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INDIANA

IN company with Sister McMahan and Mrs. Lukens I went to Terre Haute Friday, April 22. Church services were held that night, and on Sabbath the 23rd, a very interesting day was spent in a Sabbath-school Convention.

Sunday, the 24th, was entirely given up to the young people. The Young People's Convention was held at that time. Valuable instruction was given. Some of the members of the Farmersburg and Elmore churches were in attendance. The Lord is blessing the efforts of our brethren in the Terre Haute church and there seems to be a desire on the

part of some of the people of the city to learn the truth. Sunday the 24th, it was my privilege to baptize two precious souls. Sunday night, after a discourse by the writer, three united with the church. Brother Leach has had charge of the work in Terre Haute, and the Lord is blessing his efforts.

After spending a day at La Fayette, during which time it was my privilege to speak to the Sanitarium family, I returned to Indianapolis, Thursday the 28th.

I was with the 23rd St. church in Indianapolis, Sabbath, April 30. This was a day long to be remembered on account of the Consecration Service of the Sabbath-school, an account of which will be found in another column of this paper. It was also my privilege to speak in the church Sunday night, at which time one lady united with the church.

Monday, in company with Elder Miller and Bro. R. H. Byers, I spent in New Castle looking up a place for the camp-meeting, which will be held the last of August and the first of September. A suitable place was found, and if it is decided to hold the camp-meeting at New Castle, this place will probably be used. Several other cities have been suggested, however. The same night I met with the church at Kennard. After spending a few days in Indianapolis attending to important matters, I visited the Pleasant View church Thursday, speaking there that night to an attentive audience.

Sabbath and Sunday I was with the Sanitarium at La Fayette. Sabbath we had the baccalaureate sermon, and Sunday night the graduating exercises. The address, Sunday, at the graduating exercises was given by Professor Graf of Berrien Springs, Mich.

Those who graduate are David Nuding, Miss Maud E. Carner, Mrs.

Ella E. Brown, Ivan M. Hile, and Miss Ethel Hunter. A report of these exercises will appear later.

MORRIS LUKENS.



COMPUTING AND PROPERLY USING THE TITHE

Question. What is said concerning using the tithes for other purposes than the support of the ministry?

Answer. "Those who have charge of our church buildings are to be supplied with the means necessary to keep these buildings in good repair, but this money is not to come from the tithe. A very plain, definite message has been given to me to give to our people. I am bidden to tell they are making a mistake in applying the tithes to various objects, which tho good in themselves, are not the object to which the Lord has said the tithe should be applied. Those who make this use of the tithe are departing from God's arrangement. God will judge for these things. One reasons that the tithe may be appropriated for school purposes, still another would reason that canvassers and colporters should be supplied from the tithe, but a great mistake is made when the tithe is drawn from the object for which it should be used—the support of the ministry.

"There should be an abundant supply in the Lord's treasury, and there would be if selfish hearts and hands had not made use of the tithe to support other lines of work. God's reserved resources are to be used in no such haphazard way. The tithe is the Lord's, and *those who meddle with it will be punished with the loss of their heavenly treasure unless they repent.* Let the work no longer be hedged up because the tithe has been diverted into various channels other than the one to which God said it should go. Provision is to be made for these other lines of work. The y

are to be sustained; but not from the tithe. God has not changed; *the tithe is to be used for the support of the ministry.* E. G. W.

Q. Are those having debts to pay excused from paying their tithes?

A. "The man who has been unfortunate, and finds himself in debt, *should not take the Lord's portion* to cancel his debts to his fellowmen. He should consider that in these transactions he is being tested, and that in reserving the Lord's portion for his own use, he is robbing the Giver. He is debtor to God for all that he has but he becomes double debtor when he uses the Lord's reserve fund in paying debts to human beings." Vol. 6, p. 391.

Q. Who only in connection with our school work are to be paid from the tithe?

A. "The best ministerial talent should be employed in teaching the Bible in our schools. Those selected for this work need to be thoro Bible students, and have a deep Christian experience; and *their salaries should be paid from the tithe.*" Id. pp. 134, 135.

"The tithe is to be used for *one purpose*—to sustain the ministers whom the Lord has appointed to do His work."

Q. Upon whom does the responsibility rest of determining what one's tithe is?

A. "Of the means which are entrusted to man, God claims a certain portion,—a tithe; but *He leaves us free to say how much the tithe is*, and whether or not they will give more than this." Test. No. 31, p. 145.

"As to the amount required, God has specified one-tenth of the increase. This is left to the conscience and benevolence of men, whose judgment in this tithing system should have free play." Vol. 3, p. 394.

Q. What should we do in case of doubt when we are computing the tithe?

A. "In determining the proportion to be given to the cause of God, *be sure to exceed rather than fall short* of the requirements of duty. Consider for whom the offering is to be made. This recollection will put covetousness to flight." Vol. 4, p. 485.

Q. What is required of those who have knowingly robbed God?

A. "All that is withheld of that which God claims, the tenth of the increase, is recorded in the books of heaven as robbery against Him. Such defraud their Creator; and, when this sin of neglect is brought before them, it is not enough for them to change their course and begin to work from that time upon the right principle. This will not correct the figures made in the heavenly record for embezzling the property committed to them in trust to be returned to the Lender. Repentance for unfaithful dealings with God, and for base ingratitude, is required." Vol. 3, p. 394.

"Bring ye all of the tithe into the storehouse."

"Let the neglected tithes now be brought in. . . Let those who have withheld their tithes, send them in before the year shall close, that they may be right with God, and never, never again run any risk of being cursed by God." Spirit of Prophecy.

Q. What additional requirement is made of those who have used the Lord's portion?

A. "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's it is holy unto the Lord. And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof." Lev. 27:30, 31.

E. K. SLADE.



THE SABBATH-SCHOOL CONSECRATION SERVICE

SOME time ago a letter and leaflet in reference to this service was sent to every Sabbath-school in this Conference, with the hope that many of the children in your schools would be gathered into the fold of Christ as a result of this effort in their behalf. A few of the schools have reported that they held this service with most encouraging results. Others have believed the plan an excellent one, but so new and untried that they have deferred the matter scarcely knowing how to carry out such an effort.

Sabbath, April 30, we held the Consecration Service in the 23rd Street church in Indianapolis. Let me assure all who read these lines that we felt very deeply our very great need

of help from above. We sought the Lord before going to Sabbath-school, and then as a prayer service had been announced the week before for the officers and teachers, we accordingly met a half hour before the school opened, and prayed earnestly for divine guidance.

Sabbath-school was opened in the usual manner, but the review was omitted, and after spending fifteen minutes in a short lesson study, we sang an appropriate hymn, and then in a few earnest words the superintendent stated the object of the Consecration Service. He was followed by Elder Miller, who stated how glad he was that the General Conference Sabbath-school Department had been instrumental in bringing about this effort for the salvation of the children in the Sabbath-schools. He told of a shepherd, who being asked the secret of his success in raising such a fine flock of sheep said, "I take care of the lambs."

Elder Lukens then spoke, making a direct appeal to the boys and girls present. Their faces were expressive of their gladness and willingness to give themselves to the Saviour. However, knowing their timidity, they were not asked to express themselves publicly, but the whole school was asked to bow their heads and pray earnestly for the teachers as they began their personal work. During the solemn hush that followed, the teachers went from one to another and spoke a few earnest words to each one. A piece of paper and pencil (previously prepared) was handed to the pupils, and the teacher asked for written expressions from each. Here are a few of the responses: "I would like to be nearer to God than I am and hope you will help me that I may be saved." "I would like to be a Christian and help others to be Christians too." "I love the Lord and want to live more like him every day." The Kindergarten children, who could not write, expressed their desire to be the Lord's to their teacher.

The time had come to close, but it seemed impossible to hold the preaching service which usually followed. One after another felt burdened to speak, and another hour and half was spent by those present in reconsecrating themselves to the Lord. The young people,

Fourth Annual Convention
OF
Indiana S. D. A. Missionary Volunteers
AT
Beechwood Manual Training Academy

MAY 27-30.

PROGRAM
FRIDAY EVENING, 6:30 P. M.

Song, No. 431.	Prayer	Song, No. 17.
Address of Welcome, Consecration Service		Prof. C. L. Taylor
SERMON 7:30 P. M.		

SABBATH		10:00 A. M.
Model Sabbath-school	Conducted by	Mrs. Carrie Lukens
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11:00 A. M.		

Elder Morris Lukens, Chairman		
Song, No. 558.	Prayer	Song, No. 617
Our Work in Foreign Fields		
South America	Presented by Eva Pitcher	
Africa	Presented by Bernice Harvey	
Asia	Presented by Olin Cray	
Australia	Presented by Joseph Hickey	
Missionary Song	Indianapolis	
Address by the Chairman		
Closing Song, No. 546	Benediction.	

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SABBATH	
3 P. M.	
Elder A. L. Miller, Chairman	
Religious Legislation,	Discussed by the 10th Year Class
Affirmative	Alta Clapper, Nannie Blake, Paul Ford, Rex Coble
Negative	Pearl Miller, Vella Sparks, Theron Johnston, Harry Ford
Music	Beechwood Academy
Recitation, "Alas for the Town"	Martha Bailey
Closing Song, No. 508	Benediction

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EVENING SESSION	
R. C. Spohr, Chairman	
Report of Societies	
Anderson	J. H. Shrock

Barber's Mill
 Beechwood Academy
 Grass Creek
 Indianapolis
 Ligonier
 Logansport
 Linton
 Oolitic
 Marion
 Muncie
 Terre Haute
 Wabash Valley Sanitarium
 Wolf Lake

Glessner Korn
 Frank Thompson
 Bessie Harrison
 Pauline Gardner
 Dr. Bessie Vande Venter
 Ida Parker
 Herbert Kelley
 Frieda Blackburn
 Bernice Harvey
 Lottie Maloney
 Naomi Grove
 Harold Lukens
 Gladys Crandell

Closing Song, No. 552,

Benediction



SUNDAY, 10 A. M.

Mrs. R. W. McMahan, Chairman

Opening Song, No. 776,

Prayer,

Song, No. 295

"The Morning Watch"

Elizabeth Bailey

Paper: "Value of Prayer Bands in Church Schools"

Alta Custer

Discussion

Led by Lowell Knapp

Music: Piano and Violin Duet,

Beatrix and Genevieve Spohr

Our Young People as Canvassers

N. L. Taylor

Model Demonstration

Prof. Burton Castle, Mrs. Burton Castle,

George Rader

Closing Song, No. 696,

Benediction



SUNDAY EVENING

CANTATA, "Saul"

Rendered by Beechwood Choral Union

Locating Committee	{	Lowell Knapp
		Mrs. Carrie Harris
		Oren Applegate
Social Committee	{	Mrs. C. L. Taylor
		Mrs. Carrie Lukens
		Mrs. R. W. McMahan

and some who had never before consecrated their lives to the Lord, decided definitely to give themselves to His service. Words fail me to express the tender spirit that filled the church and the hearts of all that were privileged to be there. This service will live long in our memories. Only the presence of Christ can bring into a meeting all that we experienced there that day.

The teachers having these written expressions from the children will know better how to labor for them. They need our prayers, our help and encouragement perhaps more than ever before.

I trust that this experience may be helpful to other Sabbath-school workers and urge you to hold this service for the dear children in your schools. Let us remember that we need not labor in our own strength. The precious promise in Isaiah 41:10 is yours. Mrs. Carrie Lukens.



EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE SUMMER-SCHOOL

THE Emmanuel Missionary College Summer School will open June 22 and continue for six weeks. The school will be conducted much as it was last summer. The following recommendations passed at the Council and Board meeting held at the College, Jan. 12-14, 1909, will give in outline the plan on which the Summer School will be operated:

WE RECOMMEND:—

1. That a Summer School of six weeks be conducted at Emmanuel Missionary College, beginning soon after the close of the General Conference Educational Convention.

2. That double work be done; and where the quality of the work is equivalent to regular college work, college credits be given, a term's credit for six weeks' work.

3. That two studies and one drill be considered full work; but when a student does not care for college credit he be permitted to visit more than three classes, but that the mistake of attempting to carry too many studies be urgently discouraged.

4. That recitations be one hour in length.

5. That the tuition for the six weeks' term be six dollars.

6. That all regular teachers of the

Seventh-day Adventists schools of the Lake Union Conference and those under appointment to teach in such schools, be exempt from paying the tuition.

7. That board be furnished on the European plan at as near actual cost as possible.

8. That lighted rooms be furnished to Summer School students for fourteen hours of work per week.

9. That plain washing be done by the College laundry for the term for \$1.50 in cash or its equivalent in work.

A brief explanation of numbers two and three should make the whole plan plain. It should be understood that one full study carried for three months during the school year, earns a college credit or one unit. This plan purposes to have the Summer School students carry half as many studies as are carried during the regular college year, but to work again as hard on each study, thereby covering in six weeks what is otherwise covered in three months. This makes it possible to check up the Summer School with the regular college work, and enables us to give college credit for the work done during the summer term.

A strong teaching force has been secured. All our teachers and other workers in the Lake Union should, as far as possible, take advantage of this opportunity to improve themselves in their chosen work. Come with your hearts lifted to God in prayer that His blessing may make our Summer School a real success.

For further information and announcement of the school, address O. J. Graf, Berrien Springs, Mich.



IMPORTANT NOTICE!

"Reporter" to be discontinued during the summer months

INASMUCH as the *Lake Union Herald* is now containing matter that was formerly found in the State papers of the Lake Union Conference, and as Beechwood Academy, where the REPORTER is printed will be closed during the summer, it has been decided by the Conference Committee to have the matter that has always been in the REPORTER placed in the *Lake Union Herald* during the months of June, July, and August,

or until we have our camp-meeting and conference.

The last issue of the REPORTER, therefore, will bear the date of June 8. After that date all subscribers to the REPORTER will receive the *Lake Union Herald* until the time of the camp-meeting.

We will endeavor to put the same matter in the *Herald* that has formerly appeared in the REPORTER, and as it will also contain items of interest from other conferences in the Union, and as it appears weekly instead of every two weeks, I am sure all will be pleased with this change.

MORRIS LUKENS.



MARION AND MICHAEL

MARCH 22nd I arrived at Michael. Elder Ellis had been holding meetings here about ten days, with a fair outside attendance. After the preaching service on the evening of my arrival, we took up the \$300,000 Fund. A liberal response was the answer to the call. In about twenty minutes \$164.80 was raised in cash and pledges. The membership is about twenty. I remained with them until the 24th. Elder Ellis continued the meetings until the following Sunday night.

As previously arranged I met with the Marion church on the evening of the 24th. From the first our meetings have been well attended by a good class of people. On Sabbath many of the Jonesboro people were present when we considered the foreign work. When the call was made on the \$300,000 Fund, two responded for \$100, each, two for \$50 each, and five for twenty-five each. Then we passed the slips and found that for Marion the amount was \$545.60, and for Jonesboro \$64.80. We praise our Heavenly Father for the spirit of liberality and the consecration of hearts and means manifested by the responses to the call of the work of the Lord in these last days.

Immediately after the morning service two were baptized. Two joined the church in the afternoon, one subject to baptism. We were glad to have Elder Lukens with us Monday night. He was greeted with a well filled house. Elder Roberts was with us Sabbath and also on Monday night. The meet-

ings are still in progress at this writing. A. L. MILLER.

LATER. As the meetings progressed the interest seemed to deepen. Before closing the meetings, another was baptized, making in all, three baptized. The \$300,000 Fund was increased \$10, making a total of \$555.60 for Marion.

Thursday I went to Jonesboro, and remained until Sunday. The attendance except the first night was quite good. One united with the church subject to baptism. The total amount raised on the \$300,000 Fund was \$189.25. A. L. M.

THE \$300,000 FUND

Receipts to May 1

CHURCH	CASH PAID
Akron	\$ 11 00
Anderson	3 00
Barber's Mill	49 00
Boggs town	29 70
Connersville	4 56
Dana	23 50
Denver	10 00
Elkhart	14 85
Elora	20 00
Elwood	3 34
Ft. Wayne	1 05
Franklin	52 00
Gross Creek	11 25
Hartford City	6 50
Honey Creek	9 70
Huntington	41 00
Idaville	24 80
East Side	8 50
23rd Street	42 42
Jonesboro	10 00
Kokomo	108 11
La Fayette	44 40
Lebanon	5 00
Ligonier	35 00
Linton	100 00
Logansport	10 40
Marion	18 50
Middletown	2 00
Miscellaneous	47 00
Mt. Vernon	26 50
Muncie	13 11
Michael	28 00
Mt. Zion	6 00
New Hope	2 00
New Marion	50
Northfield	30 05
North Liberty	30 45
North Vernon	6 25
Peru	40

Pleasant View	1 63
Rochester	18 50
Salem	3 00
Seymour	6 00
South Bend	40 05
Sanitarium	49 00
Walkerton	5 00
Wolcottville	25 50
Wolf Lake	11 75
Total cash received	\$1050 22

Beechwood Academy has paid \$6.75 of this amount, which is divided among the churches of which those paying are members.

A. N. ANDERSON, Treas.

OBITUARIES

STEVENS—Laura Pauline, daughter of Pierceson and Pearlce Stevens, was born Jan. 11, 1910, died March 12, 1910; aged two months and one day.

From birth she was a constant sufferer from lung and throat trouble. The flowers that were strewn on her little casket were, indeed, but poor emblems of the flower she was to the household. Knowing that all is well with her now, we only regret that one so lovely should have a life so brief. She was laid to rest to await the call of the Life-giver on the resurrection morn, when angels of God will bear her again to her mother's arms.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from I Cor. 15:19. The undertaker who is a minister of the Friend's Church, assisted in the services.

"Fly, lingering moments, fly, O fly,
Dear Saviour, quickly come!
We long to see thee as thou art,
And reach that happy home."

J. M. ELLIS.

SPOHR—Dora Ruberta, infant daughter of Rupert C. and Dora E. Spohr, was born July 18, 1909, and died April 12, 1910, aged nine months less six days. Assisted by Elder W. A. Young, the writer conducted funeral services, Thursday, April 14.

"So fades the lovely, blooming flower,
Frail, smiling solace of an hour,

So soon our transient comforts fly,
And pleasure only blooms to die.
"Let gentle patients smile on pain,
'Till dying Hope revives again;
She wipes the tear from Sorrow's eye,
And Faith points upward to the sky."

A. L. MILLER.

MOORE—Albert LeRoy, son of Wilber and Bertha Moore, was born Sept. 2, 1908, died March 7, 1910, being only one year, six months, and five days old. Although so young, little Albert had endeared himself to many and will be sadly missed. He was the youngest of four children and leaves two sisters, one brother, father, mother, and grandparents. He was laid away in sadness till Jesus comes, when we hope to meet him again in joy and gladness in the sunshine of His love, where sorrow will be no more. Words of comfort were spoken from Isa. 11:6, last clause, by the writer.

THOMAS HUBBARD.

TRUE—William M., son of Fred-eric D. and Sarah E. True, was born on a farm four and one-half miles north of Knightstown, Henry Co., Ind., April 19, 1876; died at the home of his brother, C. D. True, at Knightstown, March 29, 1910, aged thirty-three years, thirteen months, and ten days.

He lived upon the farm and attended to farm duties until about twenty-one years of age. Farm life never seemed to be his ambition; he enjoyed other pursuits much more. For a few years he engaged in col-porter work and other lines of canvassing. Later he engaged in real estate business in Indianapolis. He enjoyed this more than any other occupation and continued in it until poor health bade him cease.

In 1892, under the labors of Elder J. M. Rees, he accepted the faith of the Seventh-day Adventists, and united with the Kennard church. He adhered to this faith until the day of his death. During the last few months of his life he talked much of his Savior and the prospects of a home in the "earth made new." We believe that he was prepared to meet his Lord in peace.

By his death he, the youngest of the family, leaves to mourn their loss, his mother, three brothers, three sisters, and a host of friends. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. MORRIS LUKENS.