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## OUR ANNUAL CAMP-MEETING

This meeting is now a thing of the past. It was held as previously announced, and was a success in every respect.

Many remarked that it was the best camp-meeting they had ever attended. It was said by some that the attendance was larger than it was last year. I was told that over one-hundred tents were pitched on the ground, and I think that seventy-five to one-hundred lodged in rooms near the grounds.

Unity and harmony prevailed in all the deliberations of the conference, and plans were laid which we believe will greatly advance the work the coming year.

Five tents are now in the field in practically new territory. One is located at Bedford with Eld. Harris and Bro. U. S. Anderson in charge. Elder C. H. Bliss and Brother Steele have pitched a tent at Oxford and will conduct a series of meetings there. Brethren J. E. Dunn and E. C. Swartz have a tent near Bluffton where Brother Dunn held a few meetings last spring. Brother J. E. Collins is conducting a tent meeting at Cannelton, and we are continuing

the tent services at Martinsville with a good attendance and interest.

Beside the meetings now in progress, we expect to soon begin meetings in churches and school houses where we have had calls for labor. We believe that greater efficiency will be manifested in the results of the efforts put forth the coming year, as we firmly believe that our laborers have gone to their fields with a greater determination than ever to push forward the work and prepare souls for Christ's coming and kingdom. Some expressed themselves as having received valuable instruction at the camp-meeting, and felt that they knew better how to hold onto an interest and seek God until he gave them the victory.

The conference voted to place one-half its laborers and tithe at the disposal of the General Conference to be used in the regions beyond. This was truly a great missionary movement, which will help to carry the message to all the world in this generation. We believe that this will inspire greater faithfulness and encourage our brethren to bring all the tithe into the store house and thus increase the laborers both in our own conference and foreign lands. Unless our tithe is greatly increased, the number of laborers in our home field will be quite materially reduced.

A Daily Bulletin was published, giving a synopsis of the principal subjects presented, and general news items of the camp. This was placed in every home of the city each day, which assisted in awakening a deep interest, and was a great blessing to those engaging in the work.

Quite a large corpse of workers is still on the ground, and many Bible readings are being held with those interested, and the prospects now are good for building up quite a strong company. May we not have the prayers of our brethren and sisters throughout the Conference that this may be the result?

Thirty-seven persons were baptized the last day of the camp-meeting, and the last service Sunday night was followed by a social meeting, which was said by all to be the best meeting that had been held. We were sorry that all who had been in attendance at the meeting were not present at the last of the feast. Thus closed, we believe, one of the most victorious camp-meetings ever held in the state of Indiana. To God be all the praise.  
W. J. STONE.

## THE OBJECT LESSON WORK

I hope that no one who can engage in this work for "Christ's Object Lessons," will excuse himself, and so lose the blessing that there is in it. This work is the means that the Lord has ordained for uniting the hearts of his people to one another, by the same link that unites them to himself. "We are laborers together with God." 1 Cor. 3:9. These words seem especially appropriate to the work now being done.

There are many, many souls that the Lord Jesus desires to save, and he asks for our co-operation. These souls cost him an infinite price. Let the question come home to us, "Are we willing to be workers together with God? Are we willing to go to those outside the faith, and plant in their hearts the seeds of truth?"

The work now being done with "Object Lessons" is a good beginning to the work the Lord desires to see carried forward by his people, because it calls for sacrifices and gifts, and because it enables all to act a part. The Lord's plan has provided a way for all to do something. As you go forth to sell the book that He has declared should be sold, you will realize that to you is spoken the benediction, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you." 2 Cor. 13:14.

The work of selling "Object Lessons" is to accomplish double and triple good in different lines. Those who purchase the book feel that they are doing something to advance a worthy cause. The work is done with an earnestness that appeals to their hearts. It is a lesson to them; and although they may not be of our faith, they appreciate the effort that is being made. They are impressed with the earnestness of the workers. They realize that what they are doing is commended by the lord, who blesses every good work. Light shines into their hearts. To many the conviction of the Spirit will come as the fruit of the seed sown by this unselfish work for the Master. The saving of precious souls will be the result of canvassing for "Object Lessons."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

### TEACHERS' CONVENTION

An interesting session of Christian teachers is being held on the campground at Martinsville. Different phases of the school question are being discussed, and an effort is being made to bring about a uniform course of study throughout the state and a uniformity in the use of school books.

The various branches to be taught are being considered and instruction given in them, and as to the best methods of presenting them. A committee on plans was appointed to suggest work for each of the six years, for the purpose of simplifying it and producing better results. A brief report of their work will be given in the Reporter.

An earnest, devoted company of teachers, enthusiastic for the success of this work, is present. The greater part of each day is spent in preparing for the coming year's work. How to successfully conduct the various branches of manual training in our Christian schools is receiving considerable attention. Knowing that what is learned from books must be applied to become useful, the question arises, "What lines of work may be most profitably taught in our schools?" It is hoped that at least a start may be made this year in the solution of this great problem. G. FAYETTE KNAPP.

### CIRCULATE OUR LITERATURE

There are many places in which the voice of the minister cannot be heard, places which can be reached only by publications,—the books, papers, and tracts that are filled with the Bible truth that the people need. Our literature is to be distributed everywhere. The truth is to be sown beside all waters; for we know not which shall prosper, this or that. In our erring judgment we may think it unwise to give literature to the very ones who would accept the truth most readily. We know not what may be the good results of giving away a leaflet containing present truth.

Many are sad and discouraged, weak in faith and trust. Let them do something to help some one more needy than themselves, and they will grow strong in the strength of God. Let them engage in the good work of selling our books. Thus they will help others, and the experience gained will give them the assurance that they are God's helping hand. As they plead with the Lord to help them, he will guide them to those who are seeking for the light. Christ will be close beside them, teaching them what to say and do. By comforting others, they themselves will be comforted. MRS. E. G. WHITE.

### SYNOPSIS OF CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Resolutions were adopted, thanking God for the Manual Training Academy, and pledging the assistance of all the people in the Conference to clear up the debt now resting on the institution,—to heartily cooperate with the General Conference work and engage in a missionary campaign beginning the first of November,—asking the auditing and conference committees to carefully examine the work of the conference laborers, requesting that those who fail to produce fruit, seek other employment,—recommending the cash policy in all our work,—that one-half of our workers, together with one-half of our tithe be placed at the disposal of the General Conference for use in aggressive work in destitute fields,—asking a diligent study of the Sabbath School lessons that we might become fitted as channels of light to others,—and urging the advancement of the

Home Department work in our Sabbath Schools,—urging a more extended circulation of the Sabbath School Worker,—endorsing and encouraging the work done, and to be done for, in, and by the young people.

It was also voted to reorganize the canvassing work, and, on account of the size of the field, it was thought best to divide the territory into four districts with a field secretary in charge in each district.

One resolution declared "that it is the sense of this body that no person, while in the employ of this Conference and drawing a salary from its treasury, should engage in secular labor, receiving compensation for the same." Nothing in the above was to be construed as forbidding any laborer doing manual labor about homes where he is being entertained, that he might thus lessen their labors.

It was recommended that all who desire training and yet their environments are a hindrance, be directed to enter the Missionary Training School of Correspondence.

The new school near Nashville, Tenn., was recommended to the favorable consideration of our people.

The Conference asked the Pacific Press to consider favorably the matter of issuing of Christ in Song—words only—for use in tent and camp-meetings, that could be sold for about ten cents per copy.

In view of the fact that a free list known as "Sample Copies" of the Reporter has been maintained by the Conference for several months, at great expense to the Conference, it was voted that all use their influence to increase the paid circulation of this good state paper.

In the matter of credentials to ministers, when it was noticed that the name of Elder Bartlett was omitted, it was voted, after some impassioned remarks by him, that credentials be renewed to him. He at once resigned the favor.

The last business meeting was held Sunday evening after the large congregation had gone. The first part of this was a praise service in which it was the general expression that it was the best of their life. Elder Farnsworth said it was more like the camp-meetings in Australia than any that he had yet attended in the

States. All this was because of the hearty missionary work entered into by all the believers, in behalf of the citizens of Martinsville.

The treasurer's report was called for and presented, in part, because of the lateness of the hour. The report will be published later in the Reporter.

W. A. YOUNG, Sec.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The following statement shows the financial condition of the Indiana Tract Society January 1, 1904:

RESOURCES.	
Office fixtures, per inventory.....	\$313 16
Real estate and personal property per inventory.....	9,066 11
Merchandise, per inventory.....	5,072 99
Subscription books, per inventory.....	947 74
Periodicals, per inventory.....	181 00
Bills receivable.....	5,502 11
Indiana Manual Training School.....	285 75
Indiana Conference account.....	2,167 95
Personal accounts receivable.....	2,261 10
Merchants Nat. Bank deposit.....	3,285 24
Cash in safe.....	465 91
Total.....	\$29,549 55

LIABILITIES.	
Lake Union Conference.....	\$1,408 11
Indianapolis church work fund.....	8,000 00
Tithe fund.....	752 44
Review and Herald.....	2,373 65
Pacific Press.....	440 61
Washington Review and Herald.....	35 00
Indiana State Debt fund.....	967 97
Bills payable.....	1,901 83
Emmanuel Missionary College.....	4,877 33
Personal accounts payable.....	2,096 04
Reserve fund.....	108 25
Balance—Present worth January 1, 1904.....	6,588 32
Total.....	\$29,549 55

## LOSS AND GAIN.

LOSS.	
Tithe due L. U. C. for 1903.....	\$1,408 11
Teacher's Salary for 1903 at Berrien Springs, Mich.....	302 50
Office fixtures.....	80 79
Expense account.....	232 30
Lost accounts.....	207 49
Periodicals.....	32 30
Interest (three years).....	860 52
Indianapolis church work fund.....	8,000 00
Total.....	\$11,124 01

GAIN.	
Real estate and personal property.....	\$3,782 93
Merchandise.....	1,508 53
Subscription books.....	116 91
Balance—Net loss.....	5,715 64
Total.....	\$11,124 01

## STOCK.

Net worth January 1, 1903.....	\$12,303 96
Net loss for 1903.....	5,715 64

Present worth January 1, 1904 \$6,588 32

W. C. McCUAIG, Treas.

The above financial statement shows a loss for 1903 of over five thousand dollars: this is because

\$8,000.00 was given to the Indianapolis church from the money received from the sale of the mission property. The present condition of the conference financially is somewhat better than shown in this report, as we have been reducing some of these obligations. We shall be glad to answer any questions regarding this report.

W. J. STONE.

## TENT FUND

When I came to this conference we did not have a gospel tent fit to pitch to hold a series of meetings. We did not know this, or realize it, until we came right up to the time to plan our tent efforts for the summer. The committee then had to order two tents and trust to our brethren to help us out. This I am glad to say they have done, or nearly so, but when the time came for our camp-meeting and I began to inquire about family tents for this meeting, I found that we were short at least twenty-five tents and would have to borrow, hire, or purchase these tents.

We tried to borrow of sister conferences; but found it impossible, as our camp-meetings were all being held so near the same date. We then tried to hire tents; but learned that we could rent no tents with flies, and that we could not rent tents without flies without paying more for them than we had agreed to rent them for, and the conference would have to lose the freight both ways in shipping them. Then we learned also that the family tents owned by the conference were all old tents and only a few having flies, and in case of rainy weather it would be impossible for families to live in them. Then too, as our meeting was to be held where there was no shade, we felt that we must have flies to break the heat of the sun. Under the circumstances the committee saw no other way only to order flies for our old tents and a few new tents. Then, after the tornado blew down our tents and injured some of the old ones so badly that they could not be repaired, we had to order a few more tents. This was a necessity in order to hold our camp-meeting and push forward our work. We have all the tents, and our tent equipment is now in better shape than it has been for

years. Our old tents were all repaired and put in fairly good shape.

At the close of our camp-meeting, Elder Bliss wanted a tent for meetings at Oxford, but there was none for him, and he offered to become responsible for one-hundred dollars toward purchasing a new gospel tent; so we ordered another gospel tent. Our brethren can see that all this has been necessary, if we would go forward with aggressive work as the Lord has directed.

Now all this equipment and improvement of our tent outfit calls for liberal donations on the part of our brethren and sisters. Several hundred dollars is still needed on the tent fund. God has blessed us with good crops and an abundance of work the present year and will we not remember this needy fund and come to its rescue at once and make up this deficit? Must we call and call, for this small amount, when there are those in the conference who could easily assist us and never feel it or go without a meal in order to cancel this obligation?

If those who have already sent in money to assist on the tent fund can do more, there is still opportunity to assist. All donations will be published in the Reporter. Send remittances to W. A. Young, 23 Unity Building, Indianapolis, Ind.

W. J. STONE.

## VOTE OF THANKS

At the closing session of the Conference, a unanimous vote was taken expressing thanks to the city officials, the press, and the interurban and steam lines for many courtesies shown, and to the citizens of Martinsville for their kindness to the campers on the occasion of the recent storms.

There is much regret expressed by the people of Martinsville, that the meetings are so far to one side of the town. There is thought of pitching a tent nearer the center of the city this week and it is believed the attendance will be increased. Most of those interested and now attending would still attend if the tent was moved to a new location.

All remittances of money should hereafter be sent to W. A. Young, Room 23 Unity Building, Indianapolis, Ind.

## FUND FOR NEW TENTS

We give below a list of names of those who have pledged to the tent fund and whose payment of pledge has not heretofore been published. Hereafter the names will be published until paid, then published once acknowledging the payment, then discontinued for lack of space. We hope to have a large list of new pledges for next issue.

Previously reported		\$223.85
Dr. D. D. McDougall	paid	5.00
A friend	paid	1.00
S. Grommon	paid	4.00
Sister DeWolf	paid	10.00
A friend	paid	1.00
Richmond Church	paid	.50
D. W. Albert	paid	2.00
Mrs. West	paid	1.00
Henry Trinkner	paid	.25
Mary St. Clair	paid	1.00
H. S. Browning	paid	.50
J. E. Collins	paid	2.00
B. F. Halstead	paid	.50
Mary Lewis	paid	.25
Mrs. Fahrion	paid	.50
Mrs. Saunders	paid	.50
L. Shirley	paid	1.50
E. M. Spohr	paid	1.00
F. W. Gossett	paid	.25
Mrs. West	paid	.25
S. Sherman	paid	1.00
R. LaFever	paid	1.00
J. W. Nelson	paid	1.00
Wm. True	paid	1.00
O. Welsh	paid	.50
L. A. Appelgate	paid	.50
C. Fuller	paid	.25
L. Saucerman	paid	.50
D. C. Horlacher	paid	1.00
L. C. Horlacher	paid	1.00
F. M. Roberts	paid	5.00
J. C. Harris	paid	5.00
S. N. Bartholomew		1.00
Cloe Walters		.50
Mrs. Harvey		1.50
Dorothy Sellers and daughters.		1.25
Geo. Baker		1.00
James Cummins		5.00
James R. Fatic		5.00
Jesse Woods		1.00
U. S. Anderson		5.00
J. W. Covert		5.00
Prof. B. F. Machlan		5.00
B. F. Harrison		.50
C. H. Bliss		5.00
S. J. Cleland		1.00
R. M. Harlan		1.00
J. H. Graham		1.00
James W. Cope		5.00
Mrs. Stillhorn		.25
Chas. Gardner		1.00
Raymond Gardner		.50
Mrs. Switzer		.25

## NEWS and NOTES

A number of calls have come in for meetings, which we will try to fill as soon as possible.

The prospects are now, that we will have a larger number of church schools than we had last winter.

The Indianapolis church building is rapidly nearing completion. They expect to occupy it in about one month.

Elder W. A. Young was called to Marion last week to preach the funeral of Sister Martha B. Tripp. Particulars in the next issue of the Reporter.

Notice carefully the tithe report for August. See whether your church has tithe reported. If any corrections should be made, address the office.

The teachers' institute that followed the camp meeting was quite well attended, and has been considered a success and great help to those in attendance.

Brother W. C. McCuaig will soon locate at Goshen, Ind., and take up his work in that part of the state as field secretary for the canvassing work. He will have charge of District No. 1.

Be sure and remember that Elder W. A. Young is now secretary and treasurer of the Tract Society, and all mail should be addressed to the Society or to him, instead of W. C. McCuaig as formerly.

The camp-meeting was a grand success. We only wish that all our brethren and sisters could have enjoyed this precious privilege. Let all begin now to prepare for the next, then so many will not be deprived of this privilege.

We are thankful for a few new pledges and donations to the tent fund; but we need several hundred dollars yet to put this fund in proper shape, and have our tent outfit what it should be. Let the donations still come in.

We desire to complete the Object Lesson work the coming year, and trust our brethren and sisters will continue to assist us in this work and push the sale of the books now on hand. Read carefully the article by Sister White in this issue of the Reporter.

Let the donations still come in to aid in the tent fund.

We expect to move the Reporter office or printing plant this week to our Manual Training Academy and make it a department of the manual training.

Elder Stone is expected to leave Wednesday of this week for College View, Neb., to attend the fall counsel of the General Conference. It is expected to be a very important meeting.

## TITHES FOR AUGUST, 1904.

Akron	3 25
Angola	17 30
Anderson	19 20
Auburn	
Bass Lake	
Barbers Mills	29 06
Boggs town	76 86
Brookston	
Connersville	26 00
Corunna	
Denver	6 92
Duna	4 22
Evansville	
Elnora	
Elwood	3 35
Etna Green	21 93
Farmersburg	
Fort Wayne	3 10
Franklin	13 16
Frankton	12 32
Grass Creek	
Glenwood	
Greenfield	13 30
Hartford City	64 86
Honey Creek	2 00
Huntington	10 99
Idaville	8 00
Indianapolis	55 65
Individuals	105 72
Inwood	
Jefferson	13 70
Jonesboro	32 40
Kennard	15 77
Kokomo	19 84
LaFayette	55 95
Lebanon	20 90
Ligonier	8 02
Linton	13 64
Logansport	
Michaels	35 80
Mechanicsburg	
Marion	31 36
Michigan City	
Middletown	11 07
Mt. Vernon	9 80
Mt. Zion	13 60
Muncie	29 99
New London	10 00
Noblesville	18 82
Northfield	5 00
New Marion	
North Liberty	
Olive Branch	
Olivet Chapel	
Oolitic	10 33
Patrickburg	41 71
Peru	29 00
Petersburg	
Plensant View	11 60
Princeton	23 67
Richmond	33 26
Rochester	18 30
Rocklane	15 00
Salem	17 00
Second Indianapolis	28 95
South Bend	13 60
South Milford	5 00
Terre Haute	12 18
Unionville	2 00
Wabash	6 00
Waldron	15 55
Walkerton	
Waterloo	
West Liberty	21 40
Windfall	43 35
Wolf Lake	33 60
Total receipts	\$1,224 35