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## LAKE UNION CONFERENCE.

This meeting will be held in Chicago, March 27 to April 6. Bro. Moon, president of the Illinois conference, wishes to know how many they will have to provide for. They can not furnish free accommodations, but will secure rooms as cheap as possible, and provide meals at about actual cost.

Delegates in Indiana will please report to me soon as to who will accompany you, whether husband or wife, unmarried people, brethren or sisters. Who will attend the conference who are not delegates? Send your name. It is necessary to know soon how many of all classes will attend the conference.

If any expect to stay with friends in the city, let us know. If any of the chosen delegates cannot go, please report so others may be appointed.

Important matters will be considered at this conference. So let us get ready for the work, having the mind and Spirit of Christ. Don't put off this matter of request, please, but let us hear from all who expect to attend the conference.

Following is list of delegates to the Lake Union conference: I. J. Hawkins, P. G. Stanley, S. G. Huntington, A. L. Miller, A. L. Chew, P. J. Miller, J. S. Shrock, W. A. Young, R. S. Donnell, F. M. Roberts, J. M. Ellis, L. Thompson, J. H. Miller, H. C. Winslow, R. O. Ross, Ora Stephenson, J. F. Cummings, J. W. Moore, B. F. Anderson, Joel Yeager.

## WHY THE DELAY?

Am sorry that some failed to receive their books from Battle Creek in time to begin work Feb. 17. I was assured that the order was promptly executed, and so whatever delay there was must have been in transportation. I hope this has not seriously hindered the work in any place.

I hear good reports from the fields, and hope we may every one shout

the victory of a finished work before April 1. Let no one say, "I can't dispose of four books," but rather let us wait to tell what we can't do till we have tried, so that we may first tell what we can do. If 8,000 books are not sold in Indiana, it will be because we have failed to make the effort, and not because the work is impossible. I hope the ministers and leaders will keep well to the front; the people are ready to follow, but they don't want to be driven. If we are true soldiers, we will be ready to act in the call to duty, and encourage every man to do his part. How can the man who is unwilling to respond in this crisis demonstrate his loyalty to the Third Angel's message? I am confident, brethren and sisters, that this work can and will be done. Remember that Gideon conquered the Midianites with only 300 men. We have enough loyal men in Indiana to complete the work now in hand. Let every one go forward, therefore, shouting victory in the name of the Lord.

I. J. HAWKINS.

## MINISTERS and WORKERS.

But we are all workers now; yes, and we are ministers, too. Good! I will therefore address the leaders of districts. I don't know just where a letter will find you, and so address you through the paper. I hope you are all succeeding in this good work. In small towns and country districts, an appropriate missionary talk followed by a presentation of the book, Object Lessons, and its mission, will be very helpful. Don't fail to see or write to all in your district. Look up the church records, and plan for nothing less than four books per member. Be careful to keep a record of every book, either yourself or some responsible appointed person. Encourage the brethren to continue the work up to April 1st. It will do no harm if we sell many more than our quota. I think it will be best to have books sent direct from Battle Creek,

as in the first shipment. Order through our office, of course, as usual.

Encourage every one to do his part. Because one person sells twenty books, that does not release five persons from selling any. Every one should sell his four, or pay for them at least. No one should be excused from this work. The Lord, and not man, has given us this work, and He will therefore expect every one to render an account to Him. Brethren, this is a serious matter. We cannot pass it off in a jesting way. As leaders in this work, we can only show the people what the Lord requires, and give them the assurance of His help in carrying out His plans. Of course there are giants and walled cities before us, and we are as grasshoppers before them; but is not the Lord with us? Where is our faith? Where are the Calebs and the Joshuas? How much longer do we want to tarry in the wilderness? This Object Lesson movement means much to us as a people just now. It means much to us as individuals also; how much it means we will understand later. We must go forward or backward. The command of God is, "Go forward." Courage, brethren, courage! and victory is sure. I. J. H.

## ISOLATED MEMBERS.

No doubt there are many who cannot attend meeting, being too far away, and so they may not be privileged to aid in the Object Lesson campaign. As far as possible let such persons be visited and their help solicited. Some of these are longing to do something for the Master. If we cannot visit them, or have some one else to do so, let us write them a good letter and send them the Reporter. Many of them will be glad to engage in this work with us. Let ministers and church officers co-operate in looking after them. Let every leader find and use all the scattered books in his territory before ordering more. I think our latest delivery should not go beyond the first or middle of April. I. J. H.

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### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

One of the main reasons why the plan the Lord has given us for removing the debts of our schools by the sale of Object Lessons has not been carried out more fully is because we as a people have not been made to feel the "personal responsibility" that rests upon us. When the Lord revealed this plan, and called upon his people to take this means for removing our school debts, there was a call for a definite, forward movement. It meant that all our people must sell an average of six books per member in order to remove the entire indebtedness of our schools. If every member had fully sensed his personal responsibility to sell six books, and had gone at it earnestly and perseveringly, the entire quota would have been sold inside of two months, and the great burden would have been removed from all our schools.

It is was not done. Some one failed to appreciate his personal responsibility. Perhaps you, dear reader, did not realize this as keenly as you should, nor as you may at the present time. Had you sensed this, very likely you would have made a much more earnest and determined effort to carry out this plan than you did. Now that you have been thoroughly aroused, you feel that you must certainly do your part in this blessed work. Perhaps you have taken your quota, with a determination that will sell them. I sincerely pray that every believer in the Third Angel's message will in some way be aroused to a sense of his personal responsibility, and will be unable to rest until that responsibility is discharged.

But there are some whose responsibilities are much greater than the mere selling of a certain number of books. When they have sold their quota, it devolves upon them to help

their brother sell his. This is true of conference presidents, committeemen, ministers, Bible workers, and church elders and deacons. In a certain sense the responsibility of selling 300,000 copies of Object Lessons rests upon the General Conference Committee; they are to so place this divine plan before all the ministers and the whole people that every one will sense his personal obligations in this matter. It is God's work. The General Conference Committee accepted the highest responsibilities of the denomination, to see that every feature of the Lord's work is carried out by those to whom the work pertains. If the committee fail to carry this work through successfully, they fail to accomplish that for which they were selected by the Lord and his people, and it would be but reasonable for them to step aside and let the work fall into the hands of men who will see that it is carried through.

The same principle is applicable to Union and State conferences, ministers and church officers. The minister can sell his quota and many more, but his duty is not done with this; he must help every church officer within the sphere of his influence to realize that he has a work to do for the members of his flock. He must also help every church member to sense the individual responsibility resting upon him, and must place the matter before all so clearly that they will be led to do what they see to be duty.

The reason why this work has not been done before this is because but few have sensed the personal responsibility resting upon them. The Lord now calls upon us to arouse. If there is a conference or church officer or laborer who cannot be made to sense his responsibility, he is unworthy of the place he holds, and should step out and let some one who can be aroused to the meaning of this call from the Lord take his place. Any who holds any of these important offices, and who sees his responsibility, but shirks it from indifference or fear, or because the work is unpleasant, is unworthy of the position he occupies, and should let another more worthy, and who will do the work, be placed in charge.

The present campaign in behalf of the sale of Object Lessons in some of our States is full of meaning. We all acknowledge that the Lord calls us to do this work, and I rejoice to see

the conference officers responding to this call so cheerfully. They are making earnest efforts to carry this work through; I believe success will crown their efforts. If the ministers and church officers upon whom they rely for co-operation will do their duty, if every one being paid by the tithes will persevere in this good work, a great wave of earnestness and activity will be seen, and the task will be speedily accomplished. For this glorious result let all believers in the message earnestly pray.

A. G. DANIELLS.

### THE WATER OF LIFE.

There are things to be seen that these natural eyes cannot discern. With these eyes we cannot see God, for they are but physical, and spiritual things are spiritually discerned. But we are to be spiritual now and here, before we receive spiritual bodies, and so are to be able to discern spiritual things. With our natural eyes we can see the springs of water coming from the rocks in the mountains, or gushing out of the earth in the plain; but when we use the reason that God has given us we know that the earth is not the real source of that water. Whence does the water come that we see springing forth so pure and refreshing from the rock? The answer is given in the Bible, and if we really thought, we should know it without being told. When the children of Israel were in the desert and were famishing for water, God told Moses to smite the rock in Horeb, the dry place, and as he did so, the water gushed forth and ran like a river. The rock itself had no water, but the Lord stood upon it, and the people drank of that "spiritual rock that went with them; and that Rock was Christ." (1 Cor. 10:4). He is the producer of all things. From him everything comes. The water that we drink day by day comes from Him as directly as does the river of water of life that John saw, and is in reality but the overflow of it. If we believe this simple truth, and know that we drink only of the river of life, we shall have new life day by day, and that daily life will be the life of heaven. Only so can we live pure, Christian lives.

We must consciously receive the life of the Lord, and then we shall allow him to direct it in his own way. Then will he see to it that our ways are right. But we must remember that the life has been perverted and put to base uses, and it

is, therefore, necessary for us to be careful that we take the life in its purity, "fresh from the throne of glory."

In the case in the desert, there was not room for all at one time to take the water just as it gushed forth; but all can come at one and the same time to the Throne of Grace, and all can take the life that is given before it is defiled by the curse. We cannot afford to be indifferent in this matter. God gives his life to us by various means, and under various forms—in food and drink, in light and air, as well as by the Holy Spirit aside from any of these agencies. In taking these gifts of God, we should be most solicitous to receive them directly from his hand. We must see that we get the life in the simplest and purest form possible before it has been loaded with the curse. Our diligence and care in this respect will indicate and be the measure of our desire to receive the Holy Spirit, which seals us children of the Everlasting Father. E. J. WAGGONER.

### UNITED IN ACTION.

Letters from New York and Oklahoma show that the Object Lessons campaign is extending rapidly. The officers of those conferences are planning for a definite work in a definite time, a work for every true Adventist. Brethren, we are nearing the time when the earth will be lighted with the last message. It will be accomplished by every one promptly acting in harmony with the instructions of our Leader. Now is the time to begin, and to prove our loyalty. One month only, and then the Lake Union conference. Every moment is precious. In union is strength and success. I. J. H.

### Scotland, Ontario.

I joined Elder Simpson at this place January 18, in a series of meetings which he had begun the week before. We have a nice hall well furnished and lighted, where 100 can be seated. Last Sunday night, Feb. 16, was the first sermon on the Sabbath question. The hall was jammed the worst I ever saw at any meeting, and scores were turned away. We are now in the midst of the Sabbath controversy, and the hall is filled every night.

Many admit the force of the arguments. Before we came to this testing point the people were brought to see their great need of a Savior, and different ones staid after meetings to be prayed for. The country is deeply stirred. Private opposition has been carried on from the first; but next Sunday night it will be preached in

the Baptist church. We are cheered as we know that God's dear people are praying for us.

Our first Sabbath meeting was held here yesterday. Ten children and twenty adults were present. Nearly all said they would remember the Sabbath to henceforth keep it holy. Already Rev. 12: 17 is being fulfilled. Praise the Lord for what is being accomplished in his name.

W. A. YOUNG.

### Pleasant View.

Since my last report I labored at Pleasant View. On reaching here, I found the brethren had leased a building for church purposes. This did not seem satisfactory, so we bought the building with 36: 50 feet of ground the purchase money was all provided for, and the deed made to the Indiana Conference Association. We finished the house, also the west room for a school room, with four folding doors opening into the main audience room. A plain two-story bell tower was erected, and a 250-pound bell put in. The dedication occurred Dec. 29. The company numbers seventeen, six of whom came in while I was there. Our meetings were good, and if this little company is faithful, I am sure others will soon join them. Brothers and sisters, pray for Pleasant View, and for me. F. M. ROBERTS.

### Fort Wayne.

The total membership here is 34. Nineteen live in the city, the others in towns near by, or far in the country. Only about one-third of the membership have taken any part in the Object Lessons work during this first week, so our sales to date have been only 26 books. All who have gone out have had some success, and are encouraged to continue. I will endeavor to see the absent members or write to them soon, and hope that every one will do his part in this work. All who live in the city promise to do what they can. We fully expect Fort Wayne will sell her quota before April 1. I have spent as much time in actual house-to-house canvassing as any one here, and have sold four books for cash, and taken one order. Some who have had no experience have done much better than I, and I am glad. Two prominent ministers paid me cash for the book, having kept it a day or two for examination. Some of our youth have left a copy with a neighbor over night, and next morning received the cash.

Brethren and sisters, God wants to teach us how to work for Him. He wants us to be bearers of light

to the people. To many this work will be a cross, a real burden; but I hope all may have a willing mind.

The Lord has said, "Go forward." Many have started, with trembling; but has not the Lord been true to his promise, and blessed our efforts? Let us not falter nor slacken our efforts till the work is done. Let no one excuse himself, and thus place his work on the shoulders of another. Now is the time to prove our loyalty to God, to manifest faith and courage which will overcome difficulties and insure success. Who will be faithful? I. J. HANKINS.

### Kennard.

I reached Kennard Monday, Feb. 17. Found the church members scattered, some of them sick and others aged and infirm. The outlook for canvassing under these circumstances was not bright. But the Lord had given us a work to do and all seemed to think it must be done. Hence, with confidence in God that he would move obstacles and bless our effort, with two or three canvassers, who will be able to work parts of days, we went to work, and the Lord not only went with us, but had also gone before us and prepared the hearts of the people to receive our book. In this-wise, and under these circumstances, within three days, and only a few hours work being done each day we sold twenty-seven Object Lessons, thirteen for cash and fourteen on thirty days. Thus, out of our box of fifty books we only have twenty-three left. The church has been wonderfully revived, and although some may have doubted the possibility of selling fifty books in the beginning, yet all believe it can be easily done, and more, too, and also are convinced that Object Lessons will sell. We held meetings at the church each night, and although the meetings were not announced publicly until I reached here, yet on the last night the house was almost filled with good and honest listeners. I felt loath to leave what seemed to me a splendid opening for a glorious revival; yet my next appointment at Middletown forces me on. May the Lord abundantly bless the church at Kennard, and may we hear from them through the columns of the Reporter of their continued services in the sale of Christ's Object Lessons.

S. G. HUNTINGTON.

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## "GET READY."

As the snow melts away and the frost leaves the ground, we see all the farmers begin to get ready to sow seed for the summer's harvest. They are active, and are planning for long days of hard work, and they expect to reap a harvest that in a few months will repay them for all the efforts put forth.

The Lord says the harvest of the world is only a little way in the future. How many are heeding the word of the Lord, "Get ready, get ready, get ready!" But before the harvest comes the seed-sowing. Are we now preparing to sow the seed of truth this coming spring and summer? There is an abundance of good soil ready for the "God-fearing, truth loving canvasser" to sow with seeds of truth. How many are getting ready to sell our good books this year? Brethren and sisters, many of you say you believe God is calling you to this work. But will you put forth an earnest effort to get ready by April 1 to enter the field? I am anxious to hear from fifty or more who will take hold of this work and put sanctified energy into their efforts to warn the people. There are counties in this State where they do not know anything of the Third Angel's message. Let me hear from you.

F. L. Moody, State Agent.

Boggstown, Ind.

### One Man's Work.

The following is the report of the work done by Bro. B. H. Welch last year. Time 31 weeks.

Value of books, \$558; average per week, \$18; 217,000 pages of reading left in 2,170 homes; Bible readings held, 186; miscellaneous letters written, 31; subscriptions for periodicals, 6.

This is a good showing for the time spent in the work, and what will be the harvest? Eternity only can tell. Bro. Welch left his home and family in Battle Creek and came to our State because he loves the souls for whom Jesus died. He had the misfortune of having a suit of clothes stolen, and his horse died. He is anxious to return to our State again the first of April, and will remain till the Christmas delivery. Who will furnish him a horse to drive. He is not able to walk. He has a buggy and harness. I hope to hear from some good brother who

will help in this. Write at once. Address F. L. Moody, Boggstown, Ind.

### Homes for Canvassers.

Some of the brethren and sisters have responded nobly to the call for homes for canvassers. This has been a great help to the work; but we need more openings of this kind. Who will furnish board for one or two canvassers while they canvass your town or neighborhood? Please write me and I will supply a good worker if possible. F. L. Moody.

### Canvassers' Notes.

Sister Rlla Van Hook is canvassing at Seymore.

Mrs. J. R. Carson will join the company at Logansport in a few days.

Bro. G. G. Davis, of LaFayette, will begin canvassing in Clinton county next week.

Sister Martha Lachske will join the company of canvassers at Logansport next week.

Miss Emily Gunton has gone to Terra Haute to open up the canvassing work. Others will join her later.

Bro. B. H. Welch is at Battle Creek with his family, but will return to this State to canvass the first of April.

Bro. Fred Hall is finding many who are interested in learning the message of God while canvassing in Spencer county.

Bro. and Sister Thos. Keener will go to Anderson soon to canvass. Sr. Mary J. Darby expects to assist them at that place.

"Work and pray, pray and work, and the Lord will be with you. The watch word is, "The message to the world in this generation."

Bro. H. C. Carmichael sends a good report from the southern part of the State. He is doing good work in getting our publications into the homes of the people.

### Homes Wanted.

I should like to get a home for a bright little boy of four, and his three sisters, the oldest a winsome little girl about eight years of age. Will not some of our good Indiana brethren open their hearts and homes to these homeless ones? Also, who will give homes to two motherless boys, and train them in the truth their mother loved? The father of these boys is an Adventist, and

a poor man, and his work keeps him away from home, so he cannot bestow upon them the care and teaching he desires them to have. A golden opportunity to obtain the blessing of Isa. 58. Who will respond? Address the undersigned at 1422 E. Main st. LaFayette, Ind., for particulars. L. F. ELLIOTT.

### Sabbath School Convention.

The Indianapolis Sabbath school will be pleased to have a good attendance at our convention, which will be held on Sunday, March 9th, instead of the 22d. The topics are all assigned, but come prepared to help in the general discussion which follows each topic. Our question box will, we hope, be helpful to all. We cordially invite you to attend.

J. H. MULLER, Supt.

The Denver Sabbath school will hold a convention on March 16. All are cordially invited.

MRS. FANNIE DELL.

### New Tracts.

We have recently ordered 100 each of new tracts not shown on the old list of 1901; also have re-ordered several numbers that we were short of on the old list. We ask those whom we were not able to supply to please re-order.

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