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HOW CAN I SUCCEED IN MY BUSINESS?

No. 7.

Brother A. is having a rich experience. He is doing missionary work in his home church, and his wonderful experience is being noised abroad. "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another," Mal. 3:16. His testimonies in the meetings run after this sort: "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over." "Truly my soul waiteth upon God; from him cometh my salvation. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all his benefits."

The weather is a little stormy and cold, so Brother A. decides not to work today, but go and call on Brother E., who has not been very active in his Christian devotions. He talks with him regarding the signs of the times, the fast fulfilling prophecies, the second coming of Christ, the third angel's message, and the importance of holy living. Broth-

er E. becomes quite warmed up over the matter, and professes unbounded confidence in all these important truths, and their speedy fulfillment. But do you really think, inquires Brother A., that we are living in the last generation? Oh, there can be no doubt, responded Brother E. This is plainly taught in the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew. But, says Brother A., the message is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; and now, after fifty years of earnest labor and sacrifice by some of God's people, one-fourth of the world has not been warned. And see how few have heard the message even here in our own conference. How do you think this work will be accomplished? Well, I guess pretty much as it has been, replied Brother E. But do you not know, Brother E., that the work cannot go as it has in the past? That it is to go to all the world in this generation, and that with a loud cry, and that we must be more earnest than we have ever been in the past, and make greater sacrifices? You know the most of our people do not really know what sacrifice for the cause of God means. Now take it with ourselves; I have never done but little for the cause until the last year or more, and since I have been giving, the Lord has so blessed me that I have had more means than ever before, Prov. 11:24, 25, so that it has been no real sacrifice. And I feel that I must do more than I have ever done yet.

It may be a little personal, but you know we are having a plain talk over these matters, Brother E., and if you have no objection to telling me, I would like to know how much you have been sacrificing to advance the message? Well, to be honest with you, Brother A., I have been doing next to nothing. My wife occasionally pays a little tithe, but I have never gotten in the way of paying tithe, and it has seemed that we had all we could do to make ends

meet. Time we get clothed up, and something to eat, we have nothing left to help the cause. I am sorry to hear this, Brother E., and do not believe it should be thus. I can't think the Lord is pleased with this kind of living. Suppose, Brother E., that every Seventh-day Adventist was doing, or should begin from now on to do, as you have been doing, how long would it take to warn the world? And what would become of our missionaries in our foreign fields, or our work at home even? Do you not see that instead of the work going as it has, that it would be greatly curtailed, and that nearly every effort would be stopped for the present? I say for the present, for it would be only for the present, for God would esteem us unfaithful servants, and would give the work to a people that would arise and give the message. Do you not see that God would never say to such a people, "Well done, good and faithful servants"? Would not God reject us as he did the Jews? And would not we as a people hear it said, "Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof"? Read carefully Matt. 21:40-43.

It seems to me, my brother, that that this is a solemn matter. As I have remarked, the Lord has greatly blessed me since I have taken him into partnership with me, and I believe he will do the same for you, if you will enter fully into partnership with him. You will find that your life in the future will be altogether different in many ways. There is a greater spiritual attainment for you, and your financial matters will be so changed that you will be surprised, and wonder how you could ever have been satisfied in living for self as you have. I am speaking, Brother E., from experience. I would not change my present experience in the things of God, or the experience of the past

year even, for my whole previous experience.

But I see that it is getting late in the day, and I must be going. Do not be in a hurry, Brother A. I have become much interested in what you have said, and there are some things that you have called my attention to, that have made a deep impression on my mind. I see how unfaithful I have been, how little I have done to help in carrying the message to those in darkness. I have been living wholly for self. And that in this condition I will surely be lost. I must have a different experience, and I must do something in a material way to advance the work. I shall not soon forget this visit, I am sure. But will you pray with us before leaving? After an earnest prayer Brother A. takes his journey homeward. He is joyous in the Lord, and the angels are by his side, also rejoicing with him. Read Luke 15:7.

W. J. STONE.

OUR PRESENT DUTY.

Dear Brethren and Sisters of Indiana:

We believe that you all dearly love the great truths intrusted to us, and that our sole object should be to proclaim this message to the world. We also believe that this work must be done, will be done in this generation.

Dearly beloved, this is a stupendous fact before which we should stand in awe and tremble. O, my friends, has this with us been permitted to degenerate into a mere theory? Since Noah's time until the present no people have been placed under such awful responsibilities nor intrusted with a message freighted with interests of such vital import.

We owe this message to the world that is yet unwarned; this is why we exist as a distinct people. Whenever we lose sight of this truth we cease to be Seventh Day Adventists. The success of our organized body depends wholly upon the interest and activity of each individual member.

Just now the work is languishing and is sorely crippled because of its cramped financial condition. Shall it remain so? Must the Lord seek another people to finish his work, or shall we arise and "Come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty?" That some of us have been negligent and careless is evident from existing conditions. Perhaps none of us have been as faithful as we should have been. The acceptance of this precious

truth means a life of actual sacrifice. I wonder how many of us comprehend the real significance of this term!

We must admit that we can not continue the work as in the past, for every year shows a deficit, and at this rate we shall soon find ourselves so overwhelmed with debt that we shall not be able to ever pay out. We can not believe this to be the mind of the Lord; therefore something must be done and that at once, to relieve the financial strain and continue the work.

The situation has become so desperate that the conference laborers have decided to accept half pay. For many of us who live in cities with no other means of support, and rent, fuel and food to buy, means a real sacrifice; however, God knows we have need of these things, so we go forth in confidence, "For we walk by faith, and not by sight." We also have confidence that our members throughout the state will arise and join us in the struggle, and sure victory will be the result.

J. E. COLLINS.

THE BETTER WAY.

In no better way can we manifest our interest in the progress of this world-wide message than by supporting it. This can be done more effectually by the weekly offering than by waiting to make one large gift at the end of the year. As a rule those who give weekly find themselves able to give more than they dared think of doing when all was given at one time. The interest rises with the gifts, and the prayers always accompany the intelligent interest. Try it.

The year 1904 should close with the best record for mission work in this denomination. We are nearing the end, and the work must be quickly done. More workers must be sent out; old fields must be strengthened and enlarged, and unentered ones must not be neglected longer. What do we say? Now is the time to begin to give if 1904 is to be the banner year for missions in your experience. He who is able to supply all your need will open ways for you to earn money for his cause which you least expected. And you will have the blessed privilege of sharing in the reward with the workers at the front when the Master comes. The joy of giving the gospel to the benighted souls of heathen lands is alone worth all the sacrifice our giving may cost.

ESTELLA HOUSER.

TO INDIANA SABBATH SCHOOLS

DEAR CO-WORKERS:—I take this manner of communicating with you, as I cannot now send out a letter to each one. I am preparing a tabulated report of all our Sabbath schools, to be published in the Reporter. This report will appear each quarter, and show the name of each school, membership, attendance, number of divisions and classes; also the amount of contributions of each school, expense, offerings for missions, etc. You will be interested I am sure, to see what other Sabbath schools in the State are doing, and compare their work with your own.

I am anxious to have all schools report promptly, which all do not now do, and some do not report at all. Every quarter some ten or twelve schools fail to report. Dear co-laborers, this ought not to be so. The Lord loves to have system and order in all parts of his work, and the matter of reporting to your secretary is an important part of that work. Will not those who are still delinquent in this matter send me their Sabbath school report for last quarter *at once*, that it may be incorporated in this report, to come out in the next issue of the Reporter? I shall be sorry indeed to have any of your names left blank.

Yours for the advancement of the Sabbath-school work.

Mrs. R. W. McMAHAN,
Cor. Sec'y Educational Dept.

BETTER DAYS FOR WINDFALL.

I was requested to hold a missionary convention at Windfall, Nov. 21, which I did with good success. They had not been holding Sabbath school there for several months, but we encouraged them to be faithful, if they were few in numbers; so we organized them, and put Bro. Warner in as superintendent. They have been holding a Sabbath school ever since. They held their quarterly meeting while I was there, and we had a grand time. Two joined subject to baptism, making in all four candidates awaiting baptism. They desire an ordained minister to come and hold some meetings, and I think good results would follow.

There may be many of us that have not the ready cash to help, but perhaps we may be more faithful in paying a strict tithe, and increase our offerings. I want to be one that is willing and ready to help in this time of need.

J. J. FELLOW.

GENERAL MEETING.

There will be a general meeting at Rochester, Ind., beginning Friday evening, Feb. 19, and continuing over Sunday, and perhaps longer. Brethren living in that part of the State are invited to be present at this meeting. Come, praying that God may baptize us with his spirit and power to carry forward the work devolving upon us. W. J. STONE.

AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

I wish to say to our brethren and sisters who have means that they expect to some time put in the cause of God, to remember that it is well to fix this matter while you are well and can attend to it yourselves. The cause of God in Indiana needs means. There is not a much more needy field anywhere at the present time than Indiana, and if you have gifts at any time which you wish to place in the cause, remember that our conference has a legal organization, and is prepared to handle these gifts.

We also wish to state that at the present time we could use a few hundred dollars in the shape of a loan at a low rate of interest to meet the present emergency. I shall be glad to hear from any of our brethren or sisters in the conference who have means which they wish at some time to place in the cause, or who have money they could loan for a time. We are needing some money at the present time to settle up bills which are due on our Manual Training school, which can be repaid as soon as the pledges to this fund are paid. Address me at 3840 N. Meridian street, Indianapolis. W. J. STONE.

OBJECT LESSON WORK.

The Lord has placed the Object Lesson work among his people for a test. It is not only a test for our people, but for the outside world. I have found in my experience in the work, that those that do not desire the book enough to pay for it, would not be benefited by it if given to them. Those that are seeking after light from Heaven are anxious for the book. It is a test to God's people to see if they will give the Word of Life to perishing souls around them. The Lord will bless us in our endeavors to sell Object Lessons if we trust him with all our hearts.

The Lord has blessed my wife and

me wonderfully in our endeavors to sell Object Lessons and some smaller books. We were at Warren, Indiana, four days, but on account of the very bad weather we canvassed only about two days. We sold 26 Christ's Object Lessons, 13 Best Stories, 2 Education, 1 Josephus Complete Works, and 50 of the Special Signs. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest, Matt. 9:37, 38. ALBERT RANDALL.

ENCOURAGING WORDS.

We are always glad to read the reports from our workers, and to hear of their success. Glad to hear that some are accepting the truth.

Since last report I visited the Anderson church, and was glad to find some earnest souls there engaged in missionary work. Mechanicsburg is my old home church; some are holding on to the faith once delivered to the saints. At Middletown some are striving for that heavenly country; some have lost their interest in the message, and are laying up treasures on earth.

I am sorry to learn from the Reporter that our laborers have been compelled to take one-half of their regular salary. This means some one is not doing his duty. Brethren and sisters, let us be honest with our Creator. He claims the uppermost seat in our hearts; he is first in all things; he is the chiefest among ten thousand and the one altogether lovely; he supplieth all things; we could not live one moment without him. Then let us seek forgiveness for all our sins, and more especially for robbing the Lord. There will be no thieves in the earth made new. The eighth commandment reads, "Thou shalt not steal;" if we claim to be commandment-keepers, let us show our faith by our works.

J. F. CUMMINS.

A WORD TO CANVASSERS.

Brethren, we trust that you will be faithful in reporting. If you are out of blanks or other supplies, write us at once. We do not mean to slight you. Times are dull. However, the Lord has said that the canvassing work fares better in dull times than at any other time. Let us thank the Lord, and take courage. Report

each week, so we can mail you your papers:

"OTHERS PAY NO TITHE."

A church treasurer, in sending in to God's treasury \$54.20 tithe, in her letter states:

"This amount does in no way represent the church, but only three individuals. Some other tithe-payers are not here, but have their tithe recorded here, and the other portion don't pay any tithe. If God's people or those professing to be, would render to him his own, there would be no lack in his treasury. In this I mean to be faithful. I like to keep abreast with the field and its needs."

If three tithepayers render the treasury \$50 during three months, what a grand sum might be sent in if every member had paid his tithe. It is "the other portion" that "don't pay any tithe" who are hindering God's closing work. Reader, to which class do you belong? INDICATOR.

One of our sisters handed a neighbor the last Reporter to read. The latter read the first article from Eld. Stone, and knowing that her pastor was interested in the subject, gave him the paper. After reading the article he visited our office at 626 East Eleventh street, to see if he could obtain the back numbers of the paper, so as to get all the articles. He then subscribed for the paper for one year. He said he was trying to introduce the subject of tithing to his church. Should not our own brethren and sisters be as much interested in these questions as those who know not the truth for this time? Read carefully Elder Stone's continued article in this issue of the Reporter.

Most encouraging reports have been received from our company of workers in inland China. Watch for them in the Review. The Lord has gone before the workers in a remarkable manner, and opportunities for service press in on every hand. The sick crowd around their doors, asking for help; so many have come that it was necessary to station a boy at the door to keep them from crowding into the house. They have asked for a place to treat their sick. Our response will show whether we mean to hasten the message throughout that vast empire with its 400,000,000 people. Our physicians are the only ones in all the province of Honan, where there are 22,000,000 people.

NEWS and NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bigelow have returned to Indianapolis to reside.

The annual offerings received for 1903-4 have gone beyond the \$600 mark.

Elder A. W. Bartlett reports good interest in the meetings on the East Side, Indianapolis.

Bro. and Sister Buhalts had good success with C. O. Lessons at Hartford City, recently.

Miss Maud Henry reports a church school of nineteen pupils at Oolitic, Lawrence county, Ind.

Four recent converts to the truth have united with the church at Windfall, and await baptism.

Bro. E. J. Moore sends an urgent request for a minister to visit Olivet Chapel. We promised them help in the near future.

Albert Randall and wife are canvassing at Huntington, Ind., and report good success. They are doing quite well with C. O. Lessons.

Mrs. R. W. McMahan writes: "We have enjoyed so much Elder Stone's good articles that are appearing in the Reporter, and I trust that our people are profiting by them."

The meetings at Unionville, Ind., conducted by Elder J. C. Harris, resulted in six additions to the church. The brethren and sisters were much encouraged as the result of his efforts.

Elder F. M. Roberts now reports 22 new Sabbath-keepers at West Lebanon, and still others are deeply interested. He will remain there for some time yet, instructing and building up the work.

Bro. Milton Jones has signified his intention to canvass for Bible Readings in Lawrence county. Our prayers go with Bro. Jones, that he may be strong and of good courage in the canvassing work.

A card from Bro. L. F. Elliott states that on account of Mrs. Elliott's failing health in Pennsylvania, he will be obliged to return to Indiana soon. Bro. Elliott has been greatly benefited there.

From many letters we are receiving we have reason to believe that our brethren and sisters are of better courage in the work, and that the message is rising in Indiana. Let us praise God and take courage.

Elders W. A. Young and W. J. Stone held a few days' meetings at Terre Haute, beginning Feb. 5. New church officers were elected and ordained, and the company was greatly strengthened and encouraged.

We ask the librarians in all of our churches to keep before our people the matter of first-day offerings for the support of foreign work. We hope that during the year 1904 these offerings may be greatly increased in the Indiana conference. More will be said in regard to this matter.

The Secretary of Wolf Lake Missionary Society has just ordered and paid for \$7.50 worth of tracts. Most of the tracts are on the second coming of our Lord and The Signs of the Times. We still have a good supply of these tracts. Shall we not receive similar orders from other societies?

Canvassers' reports for the last two months are very light. Bro. E. Light reports orders and sales for \$8.40; H. S. Krowning reports orders for \$25.75, and deliveries for \$20.50; also 36 Bible readings held. The office supplied orders to the value of \$25.50, making a total for January, as per reports, of \$59.65.

Mrs. E. G. White has decided to reside in the East for a year or more, and will make her home at Tacoma Park, D. C., where the Review office is to be located. While she is interested in the work at Washington, and will give much attention to it, she will also visit other places as she has time and opportunity.

Bro. U. S. Anderson went to Oolitic Feb. 5th, to prepare the company there for organization, but on account of sickness in a number of families it was thought best to defer the work until a little later. He will return to Elwood, and continue the meetings at Curtisville, where quite an interest has been awakened.

Elder Stone has a farm of 70 acres in northwestern Tennessee, with a good frame house, barn, well-watered, with plenty of fruit, which he offers for sale for \$1,000, or will trade for city property in Indiana. For further particulars address him at 3840 N. Meridian street, Indianapolis.

Brethren J. E. Dunn and J. E. Collins are now at Tampico, Ind., holding a series of meetings. Their interest at Freetown was not thought sufficient to continue longer. We hope the brethren of the conference

will remember at the throne of grace the different series of meetings now being held in various parts of the State.

Bro. Todd Maxwell reports a favorable opening for meetings at Clymers, Ind., and says there is a church building there unoccupied, which can be used indefinitely; also that there is quite an interest to hear upon the subject of present truth. It is now expected that meetings will be begun there perhaps this week, by Bro. E. C. Swartz and may be another laborer.

The Indianapolis First church has purchased a lot on Twenty-third st., between Park and Central avenues, and expects to build a new church on it as soon as plans are ready and weather permits. The new East Side church is also looking for a suitable location.

All will be glad to learn that the Sabbath-School Worker is again being published, and the price is so low that all can afford to have it. Single subscriptions are 35 cents a year; two or more copies to one address, 25 cts. a year. Send subscriptions to our Tract Society office, or to the Sabbath-School Worker, 222 N. Capitol street, Washington, D. C.

Bro. G. W. Bingham has just ordered 50 Signs (Capital and Labor issue) to be used at Owensville, Ind. Bro. E. B. Millard says, "I have thirty more copies at the office, and I am coming after them in a few days." Brethren, these papers have current reading matter in them. Are there not many of our brethren who will buy 50 or 100 copies each for ministers, professional and business men?

A BEAUTIFUL AND VALUABLE BOOK.

That interesting book of travel, "By Land and Sea," by Elder G. C. Tenney, has sold its entire edition, and has been thoroughly revised and brought up to date. It is less bulky than the former, but contains the same amount of matter, and on much better paper. There are 392 pages and about 150 illustrations of a superior character. It is interesting, instructive, wholesome and beautiful, and will make an appropriate gift. It is especially good reading for the young. It is now issued by the Review and Herald as a trade book, with the price reduced to \$1.50, and the usual discount to branches, tract societies and agents. Order of the Indiana Tract Society, 626 E. 11th street, Indianapolis.