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GO FORWARD.

This is now the word to Israel. We have not much longer to sojourn in the wilderness. Caleb and Joshua might have passed over the Jordan had it not been for the unbelief of the multitude; so to-day it is the "fearful and unbelieving" who are retarding the Lord's work. Israel's lack of faith led them "backward and not forward;" so now many among the "remnant" are going back into the wilderness, and they will surely die there, unless they speedily turn their faces toward Canaan. Let every one inquire: Is my face toward Egypt, or toward the promised land? What is my interest in the message compared with my first year's interest? How does our canvassing work now compare with fifteen years ago? The Lord says, "It is the very essence of all right faith to do the right thing at the right time."—Test. vol. 6, page 24. On page 313 I read, "The canvassing work, prayerfully conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and it is *as good and successful* a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time." "*This is the very work* the Lord would have His people do *at this time.*" . . . "We cannot too highly estimate this work."

MORE MINISTERS.

Again, the Lord says, "There is among us more than an average of men of ability. If their capabilities were brought into use, we should have twenty ministers where we now have but one." The result would be that the ministry would accomplish in one year what will require our present force twenty years to do. Then why is our ministry not increased twenty fold? There are two reasons—a lack of consecrated young men who have had proper encouragement and education; second, we have not a sufficient amount of tithes to support them. But why do we not have enough tithes? The Lord

tells us: "The tithes you have withheld, I reserved for the support of my servants." How much money is being withheld? Listen: "Had God's plan been followed, means would now be flowing into His treasury; and funds to enable ministers to enter new fields, . . . *would be abundant.*"

CHURCH SCHOOL.

"We are far behind in this important matter," says the Testimony. "In many places schools should have been in operation years ago." If we had been faithful in this work, walking in the light so clearly given, "students lost to the cause of God would now be missionaries." Fathers, would you not rather see your sons and daughters engaged in the Lord's work, even at very small pay, than to see them serving the world at any price? We are told that "the church is asleep, and does not realize the magnitude of this matter;" also that, "as a church, as individuals, if we would stand clear in the judgment we must make more liberal contributions for the training of our young people."

SANITARIUM WORK.

Hear the words of the Lord: "If conducted in a manner that God could approve, it would be highly successful, and would stand in advance of all other institutions of the kind in the world." Our sanitariums have been the means of elevating the truth for this time, and bringing it before thousands. * * * When the future test comes, when enlightenment comes to them, not a few of these will take their stand with God's remnant people. * * * Our sanitariums have been the means of accomplishing great good. * * * They are to rise still higher. * * * The work now being done in medical missionary lines ought to have been done years ago, and would have been done if God's people had been soundly converted to the truth. * * * Had our people done this work, many persons of ability and influence would have been converted and joined us in

giving the message of Christ's soon coming."—Vol. 6, page 301.

MISSION FIELDS.

Scarcely a thousandth part of the work is being done that ought to be done in missionary fields." "The Lord desires to see the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of truth." "*Just now* is our time to work in foreign countries." Whose fault is it that we are doing only one thousandth part of what we ought to be doing? A sad commentary on the work of a people who believe the Lord is "at the door! Where is the trouble? What is the remedy? The trouble is we have not heeded the light. Hear the testimony: "We should be far in advance of our present spiritual condition, had we moved forward as the light came to us." "When new methods have been advocated, so many doubt—so many councils held that every difficulty might be discerned, that reformers have been handicapped, and some have ceased to urge reforms. They seem to be unable to stem the current of doubt and criticism."—Test., vol 6, page 141, 142.

Brethren, isn't it time to repent and show evidence of genuine repentance by taking up neglected duties? If we do not, surely the Lord will remove our candlestick; He will give his work to others, who will walk in the light and will speedily give the light to the world. L. J. HANKINS.

Railway Certificates.

Those who desire the reduction granted by the Central Passenger Association should apply to F. C. Donald, Monadnock building, Chicago, Ill., for a blank. It will be to your advantage to send with this blank, properly filled out, a copy of this week's Reporter, as it contains a complete workers' directory, and thus shows who are entitled to the annual railway certificates. If you do not apply soon, it would be well for you to preserve this paper until you do make application. But it would be better for all to apply in time to receive your certificate before Jan. 1, 1902. L. J. H.

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WEEK OF PRAYER.

Every one who will seriously consider the work yet to be done, the short time for its accomplishment, and the character of the people who are to do the work, will hail "week of prayer" as a little period of preparation for the final conflict between sin and righteousness. The man who allows pleasure or unnecessary business to deprive him of the blessings to be obtained during this period shows a lack of appreciation of our time and work.

Ministerial help will be provided as far as possible, and we hope to see a full attendance at every meeting. Come brethren, and let us spend the week in studying the Word and planning for the work. "Go forward," is the command. There shall be delay no longer. Let every one inquire: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" "Not how little, but how much, may I do?" Who can say of the past year, "I have done my best for the cause of God?" With shame we all have to confess that selfishness has marred our work and hindered our spiritual growth. Will the year, 1902, bear the same record to heaven? God forbid. We must arouse for present inactivity, and be diligent that we may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

If every one will do his best in 1902, a grand work will be accomplished. Why should anyone do less than his best? Men do their best in their own business; will we do less in the Lord's work? The Lord says, "The churches are withering because they have failed to use their talents in diffusing light." . . . "The members of the church have not done a hundredth part of that which God requires of them." This is true of gifts and offerings, also: If all the

believers in Indiana had done what they could, we would have no debt.

A SUGGESTION.

If every Seventh-day Adventist in the State would pay weekly from ten to twenty-five cents, besides what he is now owing the cause, we would have on hand at the end of 1902, \$10,000. This would cancel our debt and leave us \$4,000 or \$5,000 for other work. I believe all could do this if they would; at any rate we could average ten cents a week. Brethren, I am anxious to do my part in this work, and to give you an opportunity to do yours; so I am going to suggest a plan. To the elders of the churches we will send blanks with a printed promise as a heading, on which we request every one to place his name and the amount he will give to reduce the debt and forward the cause of truth in this conference. Let the elders and church officers see that these lists are made up and returned to me before Jan. 1st, if possible, and we will publish in the Reporter the total amount contributed weekly by each church. The elder and treasurer should each keep a copy of their own church pledges and collect the money and send it to the office at the end of each month, promptly.

Remember that this is separate and distinct from the tithe, Sabbath school donations, church expenses, missionary offerings, and all other contributions; and also remember that these weekly contributions close at the end of 1902. Let every one promise something, if it is only three cents, five cents, or one cent a week. Promise only what you are going to give, and pay promptly every month. Encourage the children to do something, and help them earn the money.

What church will be first to report. Report, and we will report it in the Reporter. We wait to hear.

I. J. HANKINS.

FORMALITY, OR POWER

The Scriptures teach us that in the last days there shall be men who have the form of godliness, but lack the power—the power of God. The instruction is, "From such turn away." Now it is possible for this formality to possess our own hearts, and we go on destitute of the power. It need not be so, it should not be so, but it is liable to be so. We have come up to a time when the words of the Apostle Paul should be heeded continually, everywhere, and all the time: "Examine yourselves wheth-

er ye be in the faith." If we are in the faith, we shall possess the power—the power of God unto salvation.

Simply the form of godliness will save no man, and there is no blessing in it, but there is blessing and salvation in the power of the Spirit of God. "Be ye filled with the Spirit" is the injunction of our Savior. "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit." We are now face to face with another time, a blessed occasion, the week of prayer. We are in a solemn, responsible time, and readings have been prepared for the occasion, and the Lord has rich blessings for His people. God forbid that this shall be a formal occasion, but may all come up to this time desiring a new experience in the things of God, and a closer walk with Him. The times demand it, we as a people need it and God is desirous of making this a blessed time for every one of us. So let it be brethren and sisters.

AN OFFERING, OR A COLLECTION?

There is a vast difference between an offering and a collection. A collection is usually the gathering together of fragments, odds and ends, but an offering is a voluntary gift as an appreciation of a blessing, and a willingness to sacrifice for the needy. This principle is well illustrated by a little Southern boy and his little dog. A gentleman gave a piece of steak to his little boy, and the boy's heart prompted him to give it to his hungry little dog. As he turned to do this, his father said, "No, Tom, that is for your breakfast." The little boy reluctantly ate it, and at the close of the meal, the father said, "Now Tom, gather up the scraps for Fido." The boy obeyed, crying, "Fido, I wanted to make you an offering, but now I can only give you a collection." The little boy was willing to give the first and best before his own wants were supplied.

In view of the present and increasing demands for means in the mission fields, shall we make an offering, or supply ourselves first, through and after the holidays, and then give a collection (of scraps) for the Lord's great work? The call of the hour is consecration of talent and means to the Lord's work. Let us hope and pray for a hundred thousand dollar offering at this time, and a corresponding blessing. We shall not have many more years in which to give money to spread the gospel, so let us all give liberally while we have the opportunity and privilege, and receive the blessing the Lord has for us. "So filled with the Spirit."

W. H. THURSTON.

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THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Some have inquired whether this school is a sure thing. Yes, I hope so. The location is not definitely settled. We are waiting to see if the Lord has anything more suitable than has already been offered. If any of our brethren have a location in mind, with inducements to offer the committee, we hope to hear from them soon.

Let all who have pledged to the

school send in their money. It will be needed soon. We hope to get the material for the building this winter, and be ready for work early in the Spring. Send in your contributions and send up your petitions for guidance in this enterprise.

I. J. HANKINS.

Greenfield.

Bro. and Sr. Niehaus and Sr. Mary Huntzinger are finding all they can do in the Bible work, and report a number of very interesting readers; they are also placing many books in the homes of the people, besides visiting the sick. Sr. Ada Marshall, who has been canvassing here since camp meeting, has had fair success. While our church house is being erected, the regular services are held four times a week at Bro. King's, and one every Sabbath afternoon at Bro. Roberts' home. Our regular Sabbath school attendance is about 25.

Work on the church building is in progress. The citizens have contributed liberally. Evidently the Lord is directing the work, and we believe many more souls here will accept the truth. Elder Miller, my co-laborer, has been called to another field; we miss him very much.

We will begin the observance of the week of prayer next Sabbath, and expect rich blessings from the Lord.

I have recently moved to Greenfield and am now making this my permanent home. All correspondence may be addressed to me here.

S. G. HUNTINGTON.

This Reporter.

All will want to study, and study again the suggestions in this paper. Who will do this work in this state, and who will support the work, if not the members of the churches in the State? The time has come for every one to be a "doer of the word." Service means doing something, and not simply believing something.

Week of Prayer Readings.

We have a few copies on hand to supply any who may not have received them. Send at once, and let us all study them together. Let isolated families spend an hour each day in a faithful study of these readings, and send their contributions direct to the office. This week of prayer should be a season of earnest study and meditation, and should bring forth precious fruits.

BRIEF MENTION.

We have a good assortment of vest-pocket dictionaries; also some pocket diaries for 1902, at from 10c to 20c. Indiana Tract Society.

We hope the ministers, when visiting the different churches, will help in the organization of the Young People's Society of Seventh-day Adventists.

W. P. B. Cray and Mabel E. Dingman, a nurse from Battle Creek, were united in marriage at the home of Sr. McMahan, Anderson, on Saturday evening, Dec. 7, by W. A. Ebert.

Those who have clean copies of the Youths Instructor, Little Friend and The Signs of the Times can do good missionary work by sending them, postpaid, to Mrs. H. H. Alsop, at Sullivan, Ind.

Bro. M. M. Kenny reports a good interest at Reynolds, where he has been holding meetings at the request of brethren there. One who gave up the truth has been reclaimed. Bro. Kenny reports more calls to visit than he can satisfy.

WANTED—10 Young Men and Women.

There is nothing being done at present in the State in the sale of Health books. We want 10 young persons who feel an interest in this line of work, who will take a course of training to fit them to sell Health books. Who will respond? Please write me and I will let you know about the instruction. We want to commence instruction by Jan. 20.

F. L. Moody, Boggstown, Ind.

What to Do with Object Lessons.

The Librarian of Ligonier church says that when the brethren and sisters were asked what should be done with Object Lessons on hand, they all responded, "We will sell them." Good! The Lord will bless them in the effort. I hope every society and every individual, where these books are stored, will do likewise. I. J. H.

Important Notice.

All ordering tracts and periodicals of us will please remember that we must expect those who order to pay postage on the publications desired. According to our latest advice our periodicals will cost you postage at the rate of one cent for four ounces. Tracts however, do not fare so well, and will be at the rate of eight cents per pound.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

How many of the Sabbath school officers have been studying the young people's work as set forth in the Instructor? I only wish to call attention to the efforts that are being put forth in other States for the young people, feeling sure that parents and Sabbath school workers in Indiana will not come behind in a matter so important. Our children and youth should by all means have something to occupy their minds and their time. How shall we enlist their interest and their efforts in the Lord's work? If they do not soon become interested in the Lord's work, what will be the result? Have we any responsibility in this matter?

The articles in the last two or three issues of the Instructor contain suggestions that will be helpful to church elders and Sabbath school officers. They have a special interest (or they should have) in the children and the youth, and I hope will study these articles, and organize societies for youth wherever it is practicable. Let these meetings be for the youth and conducted by the youth. Encourage them to begin the work at once, even though there may be but a few. As they study and plan, new methods will be discovered by which the work will grow in interest.

Parents, will you not also study this work, and plan for your children?

Any questions with reference to this work may be directed to Mrs. Clara T. Miller, or to the undersigned at 1311 Central avenue, Indianapolis.

I. J. HANKINS.

THE TESTIMONIES ON SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.

Questions for January Study—Pages 53 to 58.

FIRST WEEK.

What call is given to young men and women? Contrast the results of spasmodic effort with those of lifelong service. How may the Sabbath school teachers increase their talent? Name five characteristics of those who truly believe in Christ. For what purpose is light given to the church?

SECOND WEEK.

Should unconverted persons be invited to teach in the Sabbath school? What is the effect of such a teacher's influence? Study the qualifications

of teachers as follows: Condition of heart; connection with Christ; students of the word; efforts to improve; time for prayer.

THIRD WEEK.

In what should teachers and pupils feel a lively interest? Why is it necessary for each person to study every point of truth? In what spirit should the scriptures be studied? What aid is promised? What means will the Lord use to carry the truth to the world? What new element must be brought into Sabbath school work, and what should be left out? Why are the words of the True Witness applicable to Sabbath school members? (Let each one consider how he has shown "self-esteem and self-sufficiency.")

FOURTH WEEK.

Why has the truth been given to teachers and scholars? What would be the effect if all felt a burden for souls? For what should we pray? What will the Spirit do for us? What does the cause most need? What is said of many professed Christians? Is the teacher's duty done when the theory of the lesson has been taught?

CANVASSERS' REPORT

BIBLE READINGS

	Hrs.	Ord's	Val.	Helps.
B. H. Welch	68	14	\$21 15	\$34 05
H. C. Carmichael	126	33	79 50	10 15
W. C. Well	54	19	20 15	7 50
R. H. Hazelton	48	19	23 00	7 25

MARVEL OF NATIONS.

Mrs. N. Boggs	30	17	9 50	5 00
A. E. King	121	25	32 25	3 25
Mrs. Dumbauld	04	04	5 00	5 25
Lizzie Bailey	52	19	19 25	6 50
Mattie Mills	44	15	13 00	11 25
Mrs. F. Mills	03	01	1 25	4 50
Lucy Sanders	18	05	7 50	7 00

HERALDS OF MORNING.

Ella Van Hook	39	08	10 50	10 00
Ira C. Tibbets	01	01	1 25	1 75
Ella Applegate	01	01	1 00	50
Lizzie Richmond	22	05	7 25	5 00

COMING KING.

T. J. Clark	92	45	59 50	7 90
S. S. Grey	40	13	13 00	6 50
W. A. Murphy	85	17	14 50	1 50

GREAT CONTROVERSY.

Mollie E. Keener	25	05	14 00	7 00
Thos. F. Keener	30	05	13 25	2 24

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. R. Carson	20	17	8 50	
Mrs. M. Clark	58		10 50	8 25
Mary J. Darby	39	39	32 50	11 50
Mrs. V. Shrock			2 90	
Mrs. E. Smith		10	4 75	
Mrs. Bradford		23	16 20	
H. S. Browning	245	44	68 65	

LADIES' GUIDE.

H. S. Browning	15	05	15 00	
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SUMMARY.

No. of agents reporting, 27; No. orders 407; value of orders \$730 95.

Wolcott.

I hail with delight the good Reporter and the glad tidings it brings. I will add my mite of good cheer for

the work in all branches. I visited the people of Wolcott with the good book, Marvel of Nations, and had many pronounce it good. Other canvassers had been over the town with other books, and could I have had the book earlier I could have sold many more. I obtained seventeen orders, and made many good visits. I know that some good seed has been sown and will bring forth good fruit. Take courage, fellow canvassers.

ELIZA C. NORDYKE.

Canvassers' Notes.

Please report promptly.

Orders for Nov. \$1,015 00.

There is room for 50 more canvassers in Indiana.

Carefully prepare your report so it can be fully understood.

Prepare to make 1902 the most successful year in the canvassing work.

Most of the canvassers are having good success delivering their books.

Bro. Fred Hall, of Battle Creek, Mich., is on his way to Spencer Co. to canvass.

The holidays are almost here but our work will not be done till the message is finished.

Misses Lizzie and Mattie Bailey are canvassing at Logansport for Marvel of Nations, with good success.

The Farmersburg church has recently sold Christ's Object Lessons to the amount of \$31 25. "Go thou and do likewise."

The Lord says, "Go work in My vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you." Who believes the pay is sure? F. L. MOONEY.

OBITUARY.

Bro. Elijah Shook died at Jonesboro, Ind., Oct. 28, 1901, aged 61 years 6 months and 18 days. Bro. Shook gave evidence that he was at peace with God, and died in the hope of the gospel. He leaves a wife and two children, with other relatives. Comforting words by the writer from Heb. 9:27, 28. F. M. ROBERTS.

The funeral of Mrs. Melissa Sparah, aged 60, living near Dundee, was conducted by the writer Dec. 3, in the Christian church, of which the deceased was a member. Text, John 14:1, 2. W. A. EBERT.

Notice to Sabbath Schools.

Those ordering quarterlies must add postage extra. For every two pamphlets add one cent for postage. Societies must bear this expense.

INDIANA TRACT SOCIETY.