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INDIANA CONFERENCE AND CAMP MEETING

W. J. STONE, PRESIDENT.

It has already been announced that this annual convocation will be held at Peru, July 30 to August 9, 1903. This date may, however, be changed to one week later, to accommodate the brethren in northern Indiana, on account of the backwardness of the season. The date will be definitely announced in the next issue of the Reporter.

As I am a stranger to nearly all my brethren and sisters in Indiana, I cannot write to you as I would feel free to do were we better acquainted. However, this annual gathering will afford an opportunity which, I trust, will be improved in meeting and forming the acquaintance of one another. It was with some reluctance that I consented to enter upon the work in this conference; but since I have accepted the position to which I have been called, my whole being goes out in the deepest anxiety for the work in this State. I know that our interests are mutual, and I feel certain that I will have the hearty co-operation of all my brethren and sisters in pushing forward the great work which God has intrusted to us. So it is with some boldness that I appeal to you in behalf of this annual gathering.

It will be noticed that only one camp meeting has been appointed for Indiana this year. Your committee in considering this matter, felt that it would be better for the unification of the work to have the meeting centrally located, and *make a grand rally*. No pains will be spared to make the camp, and all pertaining to it, that which will rightly represent the cause of truth. We trust that neatness and simplicity will characterize every arrangement, and that all will be in such perfect harmony with the mind of our King that he will direct in all the spiritual interests of the meeting, so that we shall have a grand "sitting together in heavenly places."

It seems to me that the things that have been transpiring for the past few months should cause our people everywhere to think more seriously than ever before of our whereabouts in the world's history. Can we read the fifth chapter of James and other scriptures that the Lord has given, pointing out the conditions that would exist in the last days, and then read the tidings in the daily newspapers, and not discern that we are living in the perils of the last days? The world may ignore the real significance of these things, but God's true children will see in them earth's final doom, and all will soon culminate in the coming and kingdom of our Lord. May God help us to discern these things, their real meaning, and do all in our power to enlighten those who are in darkness.

I have some things in my mind which I will not definitely outline at this time which will be a great encouragement to our brethren, and a wonderful help in

spreading the truth, if we can adopt them in our work at the Peru camp meeting. They will give all who desire to labor for souls an opportunity to do practical missionary work, and will bring light, life and joy into our social meetings. We hope to be able to consider these matters fully with the committee in a few days.

We appeal to all our brethren and sisters in Indiana to attend this gathering. You can not afford to miss it. Every year brings us nearer the consummation of all things, and hence each gathering becomes more important. So this will be the most important meeting ever held in the Indiana conference. We are sure that God will come graciously near, and give his servants special wisdom in presenting the message for this time. Your attendance or absence may seal your destiny for eternity. We trust that all will begin to lay plans to attend this meeting, and that no one will let a trifling matter keep him away. I shall have more to say regarding this meeting in future issues of the Reporter.

APPEAL IN BEHALF OF AUSTRALASIAN FIELD

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Our Heavenly Father has mysteriously linked the members of His family together. While every man has his own burdens to bear, he is not to forget that by helping others he helps himself. The opening words of Christ's sermon on the mount are an illustration of the principles laid down in His teachings. "Blessed are the poor in spirit," He said, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." He came to our world to bless men and women by pointing out the path of self-denial. In His life He showed the power of self-sacrifice. In His work He has given us an example of what our work should be.

Whenever the Lord brings destitute fields to our notice, and gives us opportunity to help, we are never to neglect the opportunity. To respond to the frequent appeals for money may necessitate much self-denial on our part, but by practising Christ-like self-denial in order to help our fellowmen, we give evidence to the world of the power of the truth to transform and sanctify the character and to cleanse the heart from selfishness.

A call now comes to us from Australasia. I am familiar with the needs of the work there. I am closely joined to that field by the most tender associations. By our experience while there we know what it means to have a great work before us, and to be bound about for lack of means, while at the same time the word of the Lord is coming to us, saying; "Annex new territory; lift up My standard of truth in new fields." In Australia we had not the facilities that we should have had to carry forward the work that the Lord directed us to do. Although some help came to us from America, an abundance of means was expended in the home field, while we were striving, studying and praying, but

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bound about, unable to advance for lack of the money which we might have had, but which, instead of being sent to us, was used in America.

In their efforts to carry forward the work on solid lines, and to enter new territory, our brethren and sisters in Australasia have made gifts and loans to the utmost of their ability. In times of great stress the Lord has moved upon men and women, both in Australasia and America, to acknowledge their stewardship by advancing means to help in establishing the institutions being built there. Those who have come to the help of the Lord in this way, have been laying up treasure beside the throne of God.

Notwithstanding the dearth of means, much has been accomplished by the laborers in Australia. Stern battles have been fought. Nothing but the miracle-working power of God has accomplished the work that has been done. We saw His power as we advanced from point to point, and we praise Him with heart and soul and voice. O how we appreciated the loving kindness of our God as He led us on step by step!

Christ and His angels went before us. From the light given me by God I know that He is still going before the workers in all parts of the world. He has been with those who have, with great self sacrifice, built the Wahroonga Sanitarium and opened up the health work in Sydney. He will reward those who have given freely of their means to establish memorials for Him in that field. As I think of the poverty of the people there, and of the missionary work they have tried to do in addition to establishing the publishing house, the school, and the sanitarium, I look upon the whole experience as something remarkable. The work accomplished in Australasia is an object lesson for all who enter new fields. Let us say, "see what the Lord hath wrought."

The fact that something has already been done in Australasia does not excuse us in America from extending a helping hand to that needy field at the present time. In every city and every suburb there remains a work to be done—the work of presenting the last message of mercy to the many thousands still in ignorance of God's truth for this time.

Australasia is a divinely appointed center, from which the light of present truth is to radiate from many lands. There comes to us from far-off lands the cry, "Come over and help us." Some of these unentered, unenlightened fields are not so easily reached, and perhaps not so ready to receive the light, as the fields within our sight, but they must not be neglected. We are to push the triumphs of the cross. Our watchword is to be, onward, ever onward. Our burden for the "regions beyond" can never be laid down until the whole earth shall be lightened with the glory of the Lord.

How can this great work be accomplished without men and means? We may pray that the Lord of the harvest shall send laborers in the field; we may sit down and plan to proclaim the third angel's message to every nation, kindred and tongue, but where are the faithful missionaries who will carry the glad tidings to the people, and how shall these missionaries be sustained?

God desires His people to pray and to plan for the advancement of His work. But, like Cornelius, we are to unite praying and giving. Our prayers and alms are to come up before God as a memorial. Faith without work is dead; and without a living faith it is impossible to please God. While we pray we are to give all that we possibly can, both of our labor and of our means, for the fulfillment of our prayers. If we act out our faith we shall not be forgotten by God. He marks every deed of love and self-denial. He will open ways whereby we may show our faith by our works.

The Lord desires us to be living channels of light. He has made it our privilege to co-operate with Him as partners in His great firm, to act our part in promoting the prosperity of His cause. Let us work determinedly, with heart-willingness, with gladness of soul, in the spirit of humble obedience rendering back to God His own. We can pray with faith for God's power to be united with our efforts when we can come before Him, saying: "Of Thine own we freely give Thee."

Our brethren and sisters may say, "We are being drawn upon continually for means. Will there be no end to these calls?" We hope not, so long as there are in the world souls perishing for the bread of life. Until you have done all you can to save the lost we ask you not to become weary of the Lord's repeated calls for means. Many have not yet done that which they might do, that which God will enable them to do, if they consecrate themselves unreservedly to Him.

Brethren and sisters, the work in Australasia demands your help. Will you not give it? To those who have means that they are not putting to use for God, we appeal in Christ's name. May the Lord move upon your hearts by His Holy Spirit, giving you a desire to be His helping hand in returning to Him His own. Arouse, and heed the call for help that comes from Australasia. Give all that you can and the Lord will bless you in giving.

Can we afford to support church schools? At the Greenfield school were some children in attendance from homes where the parents were not members of the church. Now the mothers from two of these homes have united with the church, also another lady who united with us through the influence of one of these new members. Surely we can't afford not to support them.

When we last heard from Elder Stone he was improving in health, and able to sit up about half the time. He expects to visit Indiana as soon as his health will permit.

By invitation of the Tennessee River Conference, Eld. R. S. Donnell is conducting a tent meeting at Henderson, Ky., twelve miles from Evansville. The attendance ranges from seventy-five to one hundred and fifty.

CAMP MEETING

Attendance of Church Members.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp meetings. The enemies of the truth are many; and because our members are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number ONE in the ranks of truth.

Some will say, "It is expensive to travel, and it will be better for us to save the money, and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed. Do not reason in this way; God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of his people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people.

Brethren and sisters, it would be better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear. You can not afford to lose one such privilege.

Anciently the Lord instructed his people to assemble three times a year for his worship. With those who lived at a distance from the tabernacle more than a month of every year must have been occupied in attendance upon these holy convocations. The Lord saw that these gatherings were necessary for the spiritual life of his people. They needed to turn away from their worldly cares, to commune with God, and to contemplate unseen realities.

If the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict! And if the people of the world then needed the light which God had committed to his church, how much more do they need it now.

This is a time for every one to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. The forces of the enemy are strengthening, and as a people we are misrepresented. We desire the people to become acquainted with our doctrines and work. We want them to know what we are, and what we believe. We must find our way to their hearts. Let the army of the Lord be on the ground to represent the work and cause of God. Do not plead an excuse; the Lord has need of you. He does not do his work without the co-operation of the human agency. Go to the camp meeting, even though you have to make a sacrifice to do so. Go with a will to work. And make every effort to induce your friends to go—not in your place, but to go with you, to stand on the Lord's side, and obey his commandments. Help those who are interested to attend. If necessary, provide them with food and lodging. Angels who are commissioned to minister to those who are heirs of salvation will accompany you. God will do great things for his people. He will bless every effort to honor his cause and advance his work.

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The Indianapolis Tract Society and the Young People's Society are circulating large quantities of the special tracts. Good work is also being done with them in other cities and towns in our conference.

Elder W. D. Curtis and family have removed from Stewardson, Ill., to Boggs town, Ind. Bro. Curtis is enrolled among the laborers of our conference, and we welcome them into this field.

Elder P. G. Stanley has removed to Illinois, and will labor in the Southern Illinois conference. He will be at Peoria for a few months, with Elder M. G. Huffman in a tent effort.

The Sabbath school quarterlies are now ready, and we will be glad if all will order of us, so the schools may be supplied before camp meeting at Peru.

Bro. Peter Howe addressed the brethren of the Indianapolis church last Sabbath. Bro. Howe and Elder I. J. Hankins were school boys together.

W. H. Edwards, auditor for Lake Union conference, is now in Indianapolis, auditing the conference and tract society records.

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All will receive with sadness the news of the death of our dear Bro. Lalue, who labored for fifteen years in the Chinese empire. The greater part of this time he was the only representative of the Third Angel's message in that vast field. He was laid to rest in the Protestant cemetery in Hong Kong. Although eighty years of age, he was active in the work until a few days before his death. We are glad there are others in the field to take up the work. The only way to keep in the love of the truth is to continually keep carrying this truth to others. We can do this in many ways, especially in selling our books and papers.

CHURCH OFFICERS

DEAR FELLOW-WORKERS: We are sending you the usual blanks for the second quarter, ending June 30th. We earnestly request every officer to make a faithful report of this quarter's work and of your financial standing. Please attend to this promptly and return the treasurers', clerks' and librarians' reports to this office. The Sabbath School secretaries will send their reports to Mrs. McMahan, of Anderson.

I wish that all of our church treasurers might have the new financial church record book. It will enable any one, without the knowledge of bookkeeping, to keep account of all monies received, and it will also aid the treasurer in making out his quarterly report. Will you not see that the treasurer is provided with it at once? It will cost only \$1.00, postpaid, with detached sample page showing how it should be kept.

Do not fail to procure one of these financial records for the treasurer immediately. Some of the treasurers write us that they do not know who pay tithes, nor the amount paid. Surely the treasurer ought to know this. There are some churches with a membership of from twenty to forty members which have not reported one cent of tithes during the last quarter. A few of these, however, have sent some money to the state treasurer, but have failed to keep a report of the same, and therefore have failed to report to the Conference secretary.

We are glad to know that some of our church officers are very faithful in reporting. Some of our members are faithful in paying their tithes. We are anxious for the time to come when everybody will be faithful in everything. However small our duty, let us perform it faithfully as unto the Lord. Will the church officers please talk these things over together and encourage each other to faithfulness in reporting.

Hoping that quarterly reports from every church will be mailed to the Conference secretary, 1311 Central avenue, promptly at the close of this quarter, June 30, I am, yours faithfully,
I. J. HANKINS.

FROM THE FIELD.

J. C. HARRIS.

I visited the little flock at Unionville, where I found a neat little church ready, and dedicated it May 24th. I held a few meetings, but discontinued them because of the busy season and so much rain. Some interested ones are there, however, and desire that I return. The church building is small, but neat, and free from incumbrance.

At Petersburg I found a few earnest souls holding up the light. The Lord has blessed them with a Sabbath school of eighteen, and is moving on the hearts of others. Three precious ones were baptized.

I found some faithful brethren at New Harmony, working to keep the light shining for others. There are earnest children among these who love their Savior. With proper encouragement they will help to carry the banner of truth to the world. There is a good field around New Harmony.

May the Lord bless these little companies, and fill each heart with courage, that none may weary before the Lord comes to take us home.

OBITUARY.

Henry R. Mings, aged 80 years and 8 months, died at Waldron, Ind., June 15, 1903. Deceased became a member of the Adventist church in 1888. He fell asleep in hope of a part in the first resurrection. Elder I. J. Hankins conducted the service. The house could not hold all who were in attendance, and excellent attention was given to the word. It is hoped that many were persuaded to take heed to themselves, and to "lay hold on eternal life."

We received a cheering letter from Dr. Wm. Hill, stating that the Rochester church is again holding meetings, after having been closed four or five weeks because of smallpox. Sickness and misfortune have pursued many of the brethren at Rochester. The doctor's own health has been poor all winter and spring, but notes a slight improvement in it recently. He is past the age of three score and ten, and asks to be remembered at the throne of Grace.

Last Sabbath was a good day for the church at Barber's Mill. Some of the scattered members and several visitors were present. There is a number of young people and children at this church that need encouragement. A church school is needed.



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