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HOW CAN I SUCCEED IN MY BUSINESS?

No. 10. (Concluded.)

To succeed in one's business means more than to make a success financially. It means a success of "life." "For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? (Matt. 16:26.) "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." "The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment." (Luke 12:15, 23.)

On one occasion, while Elder Bates was waiting at the depot for a train a gentleman asked him the question, "In what business are you engaged?" He replied, "I am preaching the Third Angel's message." This was his "business," to carry to the world the great three-fold message for this time. And so it should be with every one of us; no matter in what work we are engaged, the great object, or end, should be to advance the cause of the Master—and when we have the cause of God and the glory of his name in view, we may be sure of his blessing upon *all that we do*. We want our lives to become so interwoven with God's work that we become a part

of his work, and his work a part of us. In other words, God's work should be our business; and if we are thus identified with God's work in the earth we can but succeed, for his work is always a success.

We trust that no one will, from a selfish motive, attempt to *buy* the blessing of God. We may be particular to bring to the treasury all the tithe, and yet do so with a selfish motive in view, expecting to be greatly benefited financially. Such will fail of the blessing God desires to bestow. *Love* should be the mainspring that prompts every act of obedience to God; it will be, when we realize our entire dependence upon him, and that we are indebted to him for life and breath and *all things*.

As has already been stated, the third chapter of Malachi applies to the times in which we live—or, in other words, to the time of the judgment; and not one soul who knows his duty, or God's requirements concerning the support of his work and ministry at this time, and neglects to do it, will hear the glorious words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Two classes of individuals are brought to view in this chapter. One class, by choosing God's way, is being prepared to offer an offering in righteousness. They, with loving appreciation of God's goodness, bring all the tithe into the storehouse, and are fully yielded to God in all things. Of this class God says, "They shall be mine in the day when I make up my jewels." (Mal. 3:17.) Of the other class, whose words have been stout against the Lord, and who have refused to pay their tithe and yield to his ways, the Lord says, "Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not." (Mal. 3:18.)

In closing these articles I will quote from the testimony of Jesus in the Review of July 31, 1900:

"In the book of Malachi God specifies the reward to be given to those who are faithful. All nations will see the power of God exercised in behalf of those whom he can safely bless as his chosen ones. 'I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,' he declares; 'and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, and all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightful land.'

"There is another class, who complain of God. 'Your words have been stout against me,' he says. 'Ye have said, 'It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinances, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts?' These weigh God's actions in human scales. Their words are stout against him, as they strive to vindicate themselves. By their words and actions they dishonor God and create an atmosphere of evil about their souls.

"In strong contrast to the murderers are the ones of whom God says, 'Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.'

Here we have a divine comment saying that those who are remiss in paying tithes are classed with the wicked, and are not serving God. Such will surely be lost. May the Lord help all such to at once repent of their sins and accept the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord for complete salvation before it is everlastingly too late. Let the new covenant be written in the heart and mind of all, that his service may be a delight, that peace and prosperity may attend us here, and we saved with the faithful in the kingdom of God. W. J. STONE.

A VISIT TO THE INDUSTRIAL ACADEMY.

I wish to speak through our excellent paper to every Seventh-day Adventist in Indiana concerning our Industrial school. I was called to the bedside of my sick daughter at the school, March 2, and upon arrival I found the greatest quiet prevailing. The stairways were carpeted temporarily to muffle the footsteps, and every student wore an anxious look as he passed her room, and every voice was hushed to whispers. My daughter was improving under their kind thorough treatment, and I found all being done for her recovery that was possible. At the evening worship in the chapel every voice was uplifted to God for his healing power, and in my heart I said, surely the Lord is in this place, for the place seemed hallowed by his presence.

I found the professors very pleasant, and Christian in their deportment toward all. I was invited by them the next day to attend the different classes and listen to the recitations, and was very glad to comply with the request. I must say I have never been privileged to see finer regulations in class work nor more perfect display of tact in teaching. If every parent in Indiana could visit the school and become acquainted with the work that is being done, I am certain there would be less complaint and not so much fault found with the location and the debt that is hanging over the institution. Undoubtedly some mistakes have been made; but let God right these things while we put our shoulders to the wheel and help to push the work forward, for we are sure that if mistakes have been made, they were of the head and not of the heart.

I wish to urge upon every Seventh-day Adventist who has children old enough to attend this school the importance of placing them where they can receive the instruction that is being given here. If you could spend one week there, as I have been privileged to do, and attend their Bible classes and hear the good instruction our youth are receiving, you would forget all the difficulties because of the joy of beholding what the Lord is doing. If we do not bend every effort to place our children under favorable conditions for their salvation, we will have a terrible account to render to our God. At 11 o'clock

each day the pupils repair to their rooms to hold a ten-minute prayer service. Young men and women here pray who, perhaps, never would have prayed but for this school and its Christlike influence. My heart goes out in praise to God for what my eyes have seen and my ears heard.

Fathers and mothers, have we not come, as it were, to the Red Sea? We have brought our children up in the Sabbath school and taught them the truth, but we found the world had greater influence upon them than the home or church. These youth must have Christian associates, and without it the world will influence them more than we can. In this school, secluded as it is from the fascinations of the cities, and where only nature can attract, and with Christian discipline, our children are being brought back to God. This school is able to do for our children what we could not do with the environments of the world.

I appeal to the patrons of the school to visit it themselves. Before I visited the school I heard something regarding it and its management which I found to be untrue upon learning the facts. And I beg you, parents, not to give ear to tales that are told about the school. I talked with almost every student in the school, and they all said that the rules were none too strict. All acknowledged that the faculty was doing all that it could for the good of the school, and that they corrected the students only when it became actually necessary. Some students left the school at different times, but we who have raised children must remember how hard it is to deal with them from the age of 15 to 20 years. And if our children have given us anxious care, and we have placed them in this school to be bettered by it, what about the professors' trials? Do we expect them to handle 50 or 60 such youth without any friction? Do we expect them to be more than mortal, or as wise as God, and never make a mistake in dealing with them? Let us ask ourselves, could we do it as parents, or have we done it?

I shall ever stand by the faculty—for from the principal to the matron I never saw more kindness and patience manifested. I wish you could see the culture manifested at the tables. Some of the young men always return thanks, and how it thrilled my soul to hear them. I believe this

school will send out many workers who will dare to be Daniels, and will take their places in the great harvest field that is white for the reapers. If we as parents will only hold up the hands of these teachers that God has placed there, and who are confronting difficulties and making a sacrifice for our children.

We must give our children to understand that they must obey the rules and come under the discipline of the school, instead of circulating false reports and creating an influence against the faculty throughout the State. We can stop this at once by giving no credence to what our boys and girls say when they have suffered a little correction for wrong doing. I could say much more about this God-given vine that is doing so much for us, but space will not admit.

JENNIE DILWORTH.

OLIVET CHAPEL.

Sabbath and Sunday, March 12 and 13, was indeed a time of refreshing for the Olivet Chapel church. It was our privilege to have with us at that time Elders Stone and Young. Their words of encouragement and counsel were indeed meat in due season to our souls. Among other truths presented was the matter of faithfulness in tithing. Some of the seed fell in good ground, and will, from time to time, help to increase the flow of means into the storehouse. We were also made to realize as never before that the message for this time is the same that we have heard for the last fifty years, and that our only safety and protection now is to heed and hold fast the Testimony of Jesus, which is the Spirit of Prophecy. God says the remnant church will keep the commandments of God and have the Testimony of Jesus, which is the Spirit of Prophecy. This heeded will guide the remnant church safely through the perils of the last days.

In the meeting Sunday afternoon, the church unanimously voted that the church building be deeded to the Indiana Association of Seventh-day Adventists. Thus closed one of the most precious meetings that we have attended for many days, and all went to their homes regretting that the meetings could not continue, but with renewed interest and zeal in the work that God has given his people for this time.

E. J. MOORE.

A LIVE ISSUE.

About May 1 The Southern Watchman, of Nashville, Tenn., will issue a special number on "The Second Coming of Christ and the Signs just Preceding It." This number is to contain 24 pages, printed in two colors. It will be a brief, clear-cut presentation of the live issues of the hour from a prophetic stand-point; and in view of the present difficulties in the far East, it will be of keenest interest to all. This number will be furnished at the following rates: Single copies, 5 cents; 5 to 24 copies to one address, 4 cents each; 25 or more copies to one address, 3 cents each. Those who cannot go out with the paper, but desire to send it to friends, may forward a list of names to the publication office, and single copies will be sent direct from this office to the individuals, as follows: One to 24 copies, 5 cents each; 25 to 99 copies, 4 cents each; 100 or more copies, 3½ cents each. This includes wrapping, addressing and mailing. Orders may be sent at once to the Southern Publishing Association, at 1025 Jefferson street, Nashville, Tenn.

AGRICULTURE FOR THE CHRISTIAN.

No 2.

When the average country boy of to-day reaches the age of sixteen or eighteen, his thoughts turn to the city, his mind is allured by the attractions and devices of Satan which are offered in the city. Home life on the farm becomes more disagreeable each day until finally by the time he reaches the age of nineteen or twenty he leaves the farm and wends his way to the city, where, unless he is a strong-willed boy, and has the love of God in his heart, he is soon led astray.

This should not be so. God's purpose to work for his people must not be looked down upon or considered degrading. One of the reasons why this is so is that the average tiller of the soil knows nothing of the great principles which underlie all plant growth; all they know is that when the grain of corn is planted, and the weeds are kept from among the corn and the soil stirred occasionally, under favorable circumstances a crop of corn is produced. Their knowledge of what each plant requires to cause its strongest and quickest growth is

lacking. They know nothing of what food each plant takes from the soil, and what from the air, nor how this food is taken. If the food required for plant growth is lacking they do not know how to supply it to the soil.

What we want is to understand as nearly as possible the requirements of plant growth and how best to supply them. This creates an interest in the work, and makes us better able to fulfill the original purpose of God. There is nothing more interesting than a study of the mysteries of plant life. "Consider the lilies how they grow." There is no life more independent than the life of a true Christian who makes agriculture his vocation or life study. It better prepares us for the life we will lead in the new earth, for there we will take up again the work of Adam and Eve; our occupations will be to till the soil and prune the vines.

But there will be no weeds nor destroying insects there to bother us. Our life will be one of pleasant occupation. When we get there we will know all the mysteries of life, and will wonder how we could have been so indifferent in this life. Our duty here on earth should be to fulfill as nearly as possible God's purpose.

ARTHUR COX (B. M. T. A.)

The following offerings and donations have been forwarded since Jan. 1, 1904: Annual offerings \$649.85; first-day offerings \$42.03; foreign missions \$83.87; Sabbath-school donations \$143.16; International Publishing Association donations \$25.21; Review and Herald Washington donations \$55; Christ's Object Lessons \$151.75; Haskell Home \$13.86; Nashville sanitarium and school \$3 57.

A LETTER FROM AN INDIANA BOY.

Through the courtesy of Sister G. H. Walker, I have been receiving of late the Indiana Reporter. It has stirred up my mind in remembrance of the dear ones in my home State. I was born and reared in Kosciusko County. Sixteen years ago I embraced the truth there, under the labors of Elder F. M. Roberts, at which time I was preparing for the ministry in the U. B. Church. I began at once to study the third angel's message with a view of disseminating it to others. Since that time I have labored in various conferences: Michigan, Canada, Virginia, Ohio, and the present finds me connected with the work in Louisiana, having been recommended to this field at the late Ohio Conference, and supported by that conference for one year.

The Lord is blessing our labors. Through the opposition of ministers we were at first defeated in getting a public hearing in the hall we had rented, but through house to house work, and persevering effort, we now have all we can do in the way of private instruction and cottage meetings.

We have sold one hundred Coming King and three hundred small books since coming here in December. Mrs. Watkins, in canvassing, finds those who are accessible to future effort, and we follow this with Bible readings. The time is here when in this field we can no longer fish for souls with nets of publicity. We must hunt as for hidden treasures. This is the capital city of Louisiana, and an important center for the old gulf State.

Remember the cause in this needy field, that God may give the needed power to his servants to finish his work speedily.

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REPORT OF CANVASSING WORK FOR TWO WEEKS, ENDING MARCH 26, 1904

NAME.	PLACE.	Book.	Hours.	Orders	Value.	Value Helps.	Value Del.	Orders from Office.
Anderson, Jas. H.	Hartford City							
Blankenship, James.	Medaryville							
Bernard, F. G.	Goshen							
Browning, H. S.	Indianapolis	Miscellaneous		3	\$6 50	\$26 25		
Bartholomew, F. N.	South Bend							
Clark, T. J.	Rocklane							
Churchill, Austin	Goshen							
Glenon, G. W.	Jefferson Co.							
Hulwick, J. A.	Angola							
Keener, Mollie E.	Anderson							
Light, A. F.	Spencer County	Bible Read.		1	2 00	75		
Frost, V. B.	Nashville							
Richmond, Lizzie	Tangier							
Randall, Albert	Huntington	Coming King.	13	9	9 00			
Yazell, Albert	Sheridan							
King, L. J.		Desire of Ages						
	Totals		13	13	\$17 50	\$27 00		

NEWS and NOTES

U. S. Anderson reports an excellent interest in his meetings near Albion. He expects good results.

Bro. J. E. Dunn recently moved his family into the country. Their permanent address is R. F. D. 3, Bluffton, Ind.

L. F. Elliott has returned to Indiana from Pennsylvania, on account of Mrs. Elliott's health, and have located at Anderson.

Elder W. A. Young was with the Indianapolis churches Sabbath and Sunday, March 19 and 20. His labors were much appreciated.

We are informed that our shipment of Volume 8 of the Testimonies left Oakland March 22. We hope to receive them in about two weeks.

Brethren Dunn and Collins have returned to Tampico to continue meetings and look after the interest awakened there in their former meetings.

H. S. Browning has moved to the country just out of Brightwood. He has 1½ acres, with fruit, and also appreciates the fact that he will save a good deal on rent.

Elder Stone was with the company at Peru Sabbath and Sunday, March 19 and 20. A church of 16 members was organized, and others will unite with the church soon.

Elder Stone is receiving a number of calls from different sections of the State for labor. These calls will be considered by the committee before entering upon the summer campaign.

Bro. Albert Randall has been canvassing Huntington, and meeting with some success. He is also holding some Bible readings, and laboring in other ways as opportunity permits.

H. S. Browning reports 24 Bible readings held since the last report. A very good interest was manifest, with from four to eighteen present. Several have confessed their belief in the seventh-day Sabbath.

"The expansion of European countries is drifting toward Palestine, and it is there that the final clash of interests will occur." Such at least is the opinion of Dr. M. Gaster, who read a paper on "The Political Aspect of the Future of Palestine" to a gathering of the Central Asiatic Society, in London last month.

We are glad to note that so many of our brethren and sisters are using The Family Bible Teacher and entering upon aggressive missionary work. We hope to soon have a supply of these readings at our Tract Society office, so that we can fill all orders promptly.

Elder F. M. Roberts is engaged in a series of meetings at Marshfield, a few miles from West Lebanon. He is not in the best of health, and fears that he may have to close his meetings. Let all pray that God may strengthen his servant for the duties devolving upon him.

Bro. Aaron Terry, of the Mt. Zion church, writes very encouragingly of their church school and the work in that part of the conference. He says they have 38 pupils, and all take a deep interest in the school work. He makes an appeal for labor to be bestowed in that part of the conference.

Elder Stone and wife started for Pleasant View last Sabbath morning, but on account of high water could not get through. They returned home, and expected to visit the Indianapolis East Side church in the afternoon, but on account of rising water it was impossible to get across Fall Creek, so they were debarred from meeting with any church last Sabbath.

We are glad to learn that a number of our churches and scattered brethren and sisters are ordering the Family Bible Teacher and beginning systematic work in its distribution. This will bring new courage, hope, and a rich blessing upon those who engage in this kind of work faithfully. We hope to see the time come when every church and all of our brethren and sisters throughout the conference will be actively engaged in missionary work.

Sister Lola Allen and son Charles, of Radnor, have written some interesting letters to the office concerning the work there. There has been no organization at Radnor for some years because of deaths and removals, and the building was sold. Charles Allen is a young man of nineteen; he has begun to keep the Sabbath, and says that his sister-in-law is also keeping it. They hope to again possess the church building and to see a company of Sabbath-keepers there. Brethren, pray that their hopes may be realized.

SALEM CHURCH.

The Salem church was, for some years after its organization, a beacon light in southwestern Indiana; but during its history many changes have occurred. Many who received the love of the truth have moved to other places and are gathering with the Savior in their new homes. This is as it should be, and although it leaves the home church smaller, it is encouraging to know that gleaners have gone from their midst into the Master's great harvest field. There is another chapter in its history which seems very sad; some have lost the love of the truth and returned to the follies of the world, while many who remain, on account of some experiences which have come upon them in later years, have lost confidence in their brethren—a fulfillment of the words of our Savior who, looking down to this time, said, "Because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold." How blessed it is that he added the precious promise, "But he that endureth to the end the same shall be saved." Why is it not as easy to see that promise as it is to see the "iniquity" in our brethren?

We were with this church nearly two weeks, and were glad to become acquainted with our brethren and sisters; but the frost was coming out of the ground, and the roads were exceedingly muddy; the dirt roads were impassable. This kept many of our people away from the meetings, and also prevented our visiting them at their homes; others were detained on account of sickness, while still others remained at home to care for the sick. We remained during the greater part of the second week, hoping the roads would become dry, but in this we were disappointed.

There are some good souls in the church; but some have allowed the enemy to come between them and their brethren, and as a result they are losing their hold upon God and the truth.

Brethren, shall we not pray for the faltering ones everywhere? We are certainly in the "Shaking time." Only those who resist the darkness will be assisted by the holy angels. May God bless our dear brethren and sisters in Indiana, that they may soon be as were the disciples, "Of one accord."

We are of good courage in the Lord. We expect to spend a few days with the church at Eluora.

W. D. CURTIS,
J. C. HARRIS.