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THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

The week of prayer for 1901 has been appointed to be held December 21-28. This should be the most earnest and profitable occasion of this kind ever experienced by us as a people. It should be just what its name implies—a week of prayer. But in order for it to be this, we must plan for it. Will you not, from the hour that you read this article, begin to pray and plan rightly to observe the coming week of prayer? The work of the house, the farm, and all business of whatsoever nature should be so arranged that every one will be as free as possible to enter into the spirit of the occasion.

Time should be taken to study the Word and the Testimonies. We should earnestly ask the Lord to lead us to make a complete consecration to him of all that we are and have for the service of a perishing world. Most earnest and persevering efforts should be made for the conversion of the children and the reclaiming of backsliders in the church. Fervent prayer should be offered to God to send forth laborers into the great harvest field; and before the week closes liberal contributions should be made to meet the rapidly increasing demands of our mission fields.

All this is required of us at this time, and being required it is possible, and therefore but our reasonable service. Can we hope to get

through with less? Will the Lord accept less than an unreserved surrender of all to him? Does he not call upon us to work zealously in behalf of our dear children and our brethren who have been overtaken by the enemy? Do not his opening providences call for consecrated workers? Has he not prospered us financially that we may furnish the means required to send his workers into the field and support them?

What we call the week of prayer has been set apart for us to turn our attention from the things of the world to the things of God, that we may come into closer touch with him, and obtain a more vivid realization of the responsibilities resting upon us. The Lord has graciously caused to shine upon our pathway the glorious light of the Third Angel's message, which is destined to lighten the whole earth. At the very time that darkness covers the earth, and gross darkness the people, the greatest degree of gospel light that has ever shone among men has been given to us. The Lord has led us to recognize and accept the light. But it has brought with it the most tremendous responsibilities ever committed to any generation. In accepting the light, we assume the responsibilities. If we prove true to our trust, the reward will be great. If we prove false, the greatest condemnation meted out to any generation will be ours. If ever there was a people who should take time to study God's blessed book, and for fervent prayer for personal salvation, and for power to work for others, it is the people to whom is committed the last message to this world. We claim to be that people, and our claim is well founded. We have the truth. There is no question about this. All about us are men being led to perdition by the subtle delusions of the enemy. They think they have light; but we know they are walking in darkness. We know absolutely from the unerring Word of God that we are in possession of the truth. This is the greatest bless-

ing that can come to man. The truth will endure forever, and so will those in whom the truth abides. What a satisfaction, what a blessed assurance it is to know that at the very time when Satan is working with all power and signs and lying wonders to deceive the world, we have the truth.

But, as already stated, our responsibilities are in proportion to the degree of light and the fullness of the truth we have received. There is no escaping the responsibility if we accept the truth. But why should we desire to escape the responsibility? It is to be welcomed and cherished; for the faithful discharge of this responsibility will bring the greatest returns that can come to human action in this life. Of course none of us of ourselves are sufficient for these things, but our sufficiency is of God, who will make us able ministers of this grace.

Dear brethren, everything about us calls upon us to give ourselves up to an earnest, sensible, whole-souled observance of the coming week of prayer. Then let us begin now to prepare for it. Do not wait until its arrival before beginning to pray. Make it a point every day to ask God to take away the veil that hides spiritual things from our view. Ask him to teach every believer in present truth to make the personal consecration which the cause demands. Ask Him to raise up without delay a thousand consecrated men and women to answer the earnest calls for help now coming from all parts of the world. Ask him to give his people liberal hearts to make this year's Christmas offering \$100,000. All this is needed at once for carrying forward the work required of us. All this is possible without in any way overtaxing or working a hardship upon any believer in present truth.

Another thing, brethren; let us pray most earnestly that God will help us pay an honest tithe into his treasury. Were this to be done during 1902 our tithes would be doubled thus placing another \$500,000 in the

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treasury for the support of hundreds of laborers who are now needed in the field. Oh, how can we withhold from God his own, and expect to stand in the time of trouble just before us! Our only hope for that time is the truth which God has given us. The Psalmist says that when the plagues are falling on every hand about us, the truth will be our shield and buckler. But it is only those who obey the truth that can be shielded by it; it will slay all who are untrue to it.

The coming week of prayer may prove the beginning of a new era to this people. It may mark the beginning of new experiences, the manifestation of new power and increased rapidity in the giving of this message to the world. For all this let us earnestly pray. A. G. DANIELLS.

THE NEW ORDER.

I mean the Sabbath school secretaries. Let me state it so simply that every one will understand. Sabbath school secretaries should keep a faithful record of all Sabbath school contributions. If convenient, hand the money at once to the church treasurer; but be sure to count it first and put down the amount in your record book,—don't trust your memory; for you may forget the exact amount. Suppose at the end of the quarter your record shows \$12 received; your church treasurer then has \$12 in his possession. You have bought lesson books, maps, and other Sabbath school supplies during the quarter to the amount of \$4. Now as the church treasurer holds the money, present your bill to him and ask him to pay the \$4. The remaining \$8 he should send to the conference treasurer, W. C. McCuaig, stating definitely how the money is to be ap-

propriated. In your report to Sr. Miller, the Sabbath school corresponding secretary, simply state the amount of contributions received during the quarter, that \$4 was spent for supplies, and that \$8 will be sent for missions, that amount still remaining in the hands of your church treasurer. Carefully fill out the quarterly report blank, and we will have what we want to know.

Thus you see that Sabbath school secretaries send no money, but they report faithfully to Sr. Miller at the end of each quarter the amount of money received and what was lost with it. Their report, and Sr. Miller's report received, quarterly, each will show the amount every church treasurer has in his possession from the Sabbath school, and Sr. Miller's reports from all the Sabbath school secretaries will show just the amount that the State conference treasurer should have received from all of the schools.

Thus you see if every one is faithful in reporting, no money can be lost, and if anything should be misappropriated by mistake, it could easily be traced.

Now let me say to Sabbath school superintendents: Please see that your secretaries understand this system, and encourage them to be faithful and prompt in reporting at the end of every quarter. Sr. Miller tells me that she has not heard from some schools for a long, long time. The system is good. Let us be faithful in doing our work. I. J. HANKINS.

A PRESSING DEMAND.

Our records show over \$1,600 worth of Object Lessons scattered over the State. Marion church has \$70 worth, Hartford City \$100, Jonesboro \$140, Evansville \$125, Terre Haute \$60, Ligonier \$75, Michael \$83, etc. Besides the books held by the churches, there are probably seventy-five individuals holding from one to forty books. Now, brethren, can we not, and will we not, make a rally for the sale of these books *at once*? Every individual who gave a written order, or bought his book outright, should pay for them at once; for this money is more than a year overdue.

The office is anxious to settle for these books, but cannot until it receives payment from the churches and individuals now holding them. A reasonable effort would dispose of

every book before Christmas. Who will take hold of this work without delay? If any one has more Object Lessons than he can dispose of, and can find no one to assist him, please report to this office at once. The money still comes in, slowly, from sales of these books; but we desire to see it come in *rapidly* during this month. Let every person who can spare any time in direct work for the Lord occupy it in selling Object Lessons. Do not put it off, but begin at once. Let us hear from every one and every church. I. J. HANKINS.

P. S.—Since writing the above, I received the following in a letter from Bro. Ebert: "I expect to be able to put out a goodly number of Object Lessons in my field. In fact, I would feel at a loss without the privilege of selling them. I find that they are a great factor in carrying the message."

BE DILIGENT.

We are glad that large orders for our books are already dropping in on us for December deliveries. We shall encourage all in the canvassing work; but it is in justice to the publishing house and the tract society that we ask all to be faithful in reducing, instead of increasing, their accounts with us. After date of delivery this month, we urge many to pay for all orders taken this fall and also materially reduce old accounts. Some must do this; otherwise they are not "diligent in business."

We call special attention to the letter from Elder Daniells concerning the week of prayer, in this issue. We will have this letter printed on leaflets also, so that we may reach such brethren as do not take the Reporter. If you need a few for your church membership, send us a card at once.

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| Cash on hand Nov. 1..... | | \$373 59 |
| Boggs town..... | 4 04 | |
| Connersville..... | 139 08 | |
| Dana..... | 7 85 | |
| Evansville..... | 67 35 | |
| Ft. Wayne..... | 20 58 | |
| Glenwood..... | 10 00 | |
| Homer..... | 55 00 | |
| Etna Green..... | 5 00 | |
| Individuals..... | 33 21 | |
| Indianapolis..... | 181 06 | |
| Jonesboro..... | 49 88 | |
| LaFayette..... | 22 76 | |
| Linton..... | 5 25 | |
| Michael..... | 71 69 | |
| Marion..... | 26 66 | |
| New London..... | 1 83 | |
| Noblesville..... | 16 40 | |
| Olive Branch..... | 16 05 | |
| Patrickburg..... | 60 52 | |
| Rochester..... | 40 81 | |
| South Bend..... | 2 00 | |
| West Liberty..... | 16 25 | |
| Elwood..... | 8 50 | |
| Pleasant View..... | 20 48 | |
| Farmerburg..... | 50 | |
| Received during Nov..... | | \$1,065 28 |
| Total..... | | \$1,438 87 |
| Paid labors in Nov..... | 1,217 66 | |
| Balance Tithe Dec. 1..... | | \$221 21 |

Elwood.

It has been some time since a report has been in the Reporter from this place. We are not idle; the seed has been sown in the hearts of many people, and the fruit is beginning to appear. The Lord has said his word shall not return unto him void, but it will accomplish that where unto he sent it. Much has been done here in the way of tent efforts and Bible work, and the people seem to think it too great a cross, although I think the Lord has some people here. I am following out the instructions given in a special Testimony to visit other churches and bear a testimony of the present truth, and I am gaining access to the people in that way. At present there are about four families investigating and studying the truth with us. I distributed about one hundred copies of the Signs and other papers last week. Brethren, if you have clean copies of the Signs and Review send them to me, post-paid. Pray for the work here.

We have organized a Busy Bee society, and a large amount of work is being done by them in the way of sewing and knitting, all of which is for the benefit of the church.

U. S. ANDERSON.

Famine in Georgia.

Many are perishing in Georgia for want of the truth. God has intrusted to us to give unto those who are hungering and thirsting after righteousness. A recent testimony says that "Scarcely a thousandth part of the work is being done that ought to be done in mission fields." "The Southern field has been so long neglected that the cries of distress have gone up to heaven, and there can never be a clearance of our peo-

ple until that field shall have four-fold more than any other field should have." We are very weak; only five little churches in this great State. We want to put out a colporteur wagon this winter (for canvassers cannot do much here in the winter), but our treasury is empty, and we have no means to fit up a wagon. Can not some of our more favored brethren give us a little help on this. Send money donations to Elder C. A. Hall, 243 South Boulevard, Atlanta, Ga., and papers, books, tracts, etc., to my address at Alpharetta, Ga. Let us have a good supply of literature. It has been three years since I came to this field, and like Paul, we have suffered the loss of all things that we might win Christ, and we are thankful for the experience God has given us in scattering the printed pages of gospel truth as it is in Christ. Brethren, remember this field in your prayers. J. T. EATON.

Waterman and New Albany.

Our work in Waterman, although bigorously opposed by a United Brethren minister and a number of the Baptist people in the community, ended very encouraging to the writer and his companion in the work. While only four signed the covenant, yet ten or twelve acknowledge the whole Truth, but could not see their way at present to obey. Among the number above mentioned are some of the most prominent people in Waterman and Silverwood. Silverwood is where we held our meetings and adjoins Waterman. We first succeeded in getting the Baptist church, but after advertising our meetings in the two towns and country, the Baptist people held a meeting and concluded not to allow us to hold our meetings in their church. However, the Lord who has a care for his work, gave us a large store room in a good location where we had perfect freedom in giving the plain truths for this time with the results as above mentioned.

Sr. Lizzie Richmond, formerly of the Baptist church, with her husband, was a great help to us in the work.

After leaving Waterman the last of Oct., Bro J. E. Dunn and myself were recommended to New Albany, where, after getting settled, we commenced our work Nov. 18. The writer immediately suffered an attack of bronchitis from which he is just recovering. Bro. Dunn has just finished a week of rich experiences with the ministers of this place. We are looking forward to a good experience with good results. IRA BIGELOW.

Frankton.

Since my last report I have been laboring in Huntington and Connersville. I have been canvassing for Christ's Object Lessons, giving Bible readings, visiting, and preaching as the way opens. The Lord is blessing the work here, and especially the sale of Christ's Object Lessons and Bible work. I have rich experiences in the canvassing work. I was called to Connersville Oct. 6, to perform the marriage ceremony of Bro. Elvin Kellogg and Sister Amanda Foster. The parties are members of the Adventist church and have broad acquaintance. During my visit there I held meetings over Friday night, Sabbath and Sunday, assisted by Bro. Sparks, with a growing interest. I am glad to report the good work that is being done on the church at this place. I ask the prayers all as I labor on in the closing message. W. A. EBERT.

HERE A LITTLE, AND THERE A LITTLE.

The canvassers' report failed to reach us in time for this issue.

Our people who do not take the Review are not keeping up with the message.

Matter for the Reporter must be in the printer's hands not later than Tuesday, as the paper must go on the press Wednesday.

Begin talking and planning for a Sabbath school convention in your school after the holidays. The program will be sent you soon.

Every Seventh-day Adventist in Indiana needs the Reporter in order to know what your conference is doing in the work; only 25c a year.

During this month church and Sabbath school officers for the next term are to be chosen. Consider the matter at once, and be careful in the selections.

Clean copies of the Signs, Youth's Instructor and Little Friend, sent postpaid to J. E. Dunn, 708 11th st., New Albany, will be put to good use in the Master's work. Please remember Bros. Dunn and Bigelow in their labor there.

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ARE YOU DOING ALL YOU CAN ?

I would like to speak to all the readers of the Reporter personally, and when you read this article I trust you will consider it a personal letter as well as a general article. The proceeds from the sale of Christ's Object Lessons have been dedicated for the payment of the debts which stand against our educational institutions, and in the districts or countries where no schools have been established the proceeds are to help start schools. Thus, all that are sold in Canada will help establish a school for the Canadian field, and all that are sold in England will help establish a school for the English people. All that are sold in the Lake Union conference, which is composed in part of the State of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, will go in payment of the debts of the old Battle Creek College, and for the building up of our district and general training school at Berrien Springs. A good beginning has been made on the reduction of the debt as several thousand were paid off last year, and we feel very anxious that this work shall be prosecuted during the coming year as never before. We are very anxious that now as we reach the leisure time of the year that every one will take hold of the work and sell just as many books as possible.

Now let me ask the readers of the Reporter, "are you doing in your field—the grand old State of Indiana—all that you can to help along in this work? Are you selling Christ's Object Lessons? If not, will you not now? Send to your Tract society immediately and get a copy and canvass your neighborhood. Do not for a moment get the idea that they can only be sold before the holidays, yet just before the holidays is a very favorable time as people will buy the books to make presents. Can you not, reader, be you brother or sister, child or adult, take this book out and show it to your neighbors and ask them to purchase. Some will shrink back and say, "I cannot sell books." Have you ever tried? If you have not, will you not do so? The experiment will do you good. If you have tried and failed, do not let that failure always stand before your eyes, but go out and endeavor to redeem the failure and the Lord will certain-

ly aid you, for the book is a grand one, and had better be in the families than to let some other book be there which is not so replete with that which is noble and grand as is the Object Lessons. If you have not tried it, will you not immediately? Make up your mind to fill your neighborhood. If you cannot do so before Christmas, keep at it until the work is done after Christmas.

We want to so labor that our school debts which are the heaviest in the denomination may be paid off. The amounts which constitute the debt go in part to our faithful brethren and sister, who if they could receive their money would be willing to donate some of it to the cause, and some of them need it. The debt at the present time is some \$65,000, of which \$40,000 or more is owing to the Review and Herald office and it needs its money. It has waited patiently for it for years and it needs it in its work and to pay off its obligations which are bearing interest, so every dollar brought in through the sale of Christ's Object Lessons benefits not only the training school at Berrien Springs, but will benefit the Review and Herald office and all the brethren who have kindly loaned to the college.

Now we have presented these facts not only because we think you will be interested in them, but because we believe you will take hold and aid the work. Will you not now, faithful brethren and sisters in Indiana, do your best as you have often done in the past to aid on in this grand and glorious work? I trust that a hearty response will come from every one, and that it will be, "We will go into the work and never cease until grand results are achieved."

S. H. LANE.

OBITUARY.

MILLER—Norah, born Feb. 16, 1862, died Nov. 20, 1901, at Indianapolis, aged 39 years, 9 months and 4 days. She leaves a most devoted husband, mother, daughter and two sisters, and a number of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Sister Miller was afflicted with consumption and her illness extended over a period of one year. She manifested great patience during all her sickness, and at the end gently fell a sleep in Jesus, who will soon call her from the grave to be with

him forever, and it is the fervent prayer of the writer, that then the husband and daughter Myrtle, now broken hearted over their loss, may, through the grace of Christ, meet their loved ones, where there will be no parting. Text Rev. 14: 13.

A. W. BARTLETT.

FRENCH—Josephine G., died Nov. 13, aged 49 years. She leaves a husband, two children, and a number of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Sister French was an active and faithful member of the Seventh Day Adventist church at LaFayette, Ind., and up to the time of her death was secretary of the Sabbath school. She was a most devoted Christian, and we who laid her away in her last resting place were greatly comforted in the promise of the Spirit that her "works do follow" her. Though dead, yet her sweet Christian influence goes on a savor of life unto many. Sister French was buried at Brookston, but the funeral sermon was preached by the writer at her residence near LaFayette. Text, Rev. 14: 13.

A. W. BARTLETT.

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