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## Are We Preparing Our Children for Translation?

I do not know of a subject that should more thoroughly engage our attention than the matter of preparing our own households for translation and a home in God's everlasting kingdom.

It is not my mind, at this time, to write a lengthy article on this subject, and present much that might be presented from the Bible and the Testimonies, but I desire to offer a few plain, common sense ideas, which will be apparent to all, and to ask whether we will continue as we have been doing, or will we awake from the condition in which we have been held by our adversary, and snatch our dear ones as brands from the burning?

How slow we have been in learning many lessons of truth; not because God has not revealed them to us, but because we have been so slow to comprehend and put into practice the instruction that has come to us. Listen while God speaks:

"But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." 1 Tim. 5:8. What wonderful words are these. If there was no other instruction in the Bible regarding our duty to our children, here is sufficient to stir every soul to action. lest he follow in the way of infidels, and his end be like theirs.

Let us consider some important facts contained in this scripture. Is God really speaking? And is he speaking to you? And does he mean what he says? "If any provide not for his own house." Does God mean by this that we simply provide shelter, clothing, and something to eat? No! These, while necessary, are but secondary matters, not worthy even to be thought of, when we take into consideration the all-important thing

—the salvation of our children. Listen and see how the Lord regards these matters, when compared with the all-important matter of preparing for translation: "Take *no thought* what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, or wherewithal ye shall be clothed; but seek ye *first* the kingdom of God and his *righteousness.*" The righteousness of God, then, which fits for translation, is the all-important thing, and what we are to eat and drink, and our clothing, are entirely secondary matters. Yet, with too many of us, they are made first, and the other is almost if not quite lost sight of.

Then if the *first thing* in providing for our own house is to seek to have them clothed with righteousness, how can this best be done? The Lord gives us the answer in Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Then we are to begin with our children and train them; or in other words, give them a Christian education. Can this be done by sending them to worldly schools, where many of the teachers make no profession of Christianity, and where infidel principles are taught, and the very foundation of the Bible, the record of creation, is denied? Is this training a child in the way he should go, and in the way he should think? for "As a man thinketh so is he." Can we give our children to the world or to Babylon, to educate, and fulfill the demands of the Scriptures? It seems to me that all must answer No!

Is it not a fact that hundreds of our children who have been educated in the public schools are now where we are calling and pleading for help to call them out of Babylon and restore them to the faith? Then if we have not done our duty in *providing*

for them a Christian training, have we provided for our own household, and have we not almost, if not quite denied the faith?

The importance of this question can not be overestimated. We who have children have a responsibility placed upon us, the importance of which is secondary to nothing else. God holds us responsible for their proper education and training. And this is the first and great important thing. There is no other duty in this world so great as our duty to the little ones we have brought into the world. May God help us to realize this. Wherever a few children can be gathered together, and a Christian teacher secured to teach them, let it be done by all means. Then the youth who are still where we can work for them, and who desire a Christian training, let us send them to our conference school located near Boggstown.

May God help us to awake to the importance of this question, and may we not let a year or a month pass by without placing the dear ones God has given us under right influences. A few months or a year may mean eternal life or death to our loved ones. The Master's work requireth haste. Let us act at once.

W. J. STONE,  
President Indiana Conference.

The long evenings are approaching when many will spend hours in reading. Shall we not improve this opportunity doing faithful missionary work, and place our literature in the form of tracts, papers and books in their hands, so they may be gaining a knowledge of the truth? Mrs. C. C. Hearn, of Leesburg, sent in quite an order for tracts with which to do missionary work. Will not scores of others do likewise?

The next semi-annual collection for the Haskell Home and the James White Memorial Home will be taken next Sabbath, Oct. 3. A special appeal for funds is made, in order to rebuild the power-house and laundry, which were burned last April.

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## A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

After counseling with the members of our conference committee regarding the financial condition of our conference, and especially so of the fund from which our laborers are paid, and considering the urgent call through the spirit of prophecy for greater activity in the canvassing work and in placing our literature before the people, and in order to place this line of work in its proper attitude before our people, we have felt that it was advisable to make a call for volunteers from the ranks of our ministers, licentiates and Bible workers to take up this line of work during the months of November and December, and work up a large subscription for the holiday deliveries. This will give a good experience to many of our workers; it will help to encourage others to enter the canvassing work; it will lift the canvassing work upon a higher plane; it will greatly relieve our conference and aid it in reducing its impoverished condition. The time of these laborers will be audited the same as though they were in other lines of work, and they would report the profits on their sales, which would be deducted from their wages.

We do not know that all who may volunteer to take up this line of work will be asked to do so, as it may not be wise to take them from their present labors; but we would like the names of all who are willing, for a short time, to assist the conference in getting upon its feet, and who are willing to give the canvassing work their influence and support by taking hold and doing active work in placing our literature in the hands of the people.

It is proposed to hold an institute for our canvassers, or those who go

out with the printed pages, perhaps the latter part of October; it will be definitely announced in the next Reporter. Arrangements will be made to board those who attend this institute free, and it is desired that all our canvassers in the conference and all who expect to engage in the work this fall shall attend this institute, and thus gain all the information they can to fit them for the work. The institute will doubtless be held at Indianapolis, as it is desired that some active work be done in connection with the institute.

This may mean more than some may realize. We have come to the time when the Lord desires *workers*; and when every person should take hold and lift all that is in his power. The work in Indiana must be placed upon a different basis from what it has been, and the shackles of debt must be removed, that we may go forth doing the work that God has assigned us untrammelled by debt. The men and women who enlist, and who, in the fear of God, go fearlessly forward to help raise the standard and place the work where God Would have it, will be the ones upon whom God will pour out his spirit and lay the burden of work for the future. God is now calling for workers. We hope to receive many responses from our laborers who are ready to engage in this great and noble work.

W. J. STONE,

President Indiana Conference.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

I wish to call a meeting of the Indiana conference committee, to meet in Indianapolis, Sunday and Monday, Oct. 4 and 5.

We have been arranging, and expected to call in at this time, six of our lay brethren to counsel with us concerning the work in the conference, and to assist in auditing the accounts of our laborers from Jan. 1 to Sept. 1, 1903. The reason for this audit at this time was that we might better understand the financial condition of the conference.

We have just received word from Elder Daniells, president of the General Conference, that a meeting is to be held in Washington next week, to lay plans to greatly enlarge the work of our denomination and to do more aggressive work. After counseling with some of the members of our committee, we have decided to post-

pone our general council and the auditing of the laborers' accounts until after the Washington meeting. This will give us the benefit of their counsel and plans, so we will know better how to plan for our fall and winter work. It will also give me a little more time to regain my health and strength.

There are some matters that can not be postponed until our general council, and as Elder Harris will be in the city, and the other members living but a few miles away, can be called together with but little expense, we have deemed it best to call this meeting for Oct. 4 and 5 to consider some important matters which demand immediate attention.

W. J. STONE,

President Indiana Conference.

## THE WORK AT NOBLESVILLE

In company with Elder Bartlett I visited Noblesville last week, to look over the church property and counsel with the brethren there concerning the future of the work.

When the church was raised up at Noblesville, a half lot was purchased but a short distance from the public square, and a small building erected. The town has grown, and large dwellings have been built on each side of the church, overshadowing it, so that it does not compare favorably with the surroundings. The company has been reduced by removals and otherwise, so that only a few meet there for worship. There seems to be no interest to hear the truth in this part of the city, and it has been thought by the brethren living at Noblesville that if the church was located in some other part of the city, and another effort put forth, there might be a revival of the work. The conference has been appealed to several times to look into this matter, and make some recommendation, or take some action regarding it. It was in response to an urgent appeal from the brethren there that we visited the place and looked the situation over. Our brethren had an offer of a corner lot in another part of the city, the party owning it agreeing to move the church building, build a good wall under it, paper it inside, and give the conference association \$100 for the half lot upon which the church now stands. There is a tax assessment against the property for street improvements of about \$75.

After considering the matter, it was unanimously decided to accept the proposition made, and move the church building, put it in good order, and make an effort to re-establish

our work at Noblesville. Work will be begun at once, and we hope that a series of meetings can be held there this fall. The few who are living at Noblesville are of good courage, and have been anxious for a long time that another effort be made there. We ask the prayers of our brethren and sisters for the work at Noblesville.

W. J. STONE.

### NEW ALBANY.

I have been here about four months doing house to house work, giving Bible studies, and selling tracts and papers. Before going to camp meeting six families were deeply interested through Bible studies. I had partially promised a tent meeting after camp meeting, but a scarcity of laborers hindered; nevertheless I am glad to work with all my energy, and have a good interest.

It is announced by the Advent Christian pastor that he will give his reasons why he is not a Seventh-Day Adventist. This is called forth by the fact that I have stirred up among some of his members an inquiry concerning the Sabbath question. Two persons are following the light since I came here, and several more are deeply interested.

I plead for another laborer to help, that we may hold public services, and thus give character to our work. I trust that my plea may be considered favorably.

J. E. COLLINS.

### OOLITIC

The work here is still onward, although since camp meeting Satan has been at work very hard, trying to hinder; but in spite of his efforts we organized a Sabbath school of 25 members; the following Sabbath 35 were present, and last Sabbath (19th) the attendance was 48. So the work moves gradually along. We have a good Sabbath school, and all take a deep interest in the study of the lessons.

I have thought some of locating here, as it is a new field, and there is plenty of work to be done. Oolitic is about two and a half miles from Bedford, the county-seat of Lawrence county, and there are other towns near by, which would furnish plenty of work for two or three years.

U. S. ANDERSON.

### AT VARIOUS CHURCHES.

At Olivet Chapel, on a recent visit, I found some holding to the truth, while others were drifting away. I endeavored to impart new courage to all.

At Anderson most of the church

### REPORT OF CANVASSING WORK FOR TWO WEEKS, ENDING SEPT. 29, 1903.

NAME.	PLACE.	D. of A.	D. & R.	G. C.	Bib. R.	P. & F.	Misc.	Orders	Value.	Value Helps.	Value Del.
H. S. Browning .....	Indianapolis .....	.....	4 .....	.....	4 .....	.....	2 .....	10 .....	\$27 25	\$5 50	\$27 75
Jas. Blankenship .....	Medaryville .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 .....	13 00	.....	.....
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were of good courage. They have no place to meet; I hope that in the near future they may have a church and school house.

At Hartford City I met the church for the first time. One precious soul accepted the truth and took a stand with the people of God. I hope to meet with these dear brethren again soon.

J. F. CUMMINS.

We have had a long letter from Bro. John Leonard, of Montgomery, Daviess county. Bro. Leonard and family are Sabbath keepers, from Spring Lake church, South Dakota. They have lived in Daviess county for nine years, and are fourteen miles from Elnora church. It is nearly eight years since they were visited by any of our brethren. We are glad to note, however, that they are rejoicing in the truth, and are faithful in forwarding tithes and offerings. Any of our ministers or canvassers will find a welcome from these isolated ones when laboring in that locality.

### OBITUARIES.

Louise, wife of Samuel W. Chadwick, fell asleep in Jesus at her home in Greenfield, from paralysis, Sept. 15, 1903, aged 25 years, 10 months, 22 days. She accepted present truth in April last, through the combined influence of preaching, Bible work and our church school. She passed away peacefully with a firm hope of coming forth when the Life-giver comes. A husband, five small children and other relatives and friends are left to mourn. Her husband is also in the truth. She was a faithful wife and mother, and was loved by all who knew her. Words of comfort by the writer.

J. E. DUNN.

Hazel May Harrison, daughter of Bro. and Sister Charles Harrison, of Grass Creek, Ind., died Aug. 29, with cholera infantum, aged one year and two months. The cords that bound her to the home were strong, and a cloud of sorrow rests for a little over the hearts of the parents and others who loved her; but soon Jesus, who took the little ones in loving arms, will come, and death's cruel power will be broken. Words of comfort were spoken to a large crowd of sympathizing friends and neighbors by the writer.

J. C. HARRIS.

Diana L., wife of B. F. Anderson, died at Denver, Ind., Sept. 13, 1903, aged 69 years, 4 months and 16 days.

Sister Anderson had been an invalid for 25 years, which was borne meekly. Since 1886 she has been one of the patient waiting ones, believing the Savior's coming near, and in death leaves to us the cheering hope that she will have a part in the first resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to a large concourse of sympathizing friends.

W. A. YOUNG.

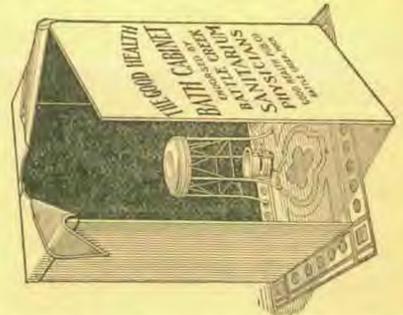
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## NEWS AND NOTES.

Send us 88 cents for the new book on Education, by Mrs. E. G. White.

Bro. R. H. Sparks reports three new Sabbath-keepers at Lawrenceburg, Ind.

B. F. Halstead has removed his family from Monticello to Anderson. Their address is 1037 W. 9th street.

Elder Ebert is laboring at Tipton giving Bible readings and distributing literature, and reports some interest.

R. H. and Mrs. Hazelton have removed from Wolf Lake to Kokomo, where Bro. Hazelton will teach the church school.

The Indianapolis church school begins next Monday, Oct. 5. The trustees have secured quarters at Nineteenth and Sheldon streets.

Dr. T. J. Leach, of Bedford, gives a good report of the work at Oolitic, and says Elder Harris will be welcomed by the brethren and sisters there.

Elder Bliss spent Sabbath and Sunday, Sept. 19 and 20, with the companies at Ft. Wayne and Huntington. He visited Ft. Wayne with the thought of locating there in future.

Elder F. M. Roberts reports a good interest at Gas City, some having already accepted the truth. It is encouraging to hear of new souls taking their stand with God's remnant people.

Elder Stone requests that all our workers, and our brethren and sisters generally throughout the conference, send him news items that will be of interest to the readers of the Reporter.

We are receiving a few payments on the training school pledges made at the Peru camp meeting. We hope soon to publish a list of those who pledged and made offerings to our academy at Boggstown.

Bro. J. E. Collins writes encouragingly of his work at New Albany. He is alone, however, and would be glad to have assistance. He is of good courage, and doing all he can to push forward the work.

Elder R. S. Donnell has fitted up rooms for meetings at Evansville, and has begun a series of services. He reports that it is quite a difficult field. Let us pray that God may bless the efforts put forth there.

Elder S. S. Davis gives quite an encouraging report of the work at Linton and Elnora. There are about a dozen Sabbath-keepers at Linton; they think of repairing the church there, and holding a series of meetings.

Elder J. C. Harris is arranging to spend some time at Oolitic and Bedford, in assisting Bro. Anderson in the interest that has been created in that part of the State. Bro. Bliss will remain at Peru to follow up the interest there.

Sister Florence Niehaus writes that she is now at work in Evansville. Let all pray that the work in that city; through the united efforts of those located there, may be revived, and a good company be raised up to hold up the banner of present truth.

Our duty as church members with reference to the education of our children and youth received careful consideration by the Indianapolis church Sabbath, Sep. 12. Let us walk not as unwise, but as wise, and thus learn what the will of the Lord is, and do it.

The Indianapolis church will hold its services for the next few weeks at the Universalist church, corner New Jersey and Fifteenth streets, this privilege having been kindly granted by the pastor and officers. The old house on Central avenue is being repaired by the new owners.

Elder W. D. Curtis, Prof. Machlan and Prof. Boyd came over last week to purchase furniture and fixtures for the Boggstown school. They expect to have everything in readiness for the school to begin this week. They were of good courage, and expect a large attendance at the school when it opens.

Watch the tithe report for September. We expect to give a list of all the churches in the conference, and hope that something will appear opposite the name of every church. We have adopted the plan of paying the tithe monthly instead of quarterly; we trust all our brethren and sisters will note this, and pay their tithe promptly to their church treasurer, so that the money will reach our State office by the first of each month. We also ask that the church treasurers forward the tithe promptly, that the report may appear in the first issue of the Reporter in the following month.

We have received a letter from Bro. E. Hayes, of Huntington, which is full of faith and courage and a determination to help hold the standard higher in his community. He says it has been some time since a minister visited them, and they are asking that some one be sent to hold a few meetings there.

Bro. Harmon Brown, of Tell City, writes that they will begin a church school there this fall, with 25 or 30 pupils. The brethren and sisters realize the importance of giving their children a Christian education. We are glad to learn of the zeal manifested by this company in giving their children a proper education.

We hope our brethren will remember that there are two bindings of our small books, such as Primer, Happy Home, Glorious Appearing, Paradise Home, etc. Please state the kind of binding wanted when ordering. "I send \$2 50 for Paradise Home," is insufficient, for we cannot tell whether it means 10 board or 5 cloth.

We will be glad to hear from our churches the result of the meetings held Sabbath, Sept. 19; in behalf of the colporter work, or the circulation of our literature. The reading was taken up in the Indianapolis church and about fifteen volunteered to give some time to this line of work.

We recently received an encouraging communication from Sr. R. W. McMahan, the conference Sabbath-school secretary. The work she is devoting her attention to is in good condition. She feels that the influence of the camp meeting is being felt, and that there is to be a spiritual awakening in the conference—a revival such as has not been seen in a long time among us. She also has words of encouragement in other lines of conference work. We are glad to receive such encouraging words, and the assurance that we shall have the hearty support of such workers.

The office is seeing the fulfillment of a statement in the Testimonies to the effect that work that might have been done under more favorable conditions will have to be done under discouraging conditions. It seems almost impossible to get shipments by freight from Battle Creek to this city much short of one month from date of shipment. This makes it unpleasant for canvassers, and orders for books are often lost.