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HOW CAN I SUCCEED IN MY BUSINESS?

No. 2.

In the previous article we learned that it is God's desire that his people shall be prosperous: that he has fulfilled everything on his part to make this so; that if we are not prospered in our worldly matters, the trouble lies with us, not with God.

The Lord desires his people to enjoy religion. He does not want us to go through this world with a long or pinched face, because there is no salvation in our hearts; and how can we sing praises to the glory of God with the wolf at our door?

Mention was made in our last article that we take God into partnership with us in all our business relations. But God cannot lie (Heb. 6:18). He cannot and will not have anything to do with dishonest transactions. In order to secure him as a partner. there must be a covenant of honest dealing entered into with the Lord: Every transaction must be done as God would do it, and when this is done, we truly enter into partnership with God, and our life and life work will in every way be a success. God is a success. And when God is with us in all our relations in life, who dare say that our life and work will not be successful? It is assured when ever we settle the question with ourselves. Oh, that God's professed chil-

God is waiting to do for them, and enter at once into covenant relation with him, and make their life work a grand success.

Says Bro. A. I will do this. But the Lord says. Do everything according to the "pattern" shown thee in mount (Heb. 8:5). This is to be the basis of the agreement. It can only be kept by faith in the promises of God. By submitting to be guided by the wisdom that cometh from above. (James 3:5.)

Bro. A enters into partnership with the Lord: and what must be do as he proceeds with the business? One thing he must do is to keep an accurate account of all his business. This an honest man, much more a Christian, would expect to do, even with hls fellow man. The Lord is the best and most reliable partner that man ever entered into business with. Man usually wants one-fourth to one-half the profits: God says, I will be satisfied with one-tenth (Lev. 27:32), leaving the balance to be invested in the business. The man entering into covenant relations with God, and accepting his gracious offer (Heb. 8;12) solemnly pledges himself to deal honestly with the Lord, and render to him that which is his (Lev. 27:39, 31). If Bro. A. is in partnership with his fellow man, and the business is all left to his care, or if he is renting a farm on shares, when he gathers his crops, or figures up his profits, he c muot possibly forget the man who owns the farm, or is in partnership with him. Neither can Bro. ther A. possibly forget God and his one-tenth when he gathers in his crops or has a profit on his business. Neither will be desire to. It will be a pleasure, not a duty, merely. And all the time that still, small voice is whispering, "Do all things according to the pattern shown thee in the mount " (Heb. 8:5.)

How many have, and are still disregarding this voice, and hear it not, until God thunders it from Mt. Sinai, " hou shalt not steal (Ex. 20:15): "Will a man rob God?" (Mal. 3:8).

they ask, "Wherein have we robbed thee?" (Mal. 3:8). The Lord replies, "In not returning to me my tithe. Ye are cursed with a curse, because ye have robbed me," and have not done all things according to the pattern. (Mal. 3:8, 9). This class is numerous, even among those who profess to be looking for the soon coming of the Lord. God's curse is resting heavily upon some, and as a consequence there is poverty and want -a lack of spiritual discernment to sense the importance of the times in which we are living. And this class will never be numbered among those of whom it is said, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." (Rev. 22:14).

W. J. STONE.

[To be continued.]

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

As this is the last opportunity that we will have of appealing to our brethren and sisters to make the most of this occasion, I cannot refrain from saving a few more words in regard to its importance.

Another year is nearly at its close, and we are reminded by this that our probationary time is also nearing its close. Shall we not here pause and review the past, and get our present bearings, and know that everything is right between us and the Lord?

What would present a better opportunity or occasion for self-examination than a week of prayer? And what season of the year could be more appropriate than near the close of the year? Here we pause and review the blessings we have received. both spiritual and temporal. This occasion affords us a good opportunity to praise the Lord for all the blessings that he has so graciously bestowed upon us. If we have not been as faithful as we should have been in the service of the Lord, this gives us an opportunity to right all dren could realize and sense what Then, bewildered with the sound; these matters, and begin the new

year aright, under God's favor and longing to see the work done. The TITHES FOR NOVEMBER, 1903, blessing.

The importance of this occasion can not be over-estimated. As truly as we are nearing the end of the year, so surely are we nearing the end of time and the coming of the

coming is no cunningly devised fable, but God in his goodness is making known to the world the meaning of the startling things that are transpiring throughout the world.

Every candid, thoughtful mind is anxiously inquiring what these things mean, and what will be the outcome. There are many things transpiring in the world that show an unsettled condition in everything. The every-day happenings are only evidences of earth's coming doom. And yet, so slowly have these things been creeping upon us, that even those to whom the message has been intrusted that they may warn the world, but little realize the real situation and the perilous times that we have reached.

The evidences given in the special Signs should be sufficient to set every heart to bounding with new earnestness and zeal in carrying quickly to the world the message of Christ's soon coming.

What a responsibility the Lord has placed upon us who know the meaning of these things, and how enruestly we ought to seek the Lord during them to be canvassers. "I saw that this week of prayer for a keener sense of duty, and for the baptism of his Holy Spirit to fit us for service

Money is also needed by which to meet present appropriations, that we may as a denomination continue to push the work in new fields and quickly convey the message of Christ's soon coming to all the world.

Read carefully Joel ii, 12-18, which applies especially to the time in which we are living. Shall we not see at this annual week of prayer such a turning to the Lord with all the heart as we have never seen in the past' Shall not this scripture be literally fulfilled, and God's people receive power for service as never before? And shall we not be more liberal in our donations, that the work in foreign lands may be carried to the dark corners of the earth? God grant that it may be even so. W. J. STONE.

THE CANVASSING WORK

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."-Matt. 9:38.

The Lord knows that the more we pray, the more will our own souls be

burden will roll upon us to do the work. Take a person who has done us an injury-if we can be led to pray for him, it will often change our own heart, so that we will help him, instead of finding fault. Brethren, as we have prayed for the Lord to raise The proclamation of Christ's soon up laborers, has not his still, small voice often whispered in our ears. saying, "Son, go work to-day in my vineyard?" You are the one to do this work. What has been the excuse? "If I go out to canvass, I can not make a living," is the testimony of many. But what do we tell people who get interested in the truth. but hardly know how they can get along if they keep the Sabbath? We tell them to trust the Lord first; he will not let them starve. But is it not true that our advice has done but little good, because we have not had this experience in our own lives? We need confidence in God. "Faith is the victory that overcometh the world.

A few words from the Lord's servant: "We must have workers; we must arouse the people. The common people are to take their places as workers. Sharing the sorrows of their fellow-men as the Savior shared the sorrows of humanity, they will, by faith, see him working with them."

The Lord tells us that our people were to get an experience out of the Object Lesson work that would teach in selling 'Object Lessons,' our people were learning to handle larger books; they were being prepared to enter the canvassing field."

One lady in Gas City has sold 29 Object Lessons. She is not going to quit at that, but is selling more. She is now taking out a large book, and I hear she is having success. Bro. B. F. Anderson, on his way from Denver to the Logansport meeting, sold two Object Lessons. Last Monday I took eight orders for Object Lessons in about five hours. The book can still be sold. Let us still carry forward this work, and get an experience out of it that will help us to enter the canvassing field. My wife and I sold and took orders for 24 at The church there will carry

forward the work.

The Lord says, "Stir up every family, every church, to do the very utmost in their power." "Let all place themselves where they will be sure to receive answer to their prayers.

I shall be pleased to hear from all who are thinking of entering the canvassing field. C. J. BUHALTS,

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ERRORS IN PLEDGE REPORT

From what we have learned, we feel quite sure that there are some mistakes in the credits on the Mannal Training Academy pledges, but we print this report just as it appears on our books. We ask that wherever mistakas have been made, those knowing the facts report them to our office at once, that we may made the necessary corrections in the next report the first issue in January.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

At the recent council held at Washington, D. C., the following recommendation was passed:

"That our people generally be encouraged to respond to the calls that come through the recognized channel for funds with which to carry forward the gospel in both home and foreign fields, but that they be careful in giving to irresponsible parties or for enterprises not approved by the denomination."

We trust that our brethren and sisters in the Indiana conference will heed the instruction here given, both in giving and withholding, and we earnestly request that the brethren and sisters of Indiana recognize no calls for means unless it comes from the General conference or you know that it is endorsed by our own State conference. We trust that this notice will be sufficient, and that our brethren and sisters will be governed accordingly.

W. J. STONE.

AN APPEAL.

I wish to make an earnest appeal to all our brethren and sisters in the Indiana conference to subscribe for the Reporter. We wish to speak to you from week to week, and there is no way that we can do it so easily and satisfactorily as we can through our conference paper. We have been sending for several months, sample copies of the paper to every adventist in the conference so far as we had the addresses, but we ought not to continue sending so many papers free any great length of time.

The price of the paper is within the reach all; only twenty-five cents a year. With the present subscription list, it costs the conference twice that to publish and circulate the paper. We could print and circulate three times as many as we do now, with but a very little additional expense, as the cost of the paper is largely in putting it in type and getting it ready to go to the press; when it is ready for the press, there is but little more expense in printing twice the number of papers that we are printing and distributing now.

It costs only a little more to print five thousand papers than it does one thousand. It takes a little more paper and press work. This is why our denominational papers with a large circulation can be printed more cheaply in proportion than our state papers; but we must have our conference paper, so that we may come in close touch with our brethren and sisters, and lay our plans before them and thus be enabled to unify the work.

We appeal to all of our church officers to take this matter up in your respective churches, and procure as many subscriptions for the paper as possible, and send to W. C. McCuaig. 626 E. 11th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. We will also be very thankful indeed to receive subscriptions from our isolated brethren and sis-The paper will contain just such items and news as our brethren and sisters should have in order to keep in touch with the work and be informed as to what is being done in Will not all please the conference. take an interest in the circulation of our little paper? and if you know of any one that is not now receiving it, please send their names and addresses and we will be glad to send them sample copies for a time.

W. J. STONE.

LOGANSPORT

A general meeting was appointed to be held in Logansport, Dec. 3 to 6. The meetings were held in the courthouse, and while the attendance from the surrounding churches was not large, yet those present were mtch benefited and strengthened. Roberts, who was passing through, on his way to a new field of labor. preached the initial sermon. He goes to the western part of the State. where we hope he may find a field well ripened for the reaping. Elder Buhajts was present, and rendered efficient help in the meetings, as well as looking after the circulation of reading matter. Elders Stone and Curtis set forth the needs of the hour in connection with the Forward Movement. The work here has had its share of trials, and we hope that now it will see better and brighter The company takes hold of the advance work, and if they will but prove faithful to vows made at this time, will surely prosper

W. A. YOUNG.

LEADERS FOR WEEK OF PRAYER MEETINGS.

While the committee was together recently, the matter of leaders for the meetings during the special prayer season was considered, and as nearly all of our laborers are at present engaged in meetings and cannot leave the interest, we decided to ask the officers of our churches to take special interest in this matter, and at once arrange for the meetings, selecting leaders and giving them an opportunity for looking over and studying the address they are expected to read before the time appointed for the service. We trust that all will feel the burden that devolves upon them as leaders, and take hold of this work earnestly, and by God's help, make it a success.

W. J. STONE.

ELWOOD.

I began work here Oct. 20, holding Bible readings, and meetings at the church every Sabbath and Sunday night. As a result of the efforts put forth, four were added to the Lord. On Sunday, Dec. 4. I had the privilege of baptizing them in the First Christian church baptistry. The unister was very kind, and told me the baptistry was at our disposal any time.

There is a good interest here. Bible readings are doing the work. House to house work was the way the apostles labored. May there be such stir among our people as has not been since 1844. Oh, for the reviving spirit of apostolic times, a rousing of our people from their slumber. Let us shake off the lethargy, and put on the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand in the evil day.

There are others here anxious for their souls, and calls are coming in for Bible study. Brethren, pray for the work here. I go to Oolitic Dec. 7, to spend a week with the company raised up there the past summer. To the Lord be all the glory.

U. S. ANDERSON.

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NEWS AND NOTES.

New students are still arriving at our Manual Training Academy.

Please read carefully Elder Stone's continued article in this issue of the paper.

Our readers will be glad to read a letter from Elder I. J. Hankins, now in South Africa.

Let all remember that the address of the president of the conference is 3840 N. Meridian street, Indianapolis.

Sister Theresa Thompson, who has been ill at the Battle Creek sanitarium for a time, is much improved in health.

Our students at the school farm raised, this past summer, 15 bushels of navy beans and 12 bushels of sweet potatoes.

Bro. J. E. Dunn has gone to Butlerville, near North Vernon, to hold a success in the work. series of meetings. A good interest is reported there.

Mrs. Nellie Fuller and Goldie Sellers met with good success in selling the special Signs in this city last week. They sold over 300.

The girls at our Training School in charge of Miss Buhalts made 65 galschool uow numbers between 40 and 50 pupils.

We print in another column an arcle from Estella Houser, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. We bespeak for it careful reading and consideration.

Sister Nellie Fuller spent a few days in Indianapolis last week. One evening she sold 69 Life Boats in a little while. She went from here to Terre Haute.

Elder Stone would like to hear of one of our canvassers who will go to Morocco, Ind., and canvass in that vicinity. A good home is offered any one who will come.

Elder S. S. Davis has closed his series of meetings at Linton, and reports two new Sabbath keepers and four additions to the church, and says the church is much revived.

Bro. Davidson, of Walkerton, gives a good report of the missionary meeting at North Liberty. He says the brethren and sisters are earnest in the work, and subscribed for 163 of the special Signs. He also sends an order for the caurch at Walkerton.

Bro. U. S. Anderson writes that he Shall we ask our laborers to engage never saw a better interest to hear the truth, at Elwood, than at the present time, and he has hopes that several persons will take a stand for the whole truth.

Elder Roberts went to Sullivan a week ago last Sunday, and conducted the funeral services of Bro. Robbins, who was a member of the Salem church. Bro. Robbins died suddenly of heart trouble.

Writing from Fair Oaks, Bro. E.C. Swartz states that his interest there is more encouraging now than at any time since he commenced services. One has taken a stand, and he hopes for several others.

Sister Florence Niehaus gives an encouraging report of her work at Evansville. She says they have 700 of the special Signs and 300 LifeBoats to dispose of, and are having good

An urgent request comes from Goshen for some one to come there and hold meetings. We have reason to believe that this is a favorable opening, and will comply with the request as soon as possible.

Elder Harris writes from New Albany that he and Bro. Collins have lons of fine apple butter this fall. The reuted a store-room and fitted it up for meetings. The attendance thus far has not been large, but they are hopeful that it will be better.

> H. S. Browning tells us that by Friday noon, 5% days, he obtained \$125 of orders. Monday and Tuesday the orders amounted to \$38.50 and \$37,50, respectively, and the total deliveries for the holidays amount to

> At the time of the meeting of our auditing committee at Indianapolis, the committe and the conference committee visited the Manual Training School near Boggstown. All seemed highly pleased with the building and surroundings.

> The week of prayer readings have been sent out from Washington to the churches direct. If any of the Indiana churches have not received the readings, send at once to the Review and Herald, 222 N. Capitol street, Washington, D. C.

> Let all read carefully the tithe report in this issue of the Reporter, and notice that the tithe for this month is a little less than \$700. This is but about one-half the amount required to pay tae laborers for this month.

in some other kind of work, or what shall be done? We exhort all to be faithful in paying the tithe monthly. as we need every dollar to keep our workers and their families from suf-

Elder S. G. Huntington, recently of Indiana, but for some time working in Ontario, has been invited by the Atlantic Union conference to labor in West Virginia, and he has since been elected president of the conference in that State. May the Lord abundantly bless his work for souls.

Elder F. M. Roberts went to the western part of the State . last week, to begin work in a county where there are no Adventists. This is the kind of aggressive work we should be doing, going into regions where the truth has never entered. Let us all pray that God may greatly bless Bro. Roberts' labors in that part of the State.

The last we heard from the Pacific Press, orders for the special Signs were coming in at the rate of 25,000 to 50,000 daily. With four big presses running constantly, they were able to get out the special Signs about half as fast as the orders were coming in. This is why some do not receive their papers promptly. However we do not think this will continue long, but that all will be supplied in a few days.

We are glad to learn of the numerous orders that are coming to our office for the special Signs. shows that our people have a mind to work, and are awaking to the importance of giving this special issue a large circulation. This paper will not be out of date for weeks, and we trust that our brethren and sisters will continue the good work. Let all who have not sent in an order for this paper do so at once.

Sister Lizzie Richmond, although a lady with a family to care for, tells how she sells some of our books. In a recent letter she says; "I have no time to canvass in the summer, but I keep a few books on hands, and whenever I have an opportunity, I sell a book. I am glad that I can do this, for I love to get these good books into the hands of the people. I am going to take the time to take some orders for December delivery." She reports \$8.50 worth of books sold since she last reported.

a supplement each month, giving a complete list of all donations and money received, and we desire our brethren to look over these names carefully, and see if you have the proper credits. If not, report any mistakes, that we may rectify them.

Now, in closing, I wish to appeal to all our brethren and sisters in the conference who possibly can, to write me or Bro. McCuaig, and state to us what you will pay mouthly during the year 1904, or the total sum that you will pay during the year 1904, to liquidate the debt upon this our first manual training school. I confidently believe that our loyal brethren in Indiana will not see this grand enterprise fail or embarrassed because of a lack of means to place it upon its feet.

Thanking all for the kindly interest they have already taken in the enterprise, and assuring you of our great appreciation for any assistance that you can give us, I remain your fellowservant, W. J. STONE,

President Indiana Conference.

MANUAL TRAINING ACADEMY NOTES.

The first term in the new building is nearly completed. Forty-four students have been enrolled, ranging in age from 14 to 53. A spirit of contentment and happiness pervades the institution. The students have taken hold of the work in earnest, and there has been a marked advancement in both literary and industrial lines.

Several of our students have expressed a desire to lead Christian lives. Many have borne this testimony; "I am thankful that I have been permitted to attend a Christian school." Quoting from a letter just received: "I am so pleased with the school, and with my daughter's advancement in the divine life, that I would make any sacrifice to keep her in the school." This is from a mother who through her own efforts is keeping her daughter in school.

We are planning for some practical work for the Master in the distribution of our literature. Like the disciples whom Jesus called, they are anxious to give the good news to some one else.

We are expecting a season of refreshing during the week of prayer, and we desire the prayers of all our brethren that some soul may be

brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus.

Are there not more of our young men and women who desire a Christian education? We are waiting to welcome you. Jesus is calling for you. One of our students, a lady of fifty-three years, is preparing for the Southern work. This ought to be a source of encouragement to our young people, as their opportunities are so much greater.

It may be interesting to know that one of our young ladies succeeded in making her meal-coupon book last Jesus.

her six weeks, thereby bringing her expenses down to seven dollars and eighty-three cents; while others have reduced their expenses to eight dollars.

As the second term begins January 5th, I wish to correspond with any one interested in our school. We have room for more, and we want you to write us, and we will mail you our calendar.

Now, brethren, pray for us that we may hold up a standard of character-building that will make workers for Jesus.

B. F. Machlan.

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TEACHERS, ATTENTION

The Advocate is about to publish a directory of Christian teachers. There are 509 or more teachers connected with our church schools, and every one of these names should appear in the directory. In behalf of this effort, every teacher is requested to send his name and address at once. This directory will be valuable for many reasons. A copy will be sent free to every name. Address The Advocate, Berrien Springs, Mich.

\$50.000 FOR MISSIONS.

Can we do it? Will we do it? We can, if we will. On our part it means an increase over our offering of last year. But why not? Every year the end is nearer, and the need is greater, and the time for work is shorter. Just as much as we expect great things from God in these the closing hours of earth's history, we are to attempt great things for him.

Commence at once to plan for the offering. Let every individual decide to make 1903 the banner year in his gifts for missions. Then it will be the banner year for every church; it will be the banner year for every conference. And it will be the year that will open the way for the banner of King Immanuel to penetrate deeper than ever before into earth's dark corners.

Pegin to day to lay aside for your contribution to the \$50,000 annual offering. Only a little time is left us to lay up treasure above. Pray and plan, and He who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, will devise the plans for you.

A \$50,000 annual offering to missions for 1903 means a message of courage to every lone worker in the field, and new recruits in the many fields now pleading for help. Will we do it? By his groce we will.

ESTELLA HOUSER.

A MARKED CONTRAST.

We here reproduce parts of two letters recently received at the Truct society office. The first is from a church treasurer:

* * There is some C. O. Lessons here that just as well be sent back to you, for they will never be sold here. They are just lying in the church. Signed,

South Milford, Nov. 17, 1903.

W. C. McCuate—Please find enclosed five dollars, received on sale of books (C. O. L.) We still have a few on hands, but will try to sell them yet. You requested me to always give the invoice number, which is 359. As I said when I wrote you, we received our books of Bro. Harris. We are called the South Milford church, and yet there are but three of us—all aged and widows. Nevertheless our trust is in Him who has promised to go with us to the end. Hoping that this may add a little in working for the Master, and asking to be remembered in your prayers, I remain your sister in Christ. Resect Adams.

FROM ELDER HANKINS.

After clear evidence that we should return to South Africa, we embarked on the Oceanic, October 21. A fairly smooth voyage of seven days brought us to Liverpool, where we took a special train to London, without one stop. We spent one night at the Caterham Sanitarium. Good work is being done there by Dr. Olsen and his earnest helpers. The work has paid its way from the first day. The building is located in a beautiful country village, the scenery being very picturesque. We did a good thing in buying a place so well situated and so well furnished. A brief visit to Prof. Salisbury's school in Holloway Hall, London, assured us of a good work being done for the 50 earnest young people in attendance. Many of them are doing full work. and are paying their way by selling our literature in the city. They are not waiting till their school work is finished to become missionaries, but make it a means of gaining knowledgeforstill better work. The youngest students are eighteen. There are now seven or eight companies of believers in London, some of them few in number; but a little light is shining in the world's metropolis. There is great need of help for London and for England.

Having engaged our passage, we sailed Nov. 7 from Southampton for Capetown. This is the fourth day out, with a smooth sea, and beautiful weather, rapidly growing warmer: good appetites, and freedom from sea sickness, tells in brief the story up to date. We expect to reach Madeira Island to-morrow morning, where we will stop six bours. I will post this letter there, and you will probably get it about the time we reach Capetown, Nov. 24. I am expecting two or three copies of the Reporter on arrival, which I hope will contain good news from a far country. We shall always be glad to hear from any of our friends in Indiana. Address 28a Roeland street. Capetown, South Africa.

I. J. HANKINS.

THE GREAT WORK.

"He shall come to his end, and none shall help him." The Turk must be driven from Europe. His seat of government must be located holy mountain. When Jerusalem be- the scripture before us.

comes the capital of Turkish govenment, then this prophecy has met its fulfillment. It is the last political movement. It closes the drama. Then the end comes. Michael stands up and takes the kingdom. But why is the prophecy delayed? For fifty years or more, Adventists have been looking for the last move, and still it has been delayed.

But are we ready for it? for then the end comes. The nations are still waiting to hear this message. All must hear it. But all have not heard. Is not the fulfillment of this prophecy resting largely with us? Are we doing our duty faithfully, and thus hastening the end? How can this last prophecy be fulfilled, and Christ take the kingdom until the nations are warned? And who must warn them? Those who believe the prophecy, those wuo have the message.

Brethren, it is no time to lay down and take our ease. A great work is to be done. If we fail, God will raise up others to fill our place. Yes, the end will come. The Turks are losing friends. Their wholesale butcheries of innocent men, women and children is fast cutting off all sympathy. Who cares for the Turk? None but those who want his territory; and his end is not far away. Let us hope that there may be "delay no longer."

C. H. BLISS.

GOD'S BLESSINGS ON THE POOR

(2 Kings 4:1-7.1

It is not my purpose to bring out everything in this lesson; only a few of the most prominent facts, which should encourage every Seventh Day Adventist to go to work. First read the scripture, and then take it up carefully and prayerfully.

First-the last and only resource the woman had was the Lord, by his servant. Second, she was in earnest about this trouble, for she obeyed. Are we in earnest? Third, her children were about to be sold for bondservants. Do we want our children to go into bondage to sin? Fourth, the Lord helped her. He will help us if we co-operate, or comply with the conditions

Oil is a symbol of grace; though it was manifest in oil, it was the word of the Lord. Has the Lord given us his word? Yes. How? In our good books. Will they sell? Surely they between the two sens, in the glorious will. But let us get the lesson out of

How did the woman get out of her trouble? She evidently did, for we do not hear of her crying to the prophet again, and he told her to live on the rest. It was enough, for the Lord said so. She got what kind of vessels? Empty. Are we empty or full? Full, I fear, and that is why the Lord can not use us. As long as there was a vessel there was oil.

God wants to teach us a lesson in this widow's experience. If her husband had been living she would not have had to come to the prophet. Now we have failed to let our Husband provide for us. Let us turn to him as empty vessels, and be used. If we say that we can't sell books, we accuse God of giving us something to sell for our support and to free us and our institutions from debt that will not sell or accomplish the work. If this poor widow had remained at home, complaining of her hard lot, I think that oil would have got so full of dirt that it never could have been sold.

l am glad to say that the Lord has given us vessel after vessel full of pure oil, and it will sell. But we must be up late and early to sell the people the oil. Sell the people the oil, brethren, in pints, quarts, gallons, or by barrels-any way to sell the oil, for it is the oil that will calm the boisterous waves of life's storms, and enable them to anchor safe and sure in the haven of rest.

H. S. BROWNING.

A CORRECTION.

It is known by a number of our brethren and sisters that at the recent meeting of our conference and auditing committee Elder Shrock and one or two others of our laborers were dropped from the conference

It has been stated, and repeated to some extent, that I endeavored to keep Elder Shrock from getting work in the Wisconsin conference I wish to correct this statement, as it is untrue. I wrote to the president of that conference, and requested that, if possible, he give him work, and it has been largely through my influence that Elder Shrock has been employed by that conference. There is nothing that I know of against Bro. Shrock's character, and I exhorted him to keep on the main track, and give the straight message for this time, and my prayers will go with W. J. STONE. him in his labors.

Our Financial Condition and Our Manual Training School

our brethren and sisters in the State of Indiana concerning our financial situation.

An article appeared in next to the last issue of the Reporter, signed by six of our lay brethren who were members of our auditing committee, and it was stated in that article that after auditing the accounts of our laborers, it was found that our conference treasury was about \$4,000 behind in the tithe fund, from which we pay our laborers.

We do not expect to appeal to our brethren for means to replenish this fund. We must employ fewer laborers, or receive a larger tithe, to replenish our treasury, instead of appealing to our people for donations.

I feel confident that more tithe will come into the treasury, and through the policy adopted by the present management, that enough will be saved and a sufficient amount of extra means brought into the treasury during the year 1904 to place our conference tithe treasury out of debt. This must be done.

Then we have another obligation upon our hands which we trust our brethren will help us discharge, and that is, the disposing of the remaining quota of the Christ's Object Lessons.

I understand that this conference obligated itself to sell its quota of books and turn the money over to dition of this enterprise, because of the Berrien Springs school. Many of the policy adopted by our people a our brethren have done nobly, and few years ago, and because of promhave sold more than their quota. We ises made to our people here in Indishall not ask these brethren to do ana that no more debts should be more, unless they feel perfectly free to take hold and help dispose of the remainder of the books; neither shall ment is not to blame for the indebtwe press this work upon any who do not wish to engage in it.

Elder Buhalts is here in the conference in the interest of the Object Lesson work. He and his wife are working faithfully, and we hope to engage enterprises started until the money others also to take hold of this work is pledged with which to carry forand push it forward to completion. Our method of work will be some- bers of our committee are united what different from what it has been with me in this matter, and we faithin the past. We propose to send fully pledge our brethren in this conhelp to our churches that have not ference that this thing shall cease; ment. It is our intention to send out

I wish to have a plain talk with disposed of their books, and let this help stay there and assist the brethren and sisters in selling the books, and remain with the church until every book is sold, thus clearing up the work as they go. We shall be glad to hear from any of our churches who are ready to engage in this work. and if you are not ready now to begin the work, please set a date when you will be prepared to take up the work, and we will try and send you good help to take hold and assist in the people.

> We shall ask nothing unreasonable of our brethren and sisters, but if all will take hold unitedly, we may in a little while see the Object Lesson work completed, and sing the jubilee

> Our tract society is somewhat in debt; however, if our other debts were paid, and the tithe fund was financial condition of our tract society so that there would be no special burden upon it.

The other matter to which I wish to call your attention is that of our Manual Training School at Boggstown. This is the most perplexing matter that we have upon our hands in this conference at the present time, and I feel somewhat delicate in regard to speaking of the financial conpiled up. However, this has been done, although the present manageedness upon this school property. wish to say to my brethren and sisters in the Indiann conference that while I am in charge of the work no more debts shall be made, and no ward the enterprise. All the mem-

However, this will not relieve the present situation and embarrassment.

Mistakes have undoubtedly been made in spending so much money on this one school; but the plans were all laid, and the building was well under way; so that no change could be made that would reduce the expense, when your present committee was given charge of the work. We are not responsible, or to blame for the debt upon this school; but now that it has been made, we, as a committee, must do all in our power to place the school upon its feet and out of debt, and we know of no other way of doing, only to appeal to all our brethren and sisters throughout the Indiana conference to come to placing these books in the hands of our assistance, and help us in this

We desire to see, during the year 1904, this entire sum raised and the debt liquidated. We shall ask for large pledges from our brethren and sisters who are able to donate to this enterprise; and we shall also solicit monthly pledges, to be paid during the coming year.

When we as a people realize the imnot in debt, this would relieve the portance of a Christian education, and of saving the Sabbath-keeping children in our own ranks, and the great good that is already being accomplished in this school in the conversion of sonls, it will be an easy matter to raise the small sum that is due on this property

> When I heard Elder Unrtis relate some of the wonderful conversions that have already taken place in the school, it seemed to me that already the school had accomplished a mighty work. But this is only the beginning of what this educational institution may do for our children here in the Indiana conference.

> If we rally around the school as we should, and make it what it ought to be, it will be a great factor in our hands of moulding the future of the work in this conference. We must educate our young people for the work, instead of letting the world educate them, and then letting them go out into the world and be lost.

> In this issue of the Reporter we send out a supplement containing all the pledges that have been made to the school as far as we have them at our command, also the credits. We ask a careful perusal of this state-