Fund. The gifts of those who can not do so much are not under-valued. The widow's mite, which was all her living, was more than all the rest, in the principle of giving.

Beside Kokomo, I have visited Greenfield, Glenwood, Connersville,

New London, Lebanon, and Northfield. I personally labored at the last two named places some years ago, resulting in the establishment of two churches and the building of two good church houses. The Lebanon church, however, is very much reduced by deaths and removals. The friends at this place are hoping for a tent effort of some kind, followed by Bible readings, so as to save their house of worship.

The Northfield church holds its own and increases in numbers. There have been some deaths and a few removals from this place. For six weeks I held the M. E. church of this place with the result that a growing church was established, one able to contribute much money to the cause. Several in this church could contribute \$100.00 or more to the \$300,000 Fund, and will doubtless do so. One brother has already proposed it.

Lately it was my privilege to visit the churches at Logansport and La Fayette, where we celebrated the ordinances. A deacon was ordained at the last-named place. The service was solemn, and the Lord's blessing was added. The Jared Sanitarium, at Logansport, and the Wabash Valley Sanitarium, at La Fayette, are both doing good work. The brethren and sisters generally take a deep interest in the Sanitarium work and plan to sell, as requested, the "Ministry of Healing" and turn the proceeds into the Sanitarium. The work is onward in all lines, for which we praise His name.

VICTOR THOMPSON.



SELLING TEMPERANCE "INSTRUCTOR" TO MINISTERS AND OTHER CHRISTIAN WORKERS

THE following is taken from a personal letter written by Elder W. Andrews, Pawtucket, R. I., April 5, 1910.

"It may be interesting to some to know the plan upon which we are working with the Temperance Number of the *Instructor*. We first call upon the ministers and leading Temperance and Christian workers, and are succeeding in placing from fifty to one hundred and even more copies in Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies.

"It is the universal testimony of those we meet, that the Temperance

Instructor is the best thing ever put out by any people. Personally I am proud of the paper, and shall work it for all I am worth. If all our workers would visit the ministers in their various localities, the circulation of this number would easily reach a million copies.

"Yesterday I placed one hundred copies with a Baptist minister. To-day I have call upon three others and the prospects are good for placing good-sized orders with each of these. When ministers and Sunday-school superintendents order fifty or more copies, we furnish them at five cents a copy. Less than fifty copies are sold at the regular retail price, ten cents a copy."



THE TEMPERANCE "INSTRUCTOR"

THE best paper on the subject of temperance that has come to our desk recently is the special number of the *Youth's Instructor*. This paper should be sold by the thousand. There is no subject that is agitating the minds of the people more than the temperance question. In all parts of the United States, this seems to be one of the great issues of the day.

The Lord has entrusted to this people special truths in reference to temperance. These principles should be placed in the hands of the people, and this is an excellent opportunity of doing so. I trust that all our church elders and missionary secretaries will take up the matter immediately with their churches, and get all the members to sell some of these important papers.

MORRIS LUKENS.



"LIBERTY" NO. 2, 1910

ALTHO the last number of *Liberty* has only been printed a short time orders are coming in for it more frequently than at any time since this magazine has been published. The hearing of the Johnston Sunday Bill, composing a large part of this number, renders it very desirable to many people. The portraits of the leading rulers of the nations is a leading feature also. The entire contents of this issue is pleasing in a special sense to the reading public.

THE Canvassers' Institute begins the 20th of next month.

NEWS AND NOTES

REMEMBER the date of the Young People's Convention, May 27-30.

NEXT Sunday, May 1, Elder Lukens expects to visit the Kennard church.

ALL our readers are invited to join in giving the Temperance *Youth's Instructor* wide circulation in Indiana.

WAS your church on the list of churches making payments on the \$300,000 Fund, printed in the last issue of the REPORTER.

THE Missionary Volunteer Convention appointed to be held at Beechwood Academy, May 27-30, is for all Indiana's young people.

ON May 6-8, Elder Lukens expects to be with the Pleasant View church. This will be his first visit to our people of that place.

OUR new field agent, Brother N. L. Taylor, spent last week at New Castle, with Brethren Grim, E. A. Kern, and Arthur Chapman.

OF the pledges made at the Bluffton camp-meeting for missions, Beechwood Academy, and the South, about \$500 have been paid.

ARRANGEMENTS for attending the Canvassers' Institute at Beechwood Academy, May 20-30, should be made with Brother N. L. Taylor, 521 E. 23rd Street, Indianapolis.

A SHORT time ago the office was favored with a call from Brother Chas. E. Allen and wife, who were on their way to Crawford County, where a number are interested in the truth and a tent-meeting is to be held, beginning early in June.

ONE week ago, April 20, the treasurer's books showed receipts to the amount of \$540 on the Tent Fund out of about \$850 pledged at the camp-meetings last year. Our people are making some much appreciated remittances on this Fund these days.

OUR missionary secretary, Brother R. C. Spohr, is planning to visit several churches and individuals in the northern part of the State, beginning Thursday of this week. He expects to be with the Honey Creek church next Sabbath, the 30th inst.

SABBATH, April 16, Elder Victor Thompson was with the company at Lebanon.

THE Noblesville church was favored with the labors of Elder Victor Thompson several days last week.

THE May magazines are now ready for delivery. Orders will be gratefully received at the Conference office.

LAST week, Elder Young went to Sunman to be with the church at that place over Sabbath and conduct quarterly ordinance services.

OUR church-school teachers may obtain information regarding the summer school at Emmanuel Missionary College by addressing its president, Prof. O. J. Graf, Berrien Springs, Mich.

ORDERS for 1929 copies of the Temperance *Instructor* have been sent from this office to the publishers at Washington to date. We hope that several thousand will be added to this number within the next few weeks.

HAVE you read the complete accounts of the hearing of the Johnston Sunday Bill, contained in the latest number of *Liberty*, just out? Five copies will be sent to one address on receipt of twenty-five cents in stamps. Address this office.

ALL persons who expect to sell any number of periodicals in Indiana this summer should write at once to the missionary secretary of the Conference, R. C. Spohr, at this office, stating their plans and the territory which they wish to work.

SINCE the published statement of receipts on the \$300,000 Fund in the last issue of this paper, about \$130 more came to hand, making Indiana's total on this Fund almost \$1000. This is practically one-ninth of the entire amount we are to raise.

MANY young people who have not the money to pay their expenses to the Missionary Volunteer Convention at Beechwood Academy next month, can easily earn their way by selling the Temperance Number of the *Instructor*. Write R. C. Spohr, 521 E. 23rd Street, Indianapolis, for detailed information.

ALL of our ten-cent magazines are supplied at four cents each if fifty or more are ordered at one time.

HAVE you seen Prof. C. L. Taylor's new pamphlet, "Outline Studies from the Testimonies"? Send twenty-five cents in stamps to this office for a copy.

THE April edition of *Life and Health* was 45,000 copies. It was exhausted by the 12th of April. The May number was hurried out ahead of time in order to supply the demand which is steadily increasing. We have some on hand at the Conference office and can fill orders promptly.

SABBATH SCHOOL offerings for missions received at the Conference office during the first quarter of 1910 amounted to \$318.89, being a slight increase over the corresponding quarter of 1909, when the amount received was \$311.61. Weekly offerings to missions were \$212.94 this year against \$220.90 last year, for the same period.

WHILE at Washington, Elder Lukens made arrangements with two students at the Foreign Mission Seminary to come to Indiana to canvass. Last year one of these brethren delivered nearly \$600 worth of books. We are hoping that this year he will do even better than last year, and that the who comes with him may do equally as well.

OUR readers are warned not to send coin through the mails. It is much safer to send stamps. When individuals endorse checks or drafts to send to the Conference treasurer, they should never merely write their own names. This is known as a "blank" endorsement, and anyone may collect such a check or draft. The words, "Pay to A. N. Anderson, Treasurer, or order," should always precede an individual's signature on the back of a legal paper.

WANTED

WANTED—A laundry man; permanent position, if satisfactory; references required. Address, Wash Valley Sanitarium, La Fayette, Ind.