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TO FRIENDS OF THE CAUSE IN INDIANA.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:—

It has been planned by your conference committee to commence an active campaign for the sale of Object Lessons on Monday, Feb. 17. It is expected that every brother and sister, young and old, will aid in this work. Each person should procure a copy of the book and commence to sell to friends and neighbors. Visit your merchant, blacksmith, tailor, machine man, and all with whom you may have dealt with in the past or may be dealing with at the present time.

We suggest that each one immediately secure a book and read thoroughly, so as to gain a few points by which to interest the people and persuade them to purchase the book. It is hoped and earnestly requested that all in Indiana commence the sale of the book, "Christ's Object Lessons," on Monday, Feb. 17. Who will be ready? The conference committee has arranged to distribute ministers all over the State, to aid the churches in this work—to go out with the people in the actual work of selling the book. We trust our churches will welcome the ministers in this work. Indiana should dispose of 8,000 by April 1. Who will enlist now?

S. H. LANE.

A SPECIAL COUNCIL.

Elders A. G. Daniels, S. H. Lane and Bro. E. B. Blosser, general canvassing agent of the Lake Union conference, have been with the conference committee in council for a short time. It is evident that an advance must be made if we are true to the light that has come to us, and that a reformation (re-formation) must be wrought in our conference. First of all we considered the mission of Christ's Object Lessons, and planned for a special campaign to begin Feb. 17. On this day we hope every Adventist in the State will be ready to go out with this book, and

will continue until at least 8,000 books have been sold in Indiana. Brethren, the Lord says that this can be done, and if we will enter upon the work, trusting His Spirit to operate with us and in us, it will be done. Others have found the second effort with this book easier, and more successful than the first. The erection of school buildings at Berrien Springs depends on the sale of Object Lessons. The Lord has given us the book, but it must be turned into money with which to purchase building material.

We propose to turn our entire ministry into this effort for a few weeks. Territory has been assigned to each one, as represented below. Now brethren don't ask the minister to spend this time in preaching to you. They are going out to engage with you in selling the book, and to superintend the work at the same time. Here is the

Assignment of Territory.

F. L. MOODY—Boggs town, Brazil, Dana and LaFayette.

R. S. DONNELL—Farmersburg, Sullivan, Salem, Linton and Elora.

A. L. CHEW and R. H. SPARKS and WIFE—Waldron, Connorsville, Glenwood and Rushville.

BRO. SAILOR and CARTER—New Marion and vicinity.

A. W. BARTLETT, I. S. LLOYD and H. S. BROWNING—Indianapolis.

S. G. HUNTINGTON—Kenard, Mechanicsburg, Middletown, Maxwell.

J. H. NEHAUS—Greenfield.

P. G. STANLEY—Olivet Chapel, Anderson and Muncie.

A. L. MILLER—Bunker Hill, Kokomo, West Liberty, Windfall.

W. A. EBERT—Hartford City, Marion, Michaels.

I. J. HANKINS—Pt. Wayne, Huntington, Barbers' Mills.

O. S. HADLEY and WIFE—Ligonier, and Wolf Lake.

E. C. SWARTZ—South Bend, North Liberty, Walkerton.

L. THOMPSON—Lebanon, Northfield and Noblesville.

J. M. ELLIS—Denver, Rochester, Inwood and Akron.

J. E. DUNN—Winnemac and Grass Creek.

J. E. COLLINS—Olive Branch, Idaville, Honey Creek and Monticello.

J. S. SHROCK and WIFE—Richmond and Hagerstown.

U. S. ANDERSON—Elwood and Frankton.

S. S. DAVIS—Washington.

I. G. BIGELOW—New Albany.

E. VINCE—Terre Haute.

F. M. ROBERTS—Jonesboro.

I hope every church and Sabbath school officer will throw his influence and effort into this movement. Let these ministers (leaders) begin at once to plan for this campaign. Write to the churches in your territory, and see that every individual is ready for duty February 17, and let us in faith inscribe on our banners, *success*, and the Lord will give it.

I. J. HANKINS.

CONSIDER THIS.

"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields," Christ said, "for they are white already to harvest." He wants us to see the condition of the field. And then are you to feel at ease and traveling from place to place visiting the churches? No, no. God help you by giving you the spirit of the message, that you may yearn after souls, and not let them go until they are converted. This is the work God desires to see done, and till this spirit takes hold of every man and every conference, the work cannot go forward in power. . . . Take the word of God. It is full of meat and drink. Study the Bible, and you will know more of God than you do now. You will have something fresh to impart to others. You will not go over the same ground again and again." The Lord wants an efficient ministry. Shall we heed His instruction, and be such? I. J. HANKINS.

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THE FORWARD MOVEMENT

A Revival of the Study and Practical Application of the Physical Side of Spiritual Truth in its Relation to the Second Advent of Our Lord.

"PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD."

THE FOUNTAIN OF ETERNAL YOUTH.

Who is there that is not suffering in his body for some sin against the laws of life and health—that is, against God's life, committed, no doubt, in the ignorance of youth; or from some inherited weakness that has been magnified by continued yielding to it? The sin was committed in ignorance; but we suffer nevertheless, even after we have learned the right way. Is there then no hope for us, that we may be freed from the infirmity? or must we suffer for our past ignorance as long as we live?

There need be no uncertainty about this matter, for the scriptures speak plainly. Let us read one blessed promise: "Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O Lord. Good and upright is the Lord; therefore will he teach sinners in the way."—Ps. 25: 7-8. This is a prayer inspired by the Holy Spirit, who is sent to help our infirmities, and to teach us to pray as we ought; and "He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."—Rom. 8: 27. Therefore we know this prayer is one that God is pleased to answer, and that He will forget the sins of our youth, because he will destroy them—swallow them up to His life.

Our sins were committed in ignorance, and the Lord who has compassion on the ignorant, and "on them that are out of the way" (Heb. 5: 2), gives us His own wisdom. He does this, teaching us the

right way, because He is "good and upright;" but in that God is good and upright, or faithful and just, "He forgives our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness."—1 John 1: 9. It is "by His knowledge" that the righteous servant of God makes many righteous; "for He shall bear their iniquities."—Isa. 53: 2—"All things that pertain unto life and godliness" are given to us "through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue."—2 Peter 1: 3.

But in giving wisdom (and He gives it freely to all who lack it, and ask for it), God does not merely give us the knowledge which enables us to recognize our failures, and leave us to mourn over it. The Gospel does not leave us in hopeless regrets, but begets us unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, making us "partakers of the Divine nature." Being born again, born from above, we have the privilege of beginning life anew. Is it not a glorious prospect? How often we have said, "If I could live my life over again;" but if we could, we should without doubt do the same things again, that we have done. God provides something better than that, in giving to us an entirely new life, so that we may begin again under entirely new and better conditions.

In forgiving all our iniquities, God provides healing for all our diseases. Read the exhortation to bless Him "who redeemeth our life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies, who satisfieth my mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."—Ps. 103: 4-5. In renewing our youth, God redeems our life from destruction; and the provision for this wonderful redemption is placed within our reach, in all the good gifts of God, and is even placed within us, since the Word is nigh us, in our mouth and in our heart, and God's everlasting power and divinity are manifested in everything He has made. In Christ we find the fountain of youth. Therefore "bless the Lord, O, my soul; and forget not all His benefits."

Get Free from the Curse.

A brother writing from Southern Indiana says, "The Lord has blessed me in paying my tithe, and I wonder why so many would rather

have the ten tenths with a curse than nine tenths with a blessing."

I wonder when professed commandment keepers will be free from the curse, so that the Lord can show a difference between them that serve him and them that serve him not. It will be when "we bring all the tithes into the storehouse." Who will do it? When will God pour out his blessings upon his people? Just as soon as we are faithful to him in all things.

I. J. HANKINS.

HAVE WE HEALTH?

When Seneca said, "Man does not die, he kills himself," he little thought he was repeating a divine utterance. "The wages of sin is death."

It is all brought about by disregard for God's laws; disobedience, either willful or ignorant. Another eminent physician has said: "We die prematurely, but it is not in consequence of the order established by Providence, it is the result of our ignorance, of our passion, of our vice."

Without a question it is ignorance that causes so much ill health, and so many premature deaths in our ranks to-day. This should not be. We become stumbling blocks for the progress of the message. "Present Truth" has been given to us, not to prepare us spiritually alone, but physically also. We as a people are without excuse. God says "There shall be delay no longer." Shall we not each ask ourselves where we stand, both physically and spiritually, in the message? With many, where they stand physically will determine where they stand spiritually. I have been much impressed with the present death rate in our ranks. It is alarming. We see little difference between Adventists and the outside world in this respect. Take just one glance at the obituary column in the Review, and I am sure you will agree that we must come up higher.

Health is as natural to the human being as it is to the lamb that skips and plays by its mother's side, or the young colt that kicks its heels in the air, exhilarated with the joy of living. Health has been defined as being the "perfect circulation of pure blood in a sound organism." Any departure from this is disease. So we see that health is normal, and disease is abnormal. The time is now at hand with us as a people when a diseased man or woman should be regarded

simply as a person too ignorant to know how to keep well. We as a people have the truth. We as a whole know much of the truth. Yet in my experience, not more than one family out of ten live health reform as taught by the truth. Does this give us any light upon premature deaths? Brethren, if we profess a thing, let us prove to the world we practise it in our lives.

WORKERS' MEETING.

I wish every laborer in the State might have been in Indianapolis during the past few days, while Brethren Daniells and Lane were with us. The Lord blessed his people with light and encouragement. But another opportunity will be given in a general meeting to be held at Greenfield, Feb. 6 to 10. Prof. Prescott will be with us, also Elder Lane, and possibly Elder Daniells. Bro. Prescott has something special for us, and I hope all our workers, and our conference employes will be present. We want to counsel together with reference to the future of our work in this field.

Let all our ministers come. Come Thursday and stay till Monday.

By order of Conference Committee.

I. J. HANKINS.

What to Bring with You.

As above stated, the general meeting for workers will be held at Greenfield, Feb. 6 to 10 inclusive. In behalf of the church here, I wish to say that all will be made most welcome, with meals and sleeping apartments free. But as we fully anticipate a large attendance, we request that as many as can do so, bring with them a partial supply of bed-clothing, so that there may be no shortage, and all rest comfortably at night. Again we urge that all come on Thursday, for two good reasons: First, the meeting begins on Thursday at 7 p. m.; second, Friday is preparation day, and we do not want to be rushed right up to the beginning of the Sabbath. I ask all who are coming to write to me at once, that we may know how many to prepare for. Bring your hymn and tune books.

S. G. HUNTINGTON,

330 N. East street, Greenfield, Ind.

Dedication.

The dedication of the Greenfield church will be held Sunday, Feb. 9, at 10:00 a. m. Prof. W. W. Prescott will deliver the dedicatory address. Eld. S. H. Lane will also be present,

and assist in the services. Besides these brethren from the General conference we also expect all—or nearly so—of the ministers from the State, as this service comes in the middle of the general meeting. Eld. Daniells has also been invited and may be present. We cordially invite our neighboring churches and all who can to attend this meeting.

S. G. HUNTINGTON.

A CASH BASIS.

In this system we are not planning trouble for any one, but to keep every one from getting into trouble; and to help those who are already in. When a canvasser orders his first lot of books, he should pay for them before ordering a second lot. In case he did not deliver all of his first order he should send a list of the books he failed to deliver, and for them he will receive credit. He simply holds those books as a steward of another man's goods. But when they are sold, he should promptly pay for them. In this way he will keep out of debt and the Society will also keep out of debt. Local societies should send cash with their orders.

I. J. HANKINS.

Farmersburg.

I am sorry that in my report from Patricksburg, the Reporter did not in a few instances, just exactly follow the copy. One mistake especially I want to notice. In the next to the last paragraph I am represented as saying, "When, oh, when will we learn to obey God, and cease to hold down the truth in righteousness." It should have read, "And cease to hold down the truth in unrighteousness." The thought was that through our failure to heed God's requirements, through our neglect to bring the truth into our daily practice, we hinder the rise of the message, and retard its progress. Thus we hold it down and keep it from going. So it should have been printed, "When, oh when will we learn to obey God, and cease to hold down the truth in unrighteousness?"

When I closed that report I stated that I was at Farmersburg. I have now been here a little more than one week. The congregation has been growing from the first, and last night a number went away because we could not accommodate them. I talked on the near coming of Christ, and although the house was crowded beyond comfort, the attention given

was good. This puts me in mind of some of my dreams, last summer, while I was at home and not engaged in the work. More than once in my dreams I was presenting the truth to crowded houses. The difference between the dreams and present experience, however, was that in them, while I seemed to have charge of the meetings, I had also efficient help in both singing and preaching.

I don't know how long I will be here; but I shall not go elsewhere until this interest either vanishes or is developed. But I need help; it is very wearing to do all the work. Some one is also needed to lead the singing. Brethren, don't forget us in your prayers. R. S. DONNELL.

North Liberty and Knox.

I have been holding meetings at Knox, Stark county, every two weeks since last spring. The result has been the organization of a Sabbath school of fifteen members, with Sister Surplus as superintendent, and Sister Eliza Morton for assistant. The school is now in good running order, except for supplies, which they expect to get soon.

A church was organized here about eight years ago, but somehow it was neglected, while the enemy has been doing his work, causing some to lose their love and zeal, until only two were left to hold up the banner of truth. So these two began to call for help. So I am helping them, with good results, for several persons are much interested in seeking the light of truth. I believe the Lord has some honest souls here who must be called out. My courage is good, and I ask the readers of the Reporter to pray that I may be an instrument for good in the hands of the Lord.

LEWIS BECHTEL.

Young Peoples' Society.

We are glad to know that our young people in Indiana are organizing for study and for work. Good reports are coming in from the newly organized societies. Let the good work go on, and let the meetings be conducted by and for the youth and children; but let the church and Sabbath school officers advise and counsel the youth encouraging them in every good work. The secretaries may buy a composition book for their reports, as we have nothing specially prepared. I. J. H.

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A HEAVEN-BORN PLAN.

The Lord says our prosperity depends on believing his prophets. 2 Chron. 20:20. He has given us a plan by which our educational work may become established in Berrien Springs where Providence has located it. It is through the sale of Object Lessons. In a few weeks' time we may have the money for the erection of buildings, if all will take hold and dispose of four or five copies of this book. It is not uncommon to solicit money to build colleges, but the Lord has given us a better way. We give every one full value for his money, and the amount so small that every one can afford it. If we will all study the book, Christ's Object Lessons, we will find many gems of thought, which, when pointed out to others, will sell the book. More than this, the Lord has said that divine agencies will co-operate with us in the sale of this book. Why, then, should any one hesitate to enter the field? Those who could not buy last winter may now be in a position to take the book; and some of those who bought it then may take another for a friend.

At any rate, the Lord has placed this work in our hands, and our faith will be shown by the way we take hold of it. I hope every one, young and old, will enter upon this campaign with courage. Ministers should at once lay their plans to employ every Sabbath keeper in their territory, seeing that all are provided with books and assigned some territory. Feb. 17 will soon be here, so we need to act promptly. I shall not be able to write to each leader and church elder, as I had hoped I might do; but we can perfect our plans at the general workers' meeting in Greenfield, Feb. 6 to 10. Let each minister write to the elders in his division or territory, and plan with them for the work. I hope no one will ask to be excused.

Brethren, this is as clearly a call from the Lord as was Gideon's call to go out against the Midianites. I hope we won't find so many faint-hearted men in this army. But the victory is just as sure to us as it was to Gideon, if we will obey the Lord as he obeyed. Who believes it? Read the sixth and seventh chapters of Judges. Who will be loyal to God in this emergency? Brethren, it is

His call. Let us recognize it, and enlist for the campaign, assured of victory, for the Lord has promised it.

We all want to see Emmanuel Missionary college in operation early in this coming autumn. If Indiana will sell 8,000 Object Lessons in this campaign, and the other States in Lake Union conference will sell as many in proportion, we will soon have the money, and then the work can at once go forward, and soon the necessary buildings will be erected. The Lord is looking to see what Indiana will do, beginning, Feb. 17. Let us all be ready. I. J. HANKINS.

QUESTIONS ON

"Testimonies on Sabbath school Work." (February Study, Pages 58-61.)

FIRST WEEK—In the text quoted what are we told to do, and what not to do? Where is this text? In what two ways must we learn in order to be successful laborers? (Study the value of both ways.) What growth is required? Of what is this growth an evidence? What power does it bring? Give three reasons why God has written unto the youth? What habits does he desire them to have? Why? What kind of service does God accept? What does every branch of God's work demand? (Is the Sabbath school work included in this? Are we giving it our best efforts?)

SECOND WEEK—To what are teachers called? Note carefully the reasons for thorough study of the Word. What should be our course when a doctrine is presented which we do not understand? What earnest appeal is made to the students of every Sabbath school?

THIRD WEEK—What are some of the "momentous issues at stake through neglect of the word of God?" What should be our attitude toward "new light?" What part does prejudice sometimes act? Note carefully the instruction given which is similar to Prov. 18; 13. In what way may precious jewels of truth be discarded?

FOURTH WEEK—How may teachers avoid being superficial in their work? Distinguish between the value which we may receive from other's ideas, and relying wholly upon their opinion? How do we "lose much?" What will enable the Sabbath school worker to "speak with power?"

A SURE PROMISE FOR 1902.

These blanks are not being returned as promptly as I hoped they would be, but perhaps the delay indicates a more thorough work. If so, good. Several have written that they have not yet seen all the members, and so are holding the pledge for a more full report.

Here are the churches which have reported, the number of names on the list, and the total amount pledged per week:

Elwood, 12 names	52 cts.
New Marion, 4 names	5 "
New Harmony, 5 names	12 "
A family, 2 names	10 "
Huntington, 8 names	43 "

This is a good beginning for a few churches. Let us hear from others. We have now reached the time of first payment. Be prompt. I. J. H.

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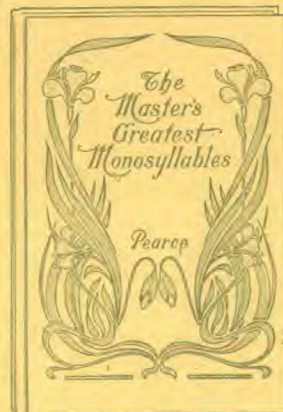
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