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## A FINISHED WORK.

I hope that we shall be able to say this with reference to the Object Lessons work on the first day of June. One month yet remains. Some of our churches have done nobly; they have more than sold their quota; others have nearly completed their work; others are still far behind, but there is no reason why every church in this conference should not complete its work before this month ends. Some say that they are too busy to continue with the sale of Object Lessons. It is true that we have reached the busy season; farmers are necessarily engaged in seed sowing and preparing for summer work, but there are opportunities in the midst of this busy season when books may be disposed of. We come in contact with our neighbors, with men in business, and if we faithfully ~~impress~~ <sup>impress</sup> them when we can exhibit the book and solicit orders. In the towns and cities, it is even more favorable now than it was during the winter season. The expense of living is less because the warm weather has done away with the necessity of expensive fuel; so our people who live in the towns can perhaps succeed even better now than during the past few weeks.

I believed the idea prevails in some minds that this is a forcible measure. Well, men employ force, but God does not. We must not get the idea, however, that we can set aside a plain requirement of duty when the Lord speaks. To my mind, it is as imperative to perform this work with reference to the Object Lessons as it was for Gideon to go out against the Midianites, and if we go as Gideon went, faithfully doing the work in God's appointed way, we will see just as great success as the Lord gave Gideon. I hope that there will not be so many, however, who will become faint-hearted, and retire from the conflict, as was the case with Gideon's army.

Some of our churches have done

nobly. Many individuals have succeeded admirably. Nearly all who have made an attempt have had a fair degree of success. Some, I am sorry to say, have put forth no effort at all, and of course they have had no success.

Now the month of May remains. Will the people of Indiana rise to their strength, or rather in the Lord's strength, and complete their work in the time specified? Why brethren, if there had not been one book sold up to May 1, we could, in the thirty-one days of May, sell eight thousand (8,000) books if every man, woman and child would do their part. There is no impossibility in this matter. It is the most reasonable thing that God ever asked of His people. He has promised His co-operation and that the angels would go before us and go with us. Why then need anyone be fearful? Why need we hesitate has not responded to this call of duty will do so without further delay, and that before the first day of June we may unite in the song of jubilee. Please notice the reports in this paper and let us all take courage and press this battle to a successful issue.

The Lord is our Leader and He will bring us through to a glorious triumph if we are only willing to follow Him. May the Lord bless you all and prosper you in this good work and give a glorious triumph in His name.

I. J. HANKINS.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

"As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." A principle is expressed in this text which has more than one application. The inward man determines the outward action. "From the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. Out of it (the heart) are the issues of life." The character of an individual is just what he is. And what he is, is "as he thinketh." So our characters are as we think. As we think so we speak; thus our

words reveal our character. If our characters are acceptable in the sight of God, then our wills are in harmony with His will. "I delight to do thy will, O my God." Then from the heart we can say, "Not my will, but thy will be done." We will then be in harmony with the angels "who do His will, harkening unto the voice of His word." Therefore, what we do is an index to our character and thoughts. I have been wondering what we have been thinking, yea, thinking of the voice of God to us of Object Lessons. Are our thoughts in harmony with His thoughts in this thing? If so, we will delight to do His will. Some of us are in the midst of doing it; dear reader, are you? If not, when do you expect to begin? Probably you are like some of old who said in their heart, "Thou wilt not require it."—Ps. 10:13. If we have been saying this in word or deed, let us thank God we need not do so any more, but arise and complete the work so nobly begun. There is joy in victory but despondency in defeat. The victory is just within our reach; let us step forward and take it. Are you planning to complete your part of the work by June 1? Some are already through and helping others. Good! Why would it not be well to have some victory reports given for the encouragement of the weaker ones? "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

A. L. MILLER.

## Connerville.

There was one hundred Object Lessons sent to this district for the campaign of 1902. As near as can be learned, about sixty-five have been sold, and fifty paid for. The balance are in the hands of the canvassers, who are trying hard to sell them. There were one hundred books sold in this district in 1901, making the total number of Object Lessons sold in the district up to now, 174. The membership of the district is 45.

R. H. SPARKS.



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## "I AM DISCOURAGED."

Well, then you are just where the enemy wants you to be. But read this testimony specially to canvassers: "Those who work for God will meet with discouragements; but the promise is always theirs, 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.' God will give a most wonderful experience to those who will say, 'I believe the promise; I will not fail nor become discouraged.'"—Manual for Canvassers, p. 38.

"The Lord designs that the light He has given on the Scriptures shall shine forth in clear, bright rays and it is the duty of our canvassers to put forth a strong united effort that God's designs may be accomplished. A great and important work is before us. The enemy of souls realizes this, and he is using every means in his power to lead the canvasser to take up some other line of work. This order of things should be changed. God calls the canvassers back to their work," etc. Read further in *Manual for Canvassers*, p. 67. Brethren and sisters, there is no higher calling than the circulation of our literature. Let nothing discourage you. We will pray for you, and God promises His co-operation and blessing. We cannot expect more.

I. J. HANKINS.

## ONE WORK.

Why then should we not *all* have a part in every branch of the work? Every farmer and gardner should devote a piece of land to the Lord. Do it brethren, in faith, and see if he will not send sunshine and rain, and give you fruit for his needy cause. I. J. H.

Ft. Wayne.

Bro. Mann orders 31 more Object Lessons, which he says fills their quota. Good! I hope every church in the State will do likewise before June 1.

## Monticello, Olive Branch, Idaville.

I left Chicago, April 9, reaching Monticello the same day. We had meeting that night. Friday I went to Olive Branch and remained there until Monday, April 21, and during this time we had meetings each evening, which were quite well attended; we managed also to get a nice bell-fry and bell on the church. Sunday, April 20, we had a dedicatory service with a full house. "The house is free from debt, and 28 cents in the treasury. I went to Idaville, met with the brethren there Monday and Tuesday nights. I reached home Wednesday, where I am doing what I can to encourage all in the work of selling Object Lessons. We are having some success, thank the Lord. I hope soon to be in the field for the summer.

F. M. ROBERTS.

## Council and Committee Meeting.

Commencing Friday evening, May 16, special services will be held in Indianapolis over Sabbath and Sunday. Eld. Wm. Covert, Prof. Sutherland, Bro. Huntington, who soon goes to Ontario, will be with us; also some members of the conference committee. One question to be con-

We invite any of our brethren of other churches, who may so desire, to meet with us. I. J. H.

## Elwood.

The work at this place is moving forward to victory in the Object Lessons work. We have done remarkably well since we got started, and the Lord has blessed the work. Up to the present time we have sold and taken orders to the amount of \$34 50. We have 22 books on hand, but we think we will sell them all before long. We are all of good courage.

The Lord is calling for Joshuas and Calebs, who will stir the people and say, "We are plenty able to sell our quota of books that the Lord has given us the privilege of selling." These books are a check the Lord has placed in our hands, and He asks us to take them to the people and get them cashed that we might pay our debts. The membership at this place at present is twelve.

U. S. ANDERSON.

## Vice-President Lake Union Conference.

You will be glad to know that Eld. Wm. Covert has been elected to the

above office. We hope to have his counsel and his presence frequently in this State

It was decided that Indiana would hold no general camp-meeting this summer. We may have one or two local meetings. It may be that the money usually spent in going to camp-meeting could be given to the State school. Who wishes to do this?

We wish to appoint our State conference session at a time when Bro. Covert can be with us. He suggests an early meeting. What do you say? Will be glad to hear from anyone. I. J. HANKINS.

## CANVASSERS' REPORT.

DANIEL AND REVELATION.			
	Hrs.	Ord's Val.	Helps.
H. S. Browning,	64	0	19 50
BIBLE READINGS			
G. G. Davis.....	84	7	14 25
R. H. Hazelton..	68	17	\$40 25
MARVEL OF NATIONS.			
Mattie Bailey...	15	2	2 50
Lizzie Bailey....	24	2	2 50
Martha Lochrke	13	3	5 00
G. W. Gleason...	2	2	5 00
COMING KING.			
Mary J. Darby...	64	15	21 25
G. W. Gleason...	60	19	19 00
HERALDS OF MORNING.			
Ella VanHook...	12	3	4 25
GREAT CONTROVERSY.			
Mollie E. Keener...	25	11	17 50
value of orders, \$117 00			
value of helps, \$61 00			
Total value \$254 10.			

## Idaville, Olive Branch, Honey Creek.

We have 67 members in this district with an allotment of two hundred and sixty-eight books. Of this number we report 57 sold for cash, with orders for 36 to be delivered later, leaving 175 yet to be sold in order to fully meet the mind of the Lord. This church, having a nominal membership of 20, with less than half that number actively engaged, have already disposed of more than half their quota, and are determined to complete it before they lay down their arms. My brethren, why should we so long delay the Lord's work? If we would arise as one man in an energetic effort, we could cast off the shackles of debt in less than a week. "Let us go up at once and possess the land, for we are well able to overcome it."

The following is a statement of the work in this field.

IDAVILLE—33 members, 132 books allotted, 45 sold, 87 unsold.

HONEY CREEK—20 members, 80 books allotted, 44 sold, 36 unsold.

OLIVE BRANCH—14 members, 56 books allotted, 4 sold, 52 unsold.

Brethren, pray for us here, that we may push the work with zeal.

J. E. COLLINS.



**-- BOOK WORK --**

**The Same Unbelief.**

The experiences of ancient Israel was written for us, that we might profit by their mistakes. God says, "Let us labor therefore, \* \* \* lest any man fall after the same unbelief."—Heb. 4: 11. "They turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel."—Ps. 78: 41. "They said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness? \* \* \* can He give bread also? can he provide flesh?"—Ps. 78: 19, 20. God was calling his people out of Egypt that they might be a light to the world. So He is to-day. Are we manifesting the same unbelief? When God calls us to sell our literature, do we say, "Can He furnish a table? can He give bread also, while selling the books?" How many in this State would spend all their time in canvassing if they could make a living? When we say we cannot make a living and engage in GOD'S WORK what can He provide for us? or is it the "same unbelief?" The Lord say, "Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you."—Matt. 20: 4. Do we believe He will fulfill His promises? or shall we do something whereby we can provide a table for ourselves? F. L. MOODY.

"The reason why so many have failed in the canvassing work is that they were not genuine Christians; they did not know the Spirit of conversion. They had a theory as to how the work should be done, but they did not feel their dependence upon God."

"Humble, fervent prayer would do more in behalf of the circulation of our books than all the embellishments in the world. \* \* \* Then pray and work, and work and pray, and the Lord will work with you."

"The world is asleep, and as watchmen, they—the canvassers—are to ring the warning bell to awake the sleepers to their danger. The churches know not the time of their visitation. Often they can best learn the truth through the efforts of the canvasser."

"This is the very work the Lord desires His people to do at this time. All who consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers are assisting to give the last message of warning to the world. We cannot too highly estimate this work."

"God calls upon His people to act like living men, and not be indolent, sluggish, and indifferent. We must carry the publications to the people. \* \* \* My soul was agonized as I saw the indifference of our people who make so high a profession. The blood of souls will be on the garments of very many who now feel at ease and irresponsible."

Who will go forth now with our our publications? The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will co-operate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith and tact will come as they put the armour on. A great work is to be done in our world, and human agencies will surely respond to the demand."

All the above paragraphs are taken from the Manual for Canvassers.  
F. L. MOODY.

Bro. Shrock has been delivering quite successfully. One day he took 9 orders, and one afternoon, 7. Fifty books have been delivered by Bro. and Sr. Shrock and the church, and they have 50 yet to deliver. Bro. Shrock says: "Of course the longer we work here the more orders we have, as we can take orders faster than we can deliver." He thinks no man in the State dreaded this campaign more than he did, but his mind now is expressed in these words: "Unless superior orders to the contrary, every laborer should push this work to completion." "He further says: "I am convinced that the man who excuses himself loses a rich blessing." Who else thinks so?

**Fire at Wolf Lake.**

On April 22, the swamp south-east of Wolf Lake took fire, and the high wind carried the flames to the west end of the village, burning the M. E. Church, eleven houses and several barns. Bro. O. O. Marvin, who wrote me says: "Our house and all we had burned; we saved nothing." Bro. Marvin was at work away from home, and returned in the evening to find only his wife and child saved from the fire. They have no money nor clothing. Who will help this family in their time of need? Send to Wolf Lake. I. J. H.

**REPORT TITHES FOR MARCH.**

Overdraft April 1, 1902		\$909 98
Anderson.....	\$ 7 31	
Angola.....	32 78	
Barber's Mills.....	4 00	
Boggs town.....	26 41	
Connersville.....	19 10	
Denver.....	35 25	
Dana.....	7 77	
Evansville.....	13 48	
Elwood.....	46 60	
Etna Green.....	2 00	
Frankton.....	23 09	
Greenfield.....	8 40	
Hartford City.....	21 30	
Idaville.....	52 49	
Individuals.....	53 90	
Indianapolis.....	250 23	
Jonesboro.....	10 30	
Jefferson.....	10 00	
Kokomo.....	115 20	
LaFayette.....	12 32	
Lebanon.....	8 00	
Ligonier.....	28 58	
Linton.....	6 40	
Michaels.....	26 40	
Mechanicsburg.....	30 42	
Marion.....	43 42	
Middletown.....	32 49	
Muncie.....	17 17	
Mt. Zion.....	13 09	
Mt. Vernon.....	30 00	
North Liberty.....	42 56	
Noblesville.....	3 60	
New Marion.....	15 67	
Olivet Chapel.....	86 00	
Olive Branch.....	16 78	
Plymouth.....	20 00	
Patricksburg.....	11 15	
Princeton.....	5 97	
Rochester.....	23 37	
Reynolds.....	29 85	
Rock Lane.....	5 00	
Salem.....	12 75	
South Bend.....	34 35	
Terre Haute.....	86 77	
Unionville.....	20 00	
Waldron.....	20 47	
Walkerton.....	36 34	
Wolf Lake.....	31 60	
West Liberty.....	31 50	
	15 45	

Received during Apr. 1, 1902 \$1,531 78  
Paid laborers and Lake Union Conference..... \$1,091 32  
Over Draft, May 1, 1902 \$469 69

**SECOND HAND FOOD.**

We naturally shrink from wearing second-hand clothing, not so much because we consider it beneath our dignity to do so, but because we object to what is likely to accompany such clothing.

It is passing strange that while the best elements of society refuse to patronize the second-hand clothing store, they seem so perfectly willing to patronize the butcher shop, which is nothing less than a second-hand food store. The contamination that accompanies the second-hand clothing would infect only the skin, but that which is obtained from the second-hand food store is taken inside the body itself; and just to the extent that it contains disease and waste products, it will taint and contaminate the entire body.

So long as it is possible for us to secured from the lap of nature direct clean grain preparations, luscious fruits, and nutritious nut products, why should we ever for a moment entertain the idea that they may be improved by first feeding them to an ox to assist in building up the tissues of that animal.

DAVID PAULSON.



## THE MAY SENTINEL

Why is it that nations, after becoming great and powerful, lose their prestige and finally fall in irretrievable ruin? This is a question that should be of profound interest to every American. It is plainly answered in an article on "The Dissipation of Self-Government," by Alonzo T. Jones, in the May Sentinel of Christian Liberty. When you have read this article you will realize that the prime cause of national ruin, the real cause of the fall of the great empires of the past—Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome—is something which should not be ignored by any human being, for it is first the cause of individual and personal ruin. The principle set forth in this article applies equally to the life of the most obscure individual and the career of the most extensive and powerful empire. The question as to how stands it with the United States to-day in this matter, whether or not self-government, and therefore national virility, is being conserved or dissipated by the people, is considered, and will be followed out in succeeding articles. Read them yourself and circulate them as widely as possible.

One of the valuable articles in the May Sentinel of Christian Liberty will be "The Civil Sabbath; Its Alliance with Legal Rum," which is the first publication of a striking address delivered by Mr. Paul P. Lyon, of Ormsby, Pa., at the Annual Convention of the Young People's Prohibition League, in New York, on April 5. It sets forth cogently and plainly the real relation between the liquor trade and the "civil sabbath," showing how a great evil has resulted from the attempt of men to regulate "Sabbath" observance. This article will be illustrated by one or two appropriate pictures.

An excellent article by W. N. Glenn will also appear. It is entitled "Perverting Right Ways," and shows how democracy, majority rule, which came in the effort to secure greater liberty and freedom for the individual, is now being perverted by some into the work of restricting freedom of conscience. The argument that the majority has the right to rule in religion is a live one, and will become more so as time goes on. You need to become thoroughly informed regarding it.

Copious extracts from a remarkable article that has just appeared, predicting the outcome of present industrial and economic conditions, will be presented. No one who has any interest whatever in the social and political developments of these times, from what standpoint he may view them, can afford to leave this article unread. It will be headed "Feudal America."

The much-talked-of mission to the Vatican from the government will be considered, and the frontispiece will emphasize the significance of the same.

There will also be an article dealing with the United States in its relation to its "possessions," and especially calling attention to what the last few months have brought forth in this matter. Subscription price \$1.00 per year. Address orders to the Indiana Tract Society.

### THE STATE SCHOOL.

The location was not finally decided at the last meeting of the committee, because the members were not all of one mind. We therefore thought best to defer the final settlement until in May, so great importance must be carefully and prayerfully considered, and we ought to have a unanimous vote when the right place is found. We ought to have \$3,000 or \$4,000 in hand when we start in with the work of building. I believe that our brethren in the State are ready for a school, and that they are ready to advance the cash for it. We hope to be ready for a definite call in the near future, so let every one decide just how much he can do, and be ready to respond promptly when the call is made. And let us pray that the Lord may direct in the location of the school.

I would be glad to know also how many are planning and expect to attend the school this fall. If we could have the names and residence of such, it would be a help to us in planning for the school. Will parents send the names of children who will attend, also the age of each. This school is designed to take students from the age of 14 to 20. I. J. H.

### Church-schools.

Will those in charge of the church-schools—the local board, or the church elder, or someone—please

write at once to Mrs. A. L. Miller, or to the undersigned, and let us know whether you expect to continue your school the coming year. Do you wish the same teacher, or another? How many pupils were enrolled this year? The age of oldest and youngest. Has the teacher received his pay? and how much per month? Will your teacher attend the summer school at Berrien Springs? Please reply at once.

I. J. HANKINS.

### One Instance.

Our brethren often wonder why their orders sent to the tract society office do not receive attention. Here are the facts about an order for twelve lesson quarterlies from one of our State librarians. The order was addressed on the envelope thus: "W. C. McQuaig, Indianapolis, Ind." In this instance the secretary's name is spelled with a "Q" instead of "C," and no street and number was given, hence the order sent out April 1, reached Indianapolis April 2, and was eventually turned over to the Indiana tract society on April 12—eleven days after the order was mailed.

Our brethren expect those in the tract society office to exercise great care and promptness with every business matter, and yet many, in ordering from the office, are just as careless in forwarding orders as was the sister in the instance just mentioned. Let all see that their correspondence on matters of business is addressed to the Indiana Tract Society, 1311 Central avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

### To the Canvassers.

A supply of canvassers' weekly report blanks and canvassers' weekly record books have been mailed to the several canvassers in the State, and we trust that all will receive these supplies and report promptly each week to the Indiana Tract Society. Please read carefully and follow faithfully the instructions on the report blanks, and co-operate with the tract society and State agent in the matter of obtaining complete reports, and making a true record of all canvassing work. Let us not come behind in any good thing.