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## HOMEWARD BOUND.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

When I hear of the terrible calamities that from week to week are taking place, I ask myself, "What do these things mean?" The most awful disasters are following one another in quick succession. How frequently we hear of earthquakes and tornadoes, of destruction by fire and flood, with loss of life and property! Apparently these calamities are capricious outbreaks of seemingly disorganized unregulated forces; but in them God's purpose may be read. They are one of the means by which he seeks to arouse men and women to a sense of their danger.

The coming of Christ is nearer than when we first believed. The great controversy is nearer its end. The judgments of God are in the land. They speak in solemn warning, saying, "Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." (Matt. 24:44.)

But there are many, many, in our churches who know little of the real meaning of the truth for this time. I appeal to them not to disregard the fulfilling of the signs of the times, which says so plainly that the end is,

near. Oh, how many who have not sought their soul's salvation will soon make the bitter lamentation "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and my soul is not saved!"

We are living in the closing scenes of this earth's history.

Prophecy is fast fulfilling. The hours of probation are fast passing. We have no time—not a moment to lose. Let us not be found sleeping on guard. Let no one say in his heart or by his works, "My Lord delayeth his coming." Let the message of Christ's soon return sound forth in earnest words of warning. Let us persuade men and women everywhere to repent and flee from the wrath to come. Let us arouse them to immediate preparation; for we little know what is before us. Let ministers and lay members go forth into the ripening fields to tell the unconcerned and indifferent ones to seek the Lord while he may be found. The workers will find their harvest wherever they proclaim the forgotten truths of the Bible. They will find those who will accept the truth and will devote their lives to winning souls to Christ.

The Lord is soon to come, and we must be prepared to meet him in peace. Let us be determined to do all in our power to impart light to those around us. We are not to be sad, but cheerful, and we are to keep the Lord Jesus ever before us. He is soon coming, and we must be ready and waiting for his appearing. Oh, how glorious it will be to see him, and be welcomed as his redeemed ones! Long have we waited; but our hope is not to grow dim. If we can but see the King in his beauty, we shall be forever blessed. I feel as if I must cry aloud, "Homeward Bound." We are nearing the time when Christ will come in power and great glory to take his ransomed ones to their eternal home.

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## A NEW LEGAL BODY.

After eight years of trial, it was found that the statute under which our legal body, "The Indiana Conference Association of Seventh-Day Adventists," was incorporated, was very cumbrous in its working, and realizing that the conference could not change the statute, it was voted at the last camp meeting, in a meeting of the legal body, that "this Association re-incorporate under less cumbrous statutes." After searching the statutes thoroughly, one was found under which our work could be done easily, and which seemed in every way satisfactory. A meeting was then called in due form, which met at Indianapolis January 12, 1904, and proceeded with the work of re-organization. Brethren were present from different parts of the State.

It was learned at the office of the Secretary of State that we would have to take a name different from the former one. The name now is "The Indiana Association of Seventh-Day Adventists"—having dropped the word "Conference."

Between the sessions of the Conference the affairs of the Association are to be managed by a board of seven directors, who are to be elected each year at the camp meeting, and are to serve for one year. The purpose of this corporation is, among other things, to hold real estate in trust for the several churches throughout the Conference; each local company is to maintain all the expense of repairs, alterations or improvements.

Many churches fail to elect a local board of trustees at the right time. Some also fail to have a certificate recorded in the county records, setting forth who the trustees are that were last chosen. This will cost something in each county where the record is made. The Association board of directors must file their certificate at each election in but one county in the State. All can see that here is a saving of considerable ex-



pense each year. This real estate is not reckoned as a part of the assets of the Conference, therefore no mortgage can be placed on it by the Conference. Many of the churches are now making the transfer, and others have said they would do so.

Any church contemplating making a transfer of their meeting house and grounds to the Conference should first correspond with some of the officers of the Association—Elder W. J. Stone president, Elder W. D. Curtis vice president, or Elder W. A. Young secretary, and instructions will be given in regard to the wording of the deed.

W. A. YOUNG.

## HOW CAN WE SAVE OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH?

No. 2.

In olden times God commanded his people that their children should be under their immediate care day and night. When he gave his commandments to Israel, he emphasized their importance by saying, "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." If such constant watchfulness and careful instruction were necessary in the time of ancient Israel, how much more is it necessary in the last days, when evil is rife on every hand, and the world is fast becoming like Sodom and Gomorrah. Truly the admonition of the prophet Ezekiel is due at this time: "Make a chain, for the land is full of bloody crime, and the city is full of violence." (Eze. 7:23.) Living as we are in a time when vice is far more prevalent than virtue, it behooves us to exercise the most careful watchfulness over the children and youth. It has been said that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty;" and it is equally true that eternal vigilance on the part of parents and teachers is the price of safety for our boys and girls. Let us not wait until they have gone out into the highways and byways of sin, and then go out and reclaim them. Prevention is better than cure.

The great problem for Seventh-day Adventists to-day is how to hold our children to the truth—how to keep them pure. Time is growing too short to devise curative measures, or means of bringing them back if they

have gone astray. By some means we must prevent our children from going out from the truth into the world. Only the power of the Spirit of God can accomplish this. Parents and teachers must be endued with this power before they can hope to have the children receive it; "For the promise is unto you and your children." The promise. What promise is this? "Then said Peter unto them, Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. *For the promise is unto you and your children.*"

May the Lord help us, as parents, as teachers, as Sabbath school workers, to realize the importance of this great question, and to sense our responsibility to God in its solution. Let us seek so to instil into the minds of our children the true principles of purity and righteousness "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones polished after the similitude of a palace."

MRS. R. W. McMAHAN.

## FOR OUR CHURCHES.

I do not speak now of everything that churches should do, but of selling our literature. There is not a doubt but what much more should have been done in this matter than has been done. All classes have been too listless, but our churches have been very neglectful. Churches have held meetings from fifty to one hundred times each year, and yet few indeed have been to the services conducted especially in the interest of selling our books, tracts and pamphlets.

My dear brethren and sisters, there are wonderful possibilities right at your hands. If I could set this before you as it appears to me, there would certainly be a warm revival in the distribution of the printed pages. There is not a church in the conference but could do a splendid work in this way if the proper effort should be made. Of course there should be method and tact observed to bring success to this work. Let churches call for some one who knows how to organize and carry forward just the kind of an effort that should be made in every church. If the one call fails to get the desired interest then call another, and try again. Keep on until God does give success.

The churches that have taken hold of the sale of Christ's Object Lessons of course will have little difficulty in getting this work well done. But delinquent churches should have help to get in line,

Time will be appointed for this work to begin in a systematic way; but do not wait about getting into the work. Any church can call for help of the kind described, and have the help, too. Do not be backward about calling. God has given to every man his work, and the churches should help all to find work. It is work that is needed more than anything to arouse and revive the cause. The attention of directors and elders in all the conference is called to this important subject. When all get to work, but little difficulty will be met with on account of backslidings and coldness. Early and earnest action is the principal remedy needed.

WM. COVERT.

## A REMINDER.

I wish to remind our brethren and sisters and church treasurers, that we are reaching the close of another month; soon our tithe books will be closed for the month of April, and I earnestly request that all who have not sent in their tithe for the month please do so at once, that it may appear in the next tithe report. Remember that our laborers are still drawing only one-half their salary, and we earnestly desire that every brother and sister be faithful in returning to the Lord his own, that this state of affairs may not have to continue long.

We are glad to report that the tithe has been coming in fairly well during this month, for which we are thankful to our brethren and sisters, and we trust that month to month will witness greater faithfulness and an increasing flow of funds into our tithe treasury. More laborers should be in the field, but this cannot be done until we have means to support them. We are very glad to see the cause arise in Indiana, and have had confidence from the first to believe that the Indiana brethren and sisters would be loyal and come to our assistance when they were convinced the money would be properly handled. This we will endeavor to do in the fear of God, and may the Lord give wisdom, and help us all to be faithful in his work. W. J. STONE.



## VISIT TO MIDDLETOWN.

It was my privilege, in company with Elder Curtis, to visit the Middletown church from April 15 to 18, and hold services. A number of the brethren from Mechanicsburg were also present. This was my first visit to Middletown, and I was glad to become acquainted with the brethren and sisters, and believe that there is talent in these churches that may be of much use to the cause of God, if consecrated to his service.

The messages given by Elder Curtis and the writer were well received, and by the many expressions, I am sure the brethren were strengthened and encouraged, and built up in the faith. Some expressed greater confidence in the work and their willingness to render all the assistance in their power in carrying forward the great work given to our trust in this conference.

From Middletown Elder Curtis and I went to Jonesboro, where we met Elder Young, and held a meeting with the officers of that church, to adjust some matters and differences existing there. God came very near, and blessed us in our meeting, and we were very glad indeed to see the willingness manifested to forgive and to suffer wrong rather than take a course that would imperil the cause and those of like precious faith. If the good resolutions made at this meeting are carried out, we believe there will be a greater degree of the blessings of God enjoyed by the Jonesboro church. W. J. STONE.

## SOUTHERN INDIANA.

By request of Elder Stone I give the following information: I have been here only a month, and cannot speak with as much confidence as those who have lived longer in this county. I have learned many facts, however, about the land in Spencer county. Perry county, adjoining, I know more about, for I lived there several months. Here about Rockport the country is fine, and the soil is fair, and there are almost all the conveniences found anywhere else. It has free rural delivery of mail, and its telephone service runs it all directions. The land sells for \$20 to \$60 per acre. There is land lying within three or four miles of the town with ordinary improvements which can be bought for \$25 per acre. I know of some 40 and 80-acre tracts for sale,

and in case persons wanted fewer than 40 acres, two or more could buy a tract and divide it up into smaller sections. I am credibly informed that land can be bought for \$10 per acre, twenty miles north of here; it looks to be very good farming land. There is no trouble here about a farmer making a good living. Those who are prepared for farming are doing as well as those in any other part of the State. It would be a good thing for those who are in the cities, and are prepared to do so, to move to this part of the State, and live out the truth among the people, who know little or nothing about it. My wife and I are the only Adventists in this county as far as I know.

In Perry county the land is cheaper—from \$6 an acre and upwards, according to location and improvements. The land is somewhat hilly, and not so productive, but those living there make a good living—all any one needs in this world. I would not advise any one to purchase here until he has seen the place. If I can be of service to any wishing to locate in this section, I will be glad to render it. If I cannot give the desired information, I can put persons in communication with those who can. Any one desiring information can dress me, Rockport, Indiana.

JOHN F. STEELE.

## INDIANAPOLIS EAST SIDE.

Sabbath and Sunday, April 16 and 17 were surely good days at the East Side church, Indianapolis. The Sabbath study was The Missionary Acre Fund. The Spirit of the Lord came very near, and we were made to realize that this call for help was God's own call. Liberal responses were made in pledges.

On Sunday evening Elder Bartlett gave a powerful discourse, showing that in all ages there has been a call to stand by the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Two souls stepped out to walk in the light, and were added to the church. May God continue to bless the work in this city. W. A. YOUNG.

## OBITUARIES.

Died at Barbers Mill, April 12, 1904, of pneumonia, Lester J., youngest son of Bro. Jesse E. Dunn, aged six months and twelve days. Bro. Dunn had recently moved his family into a farm house near this place, and had returned to his field of labor in the southern part of the State, when he was called home a few days before his child died. The neighbors and friends were very kind, and the Dutch Reformed church members kindly offered their house for the funeral services. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to a large congregation. C. H. BLISS.

Claude Bone, son of Ross Bone, was born Feb. 27, 1877, and died April 12, 1904, aged 27 years, 1 month and 16 days. He became a Christian at the age of seven years at the camp meeting at Wabash in 1884, and has since lived a faithful Christian life. One of the last acts of his life was to hand his father \$5 tithes, to be sent to the conference treasurer. Dear brethren and sisters who read this, do not forget to do likewise—that is, be faithful in the payment of tithes. He left a wife and child, father, mother, sister and brother to mourn their loss, but they sorrow not as those who have no hope. The funeral service was conducted by the writer. Text, Rev. 14:13. F. M. ROBERTS.

## REPORT OF CANVASSING WORK FOR TWO WEEKS, ENDING APRIL 22, 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	62	4	\$15 00	\$30 75	\$10 00	
Bartholomew, F. N.	South Bend							
Clark, T. J.	Rocklane							
Churchill, Austin	Goshen							
Gleason, G. W.	Jefferson Co.							
Hulwick, J. A.	Angola							
Keener, Mollie E.	Anderson							
Light, A. F.	Spencer County	Bible Read.	71	15	32 50	11 75	6 50	
Frost, V. B.	Nashville							
Richmond, Lizzie	Tangler							
Randall, Albert	Huntington	Coming King.	29	10	10 00	5 00		
Yazell, Albert	Sheridan							
Buhalts, E. & C. J.	Field Secretary							
Totals			152	29	\$57 50	\$47 50	\$16 50	

Brethren Buhalts and Blankenship report 36 orders, \$45, for Object Lessons at Lafayette.



## NEWS and NOTES

Elder Bliss reports another new Sabbath-keeper at Peru.

J. E. Collins writes that two or three have taken their stand for the truth at Tampico.

Sister Moore, mother of John W. Moore, has been quite poorly at her home in Frankton.

Elders Curtis and Young expect to be with the Greenfield church next Sabbath and Sunday.

Elder F. M. Roberts is still at his home at Jonesboro, physically unable to engage in ministerial work.

We still have hundreds of the special capital and labor Signs at the office; 2 cents per copy, postpaid.

James Blankenship reports good work at LaFayette with Object Lessons. He expects to keep right on canvassing.

Elder J. C. Harris reports good meetings at Unionville and Patricksburg. Some were baptized and united with the church.

Sister Theresa Thompson is spending a few weeks with her mother, but hopes to be able to again engage in the work in the near future.

A family in Elwood recently accepted the truth, but on account of lack of work there has moved to North Manchester. Thus the message is spreading.

Bro. and Sister Elliott, who recently returned from Pennsylvania, are locating in Logansport. We hope this will be great encouragement to the company there.

Elder W. A. Young was with the church at Elwood last Sabbath. There were some matters regarding our church property there that needed attention at this time.

April 14 Elder Bliss preached to the church at Barbers Mill. Such an earnest request came in for a short series of meetings at this place that Bro. Dunn decided to continue the services for a time.

Bro. T. A. Goodwin was taken seriously ill last week with appendicitis, and for a time his life was despaired of. A season of prayer was held for him, and at last report he was a little better.

A. F. Light is doing good work in canvassing Spencer county. He re-

ports one lady eager to hear all the truth concerning the commandments of God. Brethren, pray for Brother Light, that his canvassing may open the way for our ministering brethren in Spencer county.

J. E. Dunn was called from his work at Tampico by the sickness of his youngest child, which resulted in its death two weeks ago. He has since been holding meetings with the church at Barbers Mill.

There is a fine company of young people at Elwood. We hope to soon hear of a young people's society being organized there. They may become effective helpers in more solidly planting the truth in that city.

We have received sample pages of the "Signs" issue of The Southern Watchman. This special number will be of great value. Send orders for it direct to Southern Publishing Association, 1025-1027 Jefferson street, Nashville, Tenn.

Bro. and Sister Niehaus have been somewhat delayed in locating at Peru, but from last report they will doubtless be in Peru before this note reaches our brethren and sisters. May God greatly bless their efforts in this field of labor.

Elder Curtis was with the church at Boggstown last Sabbath, and also attended a business meeting of the church evening after the Sabbath. The church voted that the church property be deeded to the Indiana Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

Elder Stone and perhaps one other member of the conference committee will be with the company at Richmond, the Lord willing, Sabbath and Sunday, May 7 and 8. A full attendance of the brethren and sisters in that part of the State is desired at this meeting.

Sister McMahan has lately written letters to our workers throughout the conference, soliciting their co-operation in the work in which she is engaged. We earnestly hope that all our workers will heartily co-operate with our Sabbath school secretary in her work.

Sister Sarah Gilbert, of Straughn, Henry county, sends her tithe. She thought it unnecessary to ask for a receipt. This sister is an invalid and confined to bed; but her courage is good. Let us pray that she may be patient and of good cheer until the Master's appearing.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mann are getting things arranged in their new quarters at 1905 N. Capitol ave., this city, and will soon be ready to give Sanitarium treatments. We are glad to announce the equipment of these new treatment rooms in Indianapolis, and to know that they are being appreciated already by many citizens. Their telephone is New 7639.

Elder Stone was with the Indianapolis church last Sabbath and Sunday. There was a good attendance, Sabbath, and the thoughts presented were heartily sanctioned. On Sunday a business meeting was held and the membership was considered. It was found that many have not reported to the church for months, and some even for years. Two were disfellowshipped, and others may be after a thorough investigation and proper labor. The property of the Indianapolis church will be deeded to the Association, and they have offered the conference office rooms in the basement of their new building without any charge. If this is accepted by the conference, it will be a saving to the conference of about \$150 per year. Elder Curtis was present at the meeting on Sunday, and his counsel was greatly appreciated.

### NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS

Of the Indianapolis church who see this notice are earnestly requested to write to the church clerk, E. J. Hammer, 206½ E. New York street at once, giving their present spiritual condition, name and address, and what work they are doing for the cause. We are purging our membership list, and those not heard from by this call by May 15 will have one more call through the Review, after which, if not heard from, their names will be dropped. Please respond at once.

E. J. HAMMER, Clerk.

### TO THE SABBATH SCHOOLS.

I wish to call your attention to the little booklet on "The Seven Churches and the Seven Seals," put out by the Pacific Press. You will find this little work most helpful in the study of the Sabbath school lessons for the present quarter. We need now, as never before, to understand the great truths brought to view in the Revelation, and any help that comes to us will serve to increase our ability to give these truths to others. I wish that every teacher and student might have a copy. They can be ordered of the Tract Society for only 10 cents a copy. Mrs. R. W. McMahan.