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MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN

As has been announced, there will begin, Sabbath, October 29th, a great missionary movement by all our people everywhere, which we hope will be continued unremittingly, until the whole world is warned, and the word goes forth, "It is done," "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom."

Special instruction will be given in the Review and Herald of Oct. 26th, and mention will be made of special tracts that are being prepared with which to do missionary work; besides the tracts, as has been announced, Special numbers of the "Signs," "Southern Watchman," and "Life and Health," will be prepared for the fall campaign.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

The time has fully come for us all to "arise and shine," or arise and do the work that God has committed to us, or soon God will raise up others to do this work. Will all of our church officers, and isolated brethren and sisters enter heartily into this work and begin to think and plan for the great work before us?

Souls are lost, and will never be brought to the fold unless we organ-

ize companies and go to search for them. If a brother or sister were lost in a wilderness, and we organized a party to go in search, and several days were spent, hungry and fatigued we finally succeed in finding the lost, just in time to save his life, we would think a noble deed had been accomplished, by saving a human life.

Let us look at another picture; which is a reality. Scores of souls are in darkness all around us and unless warned, will surely be lost—*eternally* lost. Suppose in our churches, companies of a dozen or more are organized, and should go to a neighboring town where the truth has not been preached and spend a day putting a tract or paper in every house in the city. And this is followed up for several weeks, giving a day each week to this work: thus spending several days as in search for the lost brother; and as a result, one soul is found who becomes interested in the message and accepts it and is saved in the Kingdom of God. Will not a grand and noble work have been accomplished?

We believe this would be the result in nine cases out of ten. Then why should not companies be organized all over this state and begin this line of work? If we really believe the message as we profess, it seems to me we will arise, and in the strength of Israel's God, go forth to labor as never before. You know what ought to be done as well as our committee, or those whose time is wholly devoted to this work: then must we plead with you or urge that this line of work be taken up?

May I not hear from a number of our brethren and sisters and church officers that you are organizing and doing this kind of missionary work? We want to see this message go as never before—a returning to the old time spirit when all our brethren and sisters will keep a supply of reading

matter on hand, and pass it out to all who will accept it and read.

The message is going. The work is arising. Some one will do the work; some one will wear the crown. Will you? Will I? This remains for each of us individually to settle. May God help us to settle it on the side of right, and go to work, that we may hear it said in a little from this, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." W. J. STONE.

CHOOSING A COMPANION

The Canaanites were idolaters, and the Lord had commanded that his people should not intermarry with them, lest they should be led into idolatry. Abraham was old and he expected soon to die. Isaac was yet unmarried. Abraham was afraid of the corrupting influence surrounding Isaac, and was anxious to have a wife selected for him who would not lead him from God.

This important matter was not left with Isaac, for him to select for himself, independent of his father. . . . Marriage contracts were then generally made by the parents, yet, no compulsion was used to make them marry those they could not love. But the children had confidence in the judgment of the parents, and followed their counsel, and bestowed their affections upon those whom their God fearing, experienced parents chose for them. It was considered a crime to follow a course contrary to this.

What a contrast to the course now pursued by many children! Instead of showing reverence and due honor for their parents, by consulting them, and having the advantage of their experienced judgment in choosing for them, they move hastily in the matter, and are controlled by impulse rather than by the judgment of their parents and the fear of God. It is often the case that they contract

marriage without even the knowledge of their parents. And, in many instances; their lives are imbittered by hasty marriages, because the son-in-law or the daughter-in-law feels under no obligations to make their parents happy.

Young men and women sometimes manifest great independence upon the subject of marriage, as though the Lord had nothing to do with them, or they with the Lord, in the matter; and that it was purely a matter of their own, which neither God nor their parents should in anywise control. They seem to think that the bestowal of their affections is a matter in which self alone should be consulted. Such make a serious mistake; and a few years of marriage experience generally teaches them that it is a miserable mistake. This is the great reason of so many unhappy marriages, in which there is so little true, generous love.

Isaac had been trained in the fear of God to a life of obedience. And when he was forty years old, he submitted to have the God-fearing, experienced servant of his father choose for him. Children now from fifteen to twenty generally consider themselves competent to make their own choice, without the consent of their parents. Isaac's case is left on record, as an example for children to imitate in after generations, especially those who profess to fear God.

The course which Abraham pursued in the education of Isaac, that caused him to love a life of noble obedience, is recorded for the benefit of parents, and should lead them to command their households after them. They should instruct their children to yield to, and respect, their authority. And they should feel that a responsibility rests upon them to guide the affections of their children, that they may be placed upon persons who their judgment would teach them would be suitable companions for their sons and daughters. It is a sad fact that Satan controls the affections of the young to a great extent. And some parents feel that the affections should not be guided or restrained. The course pursued by Abraham is a rebuke to all such.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

WORK OF INSTITUTE

(CONTINUED)

Christian educators are often confronted with the question: What is the matter with the public school books? Why can't you use them?

It is with the hope of helping our brethren and sisters in Indiana to see why we cannot use the popular school books of to-day, and also to help them to better appreciate the work that we are attempting to do in our Christian schools, that this summary of the institute work is given through the columns of the Reporter.

Over and over again, the teachers were brought to the place where they were forced to ask: What shall we do for suitable reading books for our Christian schools? It may be asked: Why should the subject of readers be so perplexing?

What is reading? We have read much of late in the *Review* of Elder Conradi's efforts to establish a mission among the natives of East Africa and some of the difficulties he has had to meet. We read much about the war in the far East. What do we get from this reading? Do we not get new ideas of the native life in Africa; new ideas of the German government; new ideas of the governments of Russia and Japan and of the people under those governments? Then is not reading, thought getting?

Since reading is thought getting, it means much to the child as to what is given him to read. After examining the popular readers of to-day which are filled with mythology, no Christian parent who senses his responsibility would be willing to have them placed in the hands of his child. It is nothing uncommon to find one-half or even more of each reader made up of myth stories. Do you wonder then that teachers are perplexed over the subject of readers? God has placed in the hands of Christian teachers, human minds very susceptible to impressions, so it becomes his duty to see that only true and pure thoughts enter the mind of the child as the result of his teaching.

The teachers of Indiana expressed a wish that we might have a series of readers whose subject matter would be based upon the Bible and natural sciences. At present we have no series of readers of any kind for our schools. What shall we do?

Shall we use the popular readers until we can get some of our own? The teachers of Indiana will answer in the negative. They are willing to struggle and work, making use of the Little Friend, Youth's Instructor, and the primary readers which have been prepared, rather than to place falsehood before the children for food for their young minds.

Thought getting is not all there is to reading. That is the first step, but the second step is thought giving. Much attention was given during the institute to the second step. In Neh. 8:8, we have a very good law for reading: "So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading."

How to teach reading to little people is a most important part of a teacher's work. When the right foundation is laid, the future work in reading is a natural outcome. It is generally considered that the first work in reading should consist largely of teaching from objects. The child gives his thoughts which the object has suggested and the teacher writes upon the blackboard the thought which the child has expressed. A thought expressed in words is a sentence. Since the fundamental essentials of reading are thought-getting and thought-giving, this foundation work should receive most careful attention. While the complete sentence should come first in thought-giving, the child should be taught to get the thoughts of others for himself. The thought he expressed is made up of words. The word should be made familiar to him by associating it with the object itself or with a picture of the object which it represents. When he is in possession of the idea, he should be made familiar with the form and sounds which embody it. Much time should be given to word-study, preparatory to the study of the reading lesson. Phonic drills are very essential in making the child independent in his work. No one method of teaching reading is complete in itself, but a combining of the thought, sentence, and word methods produce very satisfactory results.

It is a lamentable fact that there are many poor readers in the world. Should we not aim in our Christian schools to place before our children that kind of reading that will fill

them with a message? And then there will be no trouble about expression. Is it not right that we should teach our children to glorify God in their reading?

In very close connection with reading comes the subject of spelling. It was decided by the members of the institute that this year should mark a new era in our Christian schools in the matter of thoroughness in teaching all of the common branches. One of the best and most complete spelling-books that can be found is to be used in our schools, and the best methods of teaching spelling were carefully considered.

It is not the object of the writer to give a detailed article on any of these subjects, but merely to lay before the readers of the Reporter in a brief way the work that we hope to accomplish as the result of the institute. We most earnestly solicit the hearty co-operation of all who have an interest in Christian education and ask to be remembered by you in prayer that our work this year may be of that character that God's approval may rest upon it.

A report of other branches will appear in a future number.

NETTIE A. DUNN, Sec. of Institute.

WHAT OTHER CONFERENCES ARE DOING

At the recent conference session, of the Nebraska Conference, the following resolution was passed.

"Whereas, the Nebraska Conference has a large number of workers on its pay-roll, some of whom cannot be expected to become efficient public speakers, Therefore—

"Resolved, that this conference urge its incoming executive committee to carefully study this situation, and as far as may seem necessary, to arrange for some who have been laboring as conference employees to enter the canvassing or some other line of self-supporting work, and thus open the way to encourage suitable young men to enter the work, with a view of developing into strong laborers."

It will be noticed that this recommendation is similar to the one passed by the Indiana Conference at its last session, and the movement is quite general in all the conferences. The time has fully come when the message is to be given with no uncertain sound, and when results must

be seen, and *will be seen*, by the labors put forth by those whom God has called to the work. God has never called any one to give the Third Angel's Message who cannot give it with results; and when men have labored for some length of time with but little to show for the efforts put forth, it would be far better for them to seek other lines of work, than to continue, and draw from God's treasury the sacred tithe that should go to pay fruitful laborers. It would be better for persons who have had but little success, to withdraw from the work, than to wait to have the committees ask them to take up other lines of work. May God help every worker to find his calling, and then do with his might what his hands find to do.

W. J. STONE, Pres. Ind. Conf.

OUR GOOD OLD REVIEW

I am informed that many of our brethren and sisters in Indiana are not taking our church paper, the *Review and Herald*. This ought not to be so. Every Seventh Day Adventist in Indiana should have the Old Review in order to keep abreast of the times and fully informed in regard to the progress of the work throughout the world.

I wish to urge the importance of this matter upon our brethren, and I ask our librarians to make a special effort to place the Review in every home by obtaining their subscriptions. If you cannot secure yearly subscriptions, obtain subscriptions for a less length of time. The paper is \$1.50 per year, \$1.00 for eight months, 75 cents for six months, 50 cents for four months, 40 cents for three months, and 25 cents for two months. Send all subscriptions to Elder W. A. Young, Indianapolis, Ind., 221 Unity Building.

The matter that will appear in the Review during the next three months will be of vital importance, and none of our people can afford to be without it; and I appeal most earnestly to our librarians, church elders, and deacons to interest themselves in this matter and help us to place this valuable paper in the homes of all our brethren and sisters throughout the state.

The message is going with power in all parts of the world, and many of our people are in danger of losing

sight of what is being done, and falling behind in the work and losing eternal life. The message now is, "Awake!" "Awake!" "Awake!" "Get ready!" "Get ready!" "Get ready" to meet the Bridegroom!

W. J. STONE.

THE COLORED WORK

Undoubtedly most of our people have seen the notice and articles in the Review and Herald of the offering that is to be taken Sabbath, November 5th, to aid in the colored work in the South.

The work for the colored people has been greatly neglected, and God is calling for the message to be given to that race before the way closes, and it becomes much more difficult to give them the message than at the present time. Every year the breach is becoming greater, and it is becoming more difficult to work for the colored people. The efforts in behalf of the colored work have been fully as fruitful as those for the whites.

We hope that in consideration of the other calls, our people will be as liberal as possible in donating at this time for this work, and we ask our church officers to not neglect this offering Sabbath, Nov. 5, but encourage our brethren and sisters to donate liberally to this important work.

W. J. STONE.

HOW TO PRESENT THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE TO YOUR FRIENDS

No doubt you have relatives, friends and neighbors to whom you would like to present the Third Angel's Message in a strong, pleasing, and attractive manner. We believe the Third Angel's Message series of the *Signs of the Times*, which will be issued during the month of November, will supply this want. There will be four papers in the series, each with cover, and each filled with short, pithy articles on Present truth.

Prices will be as follows:—
From one to four sets of four papers each 20 cents a set.
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Five to twenty sets to one address 12 cents a set.
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SIGNS OF THE TIMES,

Mountain View, Cal.

NEWS and NOTES

Subscribe for the Reporter 25 cts.

Elder Harris has taken down his tent at Bedford, and is continuing his work by visiting and holding Bible readings.

It is expected that the first meeting in the new Indianapolis church building will be held next Sabbath. It is to be completed this week.

Good reports are coming from many of our church schools, and we are only sorry that a christian school cannot be conducted in every church in the conference.

Elder Curtis is spending a few days at home doing some needed work before the cold weather sets in. He will give attention also, to matters pertaining to the educational work.

There is no better time to enter the canvassing work than now. After while may be too late. Some new names appear in this number's report. We hope others will appear soon.

Brother John F. Steele is holding meetings at Templeton, and reports some interest. This is only two and one-half miles from Oxford, and he will still look after the interest at Oxford.

Elder Hagle is holding meetings at Morocco and Brother Armstrong reports a good interest there. As soon as Elder Hagle began services, another revival service was started in the city.

Sister McMahan has been very sick for the past few weeks, but was at last report slowly improving. Let all pray that she may be spared to carry forward the important work in which she is engaged.

The Life Boat for October is a special number prepared especially to place in the hands of infidels and skeptics. Haven't you friends or neighbors who should have this number of the Life Boat.

There are now twelve new Sabbath keepers at Martinsville. The regular meetings every night have been discontinued, but a building has been rented where meetings will be held three times a week, and several workers will remain there and continue the Bible work with many who are deeply interested. Pray for the work and workers at Martinsville.

Have you subscribed for the Review? You cannot afford to be without it at any time, and especially now, when so many important matters are being presented. The Missionary Campaign will receive much attention and good instruction through the Review.

The Second Indianapolis church building was begun last week and will be rushed to completion by the 10th of December. The main audience room is 24 by 32 feet, and the school room is 20 by 20 feet, and so arranged that all can be thrown together when more room is needed.

Read carefully Sister White's article in this paper upon the subject of "Choosing a Companion." It is the right instruction at the right time, when so many of our young people are running untold risks in yoking up with unbelievers and placing themselves upon the enemies ground.

Elder J. C. Harris reports four new Sabbath keepers at Bedford and others deeply interested. He will continue to look after the work there. Brother Anderson who has been laboring with him all summer, has gone home to arrange his affairs for winter, and then he will hold meetings elsewhere.

Elder Curtis and Elder Stone visited Connersville last week, by the request of many of the leading citizens of Connersville, in the interest of the sanitarium work that is now being established there. Over twenty-five hundred dollars has already been raised for this enterprise, and more is to be raised. We consider this Sanitarium enterprise an assured success. A thorough business man will be placed in charge to look after the finances. The interest that is being manifested by the leading men and women of Connersville is simply a marvel.

One of the leading business men of Connersville, in speaking at the meeting held there last week in the interest of the sanitarium work said: "I want the Seventh Day Adventists to have charge of this institution, and want it to be known as a Seventh Day Adventist institution, because they know how to conduct a sanitarium and we do not."

We hope to see the tithe flow in from month to month even in larger streams than in the past. We were all rejoicing to know that there had been an increase of several hundred dollars the past year over the previous year, and this was good and as it should be, but every year should witness a larger gain. We are trying to keep our expenses within our income, and we can only send out as many laborers as we have tithe to support them. We urge faithfulness on the part of all.

Have you read the account of Elder C. B. Rule's tent being forcibly taken down, where he had been holding meetings in Old Virginia, and he forced to leave the country by a mob of 60 men, some of them armed with guns? And as far as we have learned, there was no remonstrance to the proceedings by the citizens. This shows us how rapidly we are nearing the end. Last week's Review gave a full account of this matter. You should be a subscriber for the Review if you are not.

A reduction of 15 to 30 percent will be given on the Battle Creek health foods when ordered through our tract society in lots of 50 pounds or more. Where we have churches, there should be no trouble of making up an order of this size. The "Wesson Cooking Oil" which is the best vegetable shortening or cooking oil on the market, can be furnished at 20 cents per quart. Package extra.

REPORT OF CANVASSING WORK FOR FOUR WEEKS, ENDING SEPT. 30, 1904

NAME.	PLACE.	Book.	Hours.	Orders	Value.	Value Helps	Value Del.	Orders from Office.
Blankenship, James.	Medaryville .....	.....	27	53	\$ 60 50	\$13 25	.....	.....
Browning, H. S.	Indianapolis	Miscellaneous .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bartholomew, F. N.	St. Joseph Co.	Bible Read .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blosser, Gusta.	Elkhart	Coming King .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blosser, Cora	Elkhart	Coming King .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ford, A. C.	Lebanon	Bible Read	18	2	4 00	1 50	.....	.....
Ford, R. R.	Dana	Bible Read	86	51	72 00	15 50	.....	.....
Grim, Martin	Dana	Great Cont.	27	4	9 00	1 65	.....	.....
McCuig, W. C.	Indianapolis	Dan. and Rev.	16	10	15 75	75
Randall, Albert	Huntington
Slater, Sarah	Portland
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