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PROSPERITY ASSURED.

The Lord has told us that if we believe His promises we shall prosper. This is true with reference to every department of the Lord's work. We should be especially grateful that God has spoken through his prophets, giving us instruction in the different lines of gospel work. We have now on hand the building and equipment of an industrial school. We, as a conference have committed ourselves to this work, believing that it is the Lord's work, and that it will be the means of great encouragement and help in the advancement of the message in our conference. We are appealing to the people for means with which to erect necessary buildings, and to furnish them. I trust that the brethren will be liberal in their donations. The Lord says, "Because the time is short, we should be in earnest and work zealously to give the young an education consistent with our faith."

"Our schools must be conducted under the supervision of God; there is a work to be done for young men and women that has not yet been accomplished. There are large numbers of young people who should have the advantage of our schools. All kinds of labor must be connected with our schools. Under wise, judicious, God-fearing directors, the students are to be taught. Every branch of the work is to be conducted in the most thorough and systematic ways that long experiences and wisdom can enable us to plan and execute."

Study this statement: "The work that lies nearest to our church members is to become interested in our youth with kindness, patience, and tenderness, giving them line upon line and precept upon precept. There ought to be many whose hearts are touched by the pitiable situation in which our youth are placed. . . . God requires the church to arouse from its lethargy and see what manner of service is demanded in this time of peril."

How can money be better used than in the Christian training of our youth? Business interests and worldly pleasures have engaged the minds of our people too much. We have not the interest and the spirit of giving that we had twenty years ago. The Lord says: "Some church members who have loved and feared God in the past are allowing their business to be all-absorbing, and are hiding their light under a bushel. They have forgotten to serve God, and are making their business the grave of their religion." If this statement is studied, it will be understood. Those who are doing this, especially ought to study it. It is evident that somebody is doing it or the statement would not be made. Brethren, we cannot afford to make our business the grave of our religion. It would be better for us to bury our business in our religion, than to bury our religion in our business. Where are we investing the most money? Where are we spending the most time and thought and ability? In our own interest or in the Lord's work? What are we doing for our children and youth?

The Lord exhorts us in these words: "Work as if you were working for your life to save the children from being drowned in the polluting and corrupting influences of the world. . . . In many places schools should have been in operation years ago." "The management and instruction of children is the noblest missionary work that any man or woman can undertake."

With reference to the erection of buildings and the school work in general, the Lord says, "Let all share the expense; let the church see that those who ought to receive its benefits are attending the school."

Now let us consider the Lord's words: "Believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper." It seems to me that our prosperity now depends upon our following the light which the Lord has given us on this school question. I believe that our brethren in Indiana are more or less interested,

and that you are ready to respond in any way that you can help forward this worthy enterprise. I trust that we shall have the spirit of sacrifice, and a willingness to devote as much means as possible to the appropriation of school buildings and industrial school interests, for the carrying on of the school work after the Lord's order. I am hoping to hear from every part of the State, and to receive liberal contributions toward this work so that it may be pushed forward at once, and the school opened this fall. Now is the time to act; let every one be prompt.

I. J. HANKINS.

OFFERING FOR THE POOR.

It was recommended in our recent council to take up a free-will offering for the poor, on the first Sabbath of every month. I hope every church will begin June 7, and in a short time we will have a fund from which to help the sick and poor among us. This is in harmony with the Lord's instruction—"Blessed is he that considereth the poor." Once a month let us consider them by a liberal donation. Send the money to W. C. McCuaig, 1311 Central ave., Indianapolis Ind., stating what it is for. Church elders, please do not forget this offering—the first Sabbath of every month.

I. J. H.

MISSIONARY ACRE.

Who is planning to devote an acre, or a part of an acre, to the advancement of the message in medical missionary lines? I hope every farmer in Indiana who believes the message will do this. Study the reports in Review and see what others are doing. Why should we do less? Every one should plan to earn all the money he can, and should give to the Lord, everything over and above his actual needs. It is no time now to be laying up money, or to be adding farm to farm. The one thing of importance to-day is the proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom. We may proclaim it in our lives, on our farms, and in every legitimate business. If the products of our farms or business are used in this way, it will preach louder than our words. How many are planning every act with reference to the advancement of the message? Give your acre a chance and it will produce something for the Lord of the harvest.

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ELIJAH AS A REFORMER.

(Synopsis of a sermon preached by Eld. Covert, in Indianapolis, May 17.)

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord; and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." Mal. 4: 5-6.

Notice what Elijah is to do: he is to turn the heart of the fathers to the children, the heart of the children to the fathers. If this is not done, instead of the Lord coming to save the people, he will come to smite the earth with a curse. God does not have these things written in the Bible to fill up and complete the book, but because these things are necessary and important for God's people; and in order that we may act upon these things intelligently, it is necessary to study the subject to find out what it means, and in order for us to do that properly, it will be necessary for us to find out what Elijah did in his day. Then, by analogy, we can find out what God's people must be doing now, in order that the way be prepared for the coming of the Lord.

In Elijah's day he had a reformatory work committed to him and it was of the character described here. When Elijah was called to act the part that he did in behalf of the cause of God, he found the professed people of God in a backsliden condition—far away from God; he even found the heathen in possession of the sanctuary, and heathen teachers teaching the youth and children. You may study the subject as presented in 1st and 2nd Kings, and 1st and 2nd Chronicles, especially 2nd Chronicles.

The Lord used Elijah to turn the tide of evil backward and restored

the order of the appointment of the Lord back in Israel, and to quite a degree in Judah. So Elijah became a reformer, but his reform consisted mainly in the establishment of a proper system of education for the youth.

Elijah, the day he was translated to heaven, was visiting the schools of the prophets, the schools that under the prophets of God had been established through the ministration of the prophet of God. So he was superintendent of Christian education in the kingdoms of Israel and Judah in his day, and in doing this work he turned the heart of the fathers to the children by turning them toward a proper education for their children. There is nothing that will bring about the proper relation in families like uniting them in one grand work.

When God called Israel out of Egypt it was that they should be a missionary people, and that the gospel to the world should be committed to them, and if they had proved faithful to the commission given them, they would have taught the gospel. But they were not faithful to their work, and so the children were brought under wrong influences. Any church that lets matters go this way will find that their children and their youth are led away and led to destruction, and as a result, the work that has been committed to them will be taken away from them, and they be proved incapable of the work which He has committed to them.

Now the Lord has committed to us, as a people in the last days, the work of giving the message of warning to the world. When I entered the work thirty years ago, the idea prevailed among us that the Lord would come in a very short time, and I fully expected that in a few years I would have the privilege of seeing Christ come in the clouds of heaven. I want to say to you today that although I have been in this work thirty years, I am just as much an Adventist, and believe just as much in the near coming of my Savior as I have in all the years that I have been in this work, and I know that the coming of the Lord is twenty-nine years nearer than when I entered the message.

But there is more to this message than we then thought there was. It is to go to this world more fully than we then supposed it would, and it will require more labor than we expected that it would require, and I believe that before this work is completed, we will see a larger number of laborers than we now see. How

many canvassers does the Spirit of Prophecy say that there should be compared with the number now in the field? One hundred. And how many ministers should there be now in comparison with what there are? Twenty. Well, it will require some work to bring this about; and in order that this may be brought about, it is necessary to bring into our work the strong young men and women in our churches.

I know that we older men cannot accomplish the work of ourselves, and so I have set my heart to get just as many laborers into the work as I possibly can, and so to bring this about, my whole soul is given over to educating the young people for the responsibilities of this message. My heart has been encouraged this afternoon as I have observed the strong young men and women in this congregation, and during the afternoon Elder Hankins has spoken three or four times of the large number of young persons in this congregation, and I have been pleading with God that He will enable us to impress them with the importance of laboring for the Lord and not for the world.

A few years ago when we were talking about our college work, the question was asked as to whether those who are educated would find a place to labor in the ranks of our people somewhere. Some thought that there were too many of them, that not all of them could find a place to work, and some one wrote an article showing how many places were open to them, as church librarians, church clerks, and other lines of clerical work; very little was said about Bible workers, canvassers or ministers.

Just a few days ago I prepared some matter for the state papers of this union conference and for the Review, in which we spoke of the large demand for teachers among us, and stated that there would be a school waiting for every capable person who would prepare himself for this department of God's cause. In doing this kind of work, God will bring strength to His cause; He will bring capability to the cause, and will prepare a people for the coming of the Lord. Our young people are not prepared for the coming of the Lord; neither are the older ones. Until we appreciate the situation and get matters into that condition presented in the scriptures, we are not a people prepared for the Lord. The message is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people; it is to go everywhere.

To be Continued.

-- BOOK WORK --

A Living Testimony.

"Tell the dear readers of the Reporter who feel that they ought to enter the canvassing work, but are afraid that they cannot make a living, that my husband and I have entered this work to stay till the Lord said it was finished. We have been engaged in this work for seven or eight years, and our blessed Father's words have been fulfilled in never leaving or forsaking us. He gives us a good living; we pay for our books, pay our tithes and offerings, besides helping an aged mother. Don't be afraid to trust Jesus. He has said, 'The canvassing work is kept ever before me. . . Many will bear the last message through the efforts of the canvasser.' "

MOLLIE E. KEENER.

While at Frankfort selling Object Lessons I sold a lady a copy of Thoughts on Daniel and Revelations. A short time afterward she sent me word to bring her another copy. When I went to deliver it she said, "Do you have anyone selling these good books in our town?" I answered, no. She said, "What I read in the book was so good I had to tell my neighbors about it, and since then I cannot keep my book at home. Several of my friends want to read the book, and I have not seen it for two weeks. Others are waiting to read it. I must have one to read myself. That is why I wanted another copy. I would feel I was doing a good work if I could sell these books."

Brethren and sisters, do we appreciate our good books as this lady does. If so, are we lending our books to our neighbors? Are we seeing the opportunity God is giving us to get the message before others? Will God have to move on others outside of our own people to sell the books?

Another lady at Frankfort, a prominent W. C. T. U. worker, went out and sold 12 copies of Coming King to her friends, and she has urged me to send some one to that place to sell that book. Where are the men

and women, young or old, who will go and sell our books?

I have had of late, several applications from those not of our faith, wanting to sell our books because they appreciate the truths in them. But God has said we should be as careful in selecting canvassers as we are ministers, and I could not recommend those not of our faith to sell the publications on the Third Angel's message. Will God pass us by and use others to carry the last message to the world? F. L. MOODY.

Extracts from Canvasser's Letters.

"I have again been having good experiences. The Lord opened the way for me into these Catholic homes. I took an order in two of them for Object Lessons, and for Great Controversy in the third. I find many kind people, and a few who will not let me in. I am of good courage, and glad to have a part in the work." MOLLIE E. KEENER.

"The Lord has wonderfully blessed me since coming to Anderson. Before I came here I felt that I could not canvass in a city, but this scripture came forcibly to my mind: 'I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go.' Ps. 32:8. I know this scripture has been fulfilled in my case. I took seven orders this week." MARY DARBY.

"My heart has been filled with joy and peace as I have gone from home to home taking orders. My orders last week amounted to \$48 90 in four days. I spent Friday preparing for delivery. I am of good courage.

H. C. CARMICHAEL.

Canvassers' Report.

BIBLE READINGS				
	Hrs.	Ord's	Val.	Helps.
H. S. Browning	44	4	\$7 00	\$11 50
R. H. Hazelton	41	7	15 00	12 50
SCIENCE IN KITCHEN.				
Hanna Baker	18	5	10 00	1 35
COMING KING.				
Mary J Darby	24	5	6 00	2 25
Wm. Seewald	40	40	00	
HERALDS OF MORNING.				
Ella VanHook	19	5	6 25	2 50
GREAT CONTROVERSY.				
Mollie E. Keener	30	4	9 00	10 75

SUMMARY--No of canvassers, 7; No hours 159; orders, 65; value of orders, \$93 25; value of helps, \$40 75 Total value \$134-00.

In some instance vague reports are being returned by canvassers. We trust that none will shrink from reporting in full on their report blanks. Please observe "Instructions" and "Special Notice" on back of your report.

Logansport.

I spent a pleasant, and I trust a profitable Sabbath at Logansport, May 31. This company is mostly composed of sisters, and they are active and earnest, and are trying to scatter the seeds of truth. Sister Thompson is working there, selling Object Lessons, and holding readings, etc. The city has been quite faithfully warned, and as a result several know the truth, and are convicted of duty to obey. The company will use the Life Boat and the Signs of the Times freely, and thus, with a faithful living of the truth, I hope every sincere soul, who is willing to obey the Lord, will be found. Sister Thompson will spend a little time with her parents, and then will probably enter a new field. Her work has been much appreciated, as has also the work of the faithful canvassers in Logansport. We considered our duty to the "regions beyond," and all felt that the churches should do the work in their immediate vicinity, and send the ministers and other workers into new fields. I hope all our churches will come to the same conclusion. I. J. HANKINS.

REPORT TITHES FOR MAY.

		\$469 52
Overdraft May 1, 1902		\$469 52
Anderson	\$ 23 04	
Boggs town	65 00	
Connersville	4 80	
Denver	11 25	
Dana	15 00	
Evansville	1 00	
Elwood	10 30	
Etna Green	6 55	
Ft. Wayne	35 07	
Grass Creek	139 48	
Greenfield	13 00	
Homer	2 00	
Hartford City	65	
Honey Creek	5 00	
Indianapolis	121 85	
Individuals	34 90	
Jonesboro	29 35	
LaFayette	10 79	
Logansport	46 24	
Middletown	38 40	
Mt. Zion	16 54	
North Liberty	6 00	
New London	5 00	
Noblesville	23 50	
Olive Branch	19 96	
Patricksburg	18 00	
Salem	40 55	
South Bend	37 15	
Windfall	13 50	
Received during May	793 87	
Paid laborers in May	\$1,091 86	
Over Draft, June 1, '02.	\$767 51	

The above statement shows that for some time there has been less tithes coming in than is needed to pay the laborers their hire, whereas there should be sufficient to pay them and more; so that the \$1,300 advanced to the tithe fund from the Indiana Conference Association funds may be credited back to the Conference Association account by the close of 1902. Shall we do this? Mal. 3:10-12

THE LAWS AND THE GOSPEL OF HEALTH.

The realm of the law is domination, compulsion, condemnation. The realm of the gospel is promise, privilege, grace. The law is for the lawless, the disobedient. The gospel extends its blessings to the willing and obedient. We are to preach the gospel. This is God's plan for bringing people into harmony with the law. The law says, mostly, "Thou shalt," or, "Thou shalt not." The Gospel says, "Thou mayest, and I will keep thee." The law is extended to the sinner. It commands and condemns him. The gospel wins its way to the sinner's heart, and taking the law with it, writes it upon the mind.

In this is a lesson on teaching health principles. Too often the people are held in a sort of terror-stricken condition while the "thou shalt not's" thunder about their ears, and the vivid lightnings of dire consequences flash about them, and the dreadful smoke of final extermination rolls up before the vision. The people see and realize it all, and either stoically resolve to accept the consequences, whatever they may be, or helplessly ask, "What shall we eat then?" It seems to them that the prohibitions cover the entire dietetic field and no avenue of escape is left. Too often the people are left at this point. Perhaps they have left their affinities. What now? Well, that does not appear. They have heard the law, but where is the gospel.

Would it not be better to begin with the gospel? Before the Lord mentioned any prohibitions he placed before mankind what might and should be eaten. He created the beautiful fruits, and pointed to them in their luscious sweetness. He created the grains filled with the elements of strength and life. He loaded trees with nuts rich in vitality, and then he told His children that all these were before them. He added his benediction, and pronounced them all "very good." People only need to be taught how good they really are in order to accept them now.

What the world really needs is an education in the privileges and blessings of good living. The privilege of adopting a good thing is far more

attractive than the duty of dropping a bad thing to which the people have become attached. But the adoption of right habits of living carries with it necessarily the discontinuance of wrong habits. The better way wins the heart by gentle conquest, powerful and complete. And then, evil must flee as before a whip of small cords.

The mission of Christ was not to condemn the world, but to bring light and life. So let us be more anxious to present the beauty and desirability of God's plan—the fullness of his grace and promises—and his spirit will work a transformation that will form a permanent basis for every good work of reform.

G. C. TENNY.

NOTICE.

Announcements of the Summer Assembly at Berrien Springs have been sent to many of our brethren throughout the conference. This will be a splendid opportunity for all who wish to fit themselves for the various lines of work. None should miss this ten weeks of school, commencing June 10, 1902.

No Special Number.

This year there will be no special Midsummer number. The regular July number will take its place, and we have endeavored to make it strong, attractive and effective. It will be well illustrated and particularly attractive in the presentation of the following articles: Disinfection in the Sick Room, by Newton Evans, M. D.; Sleep Producers, by J. H. Kellogg, M. D.; How to Keep Cool, by D. D. Paulson, M. D.; The Settlement in Hot Weather, by Emma Winner Rogers; Germs in the Kitchen, by F. J. Otis, M. D.; Seasonable Cookery, by Mrs. L. T. Burden; Swimming as an Exercise, by H. B. Farnsworth, M. D.

Good Health should be circulated by the thousands. In lots of ten or more copies, 5 cents each. Order direct from your tract society.

OUR PREPARATORY SCHOOL AT BOGGSTOWN.

Dear brethren and sisters of Indiana; I wish to speak to you in regard to the school that is to be built

at Boggstown, Indiana. This will be the first school of the kind in the State, but I hope it will not be the last. But be this as it may, it is to the interest of every one of our people in the State to get this school going as soon as possible. In fact there should have been one established several years ago, but it will not help the matter now to mourn over what might have been. What we want to do now is to take hold unitedly as one person, and make this school what it ought to be in every respect.

The very first consideration is that of unity on the part of the brethren and sisters, and the next is the means to establish the school, and closely allied to this is the sending of the youth to the school established. There are plenty of funds in the State of Indiana for this purpose. There should be no lack on this score, and I presume that plenty of funds will be raised. While the brethren and sisters living at Boggstown, and in the churches in that part of the State will feel an especial interest in this school, yet the whole State should assist in making it all it should be. To accomplish this good work you must think about it and plan for it. Let it be the burden of your prayers, and the topic of conversation when you converse about the good work of the Lord. Always speak in favor of it. It will require but little talent, and that of a poor quality, to criticize the enterprise. It will do nobody any good to do this, nor will it help the school or any other point of interest in God's cause to criticize and complain. Of course, Christians will not do this any way, and we propose to be Christians.

I presume there will be pledges sent out for the brethren and sisters to sign, and opportunity in various ways will be presented providing avenues by which the money may be gathered in for this purpose. I would ask that the brethren and sisters generally co-operate with whatever plans are made by the conference management. Doing the work in this way will make it a happy service for the Lord. It will bring joy to all the people.

When the buildings are erected, and the faculty provided, then send students to the school, and continue to pray that the will of the Lord may be carried out in all of this blessed enterprise. WM. COVERT.