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"ELMSHAVEN," SANITARIUM, CAL.,

MARCH 30, 1905

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

I AM greatly burdened because the money needed for the completion of our school and sanitarium at Takoma Park, comes in so slowly. The Lord has said that these institutions should be put in working order as soon as possible. We have no time to lose.

I address all our church members. Not merely to a few, but to all, has the Lord entrusted talents, and from each one, according to his several ability, he expects returns. The rapidly increasing wickedness in the world testifies plainly that the end of all things is at hand. Every believer should now use his talents in the accomplishment of the work that must be done before the coming of the Lord. We are to labor diligently, earnestly, and unselfishly, looking to the Lord for success, and counting no sacrifice too great to make for his sake.

My brethren and sisters, take hold without delay to supply the means needed for the completion of the work at Washington. If you will open your hearts to the influence of

the Holy Spirit, this work can soon be accomplished. Let your piety and liberality be shown just now in the accomplishment of the work that must be done in Washington, and in the sending forth of missionaries to all parts of the world. Put your hearts into the effort, that soon the word may go forth that the needed means has been supplied, and that the work may go forward with joyful dispatch.

The Lord has entrusted you with means to be used in *this very emergency*. The work being carried on at the capital of our nation concerns us all. Every believer has a part to act in helping to carry out the purposes of God for the establishment of his truth in that place. More than twenty years ago institutions should have been established in Washington. It is with deep regret that we think of how the work has been neglected. It must be neglected no longer. The erection of the necessary buildings must be carried forward without delay. Let not your zeal lessen till this work is accomplished. The training-school must be fully equipped, that those who come may receive a thorough training as evangelists, medical missionaries, and teachers.

Unmistakeable evidences point to the nearness of the end. The warning is to be given in clear, certain lines. The way must be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace in the clouds of heaven. There is much to be done in the cities that have not yet heard the truth for this time. Lift up the standard. Proclaim the last message of mercy to a fallen world. We are not to establish institutions to rival in size and splendor the institutions of the world; but in the name of the Lord, with the untiring perseverance and unflagging zeal that Christ brought into his labors, we are to carry forward the work of the Lord.

Notwithstanding the continual

opposition of his own nation, Christ carried forward his work until they crucified him. He commissioned his disciples to press on in the work he had begun. "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth," he said. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

These words outline our work. As a people, we greatly need to humble our hearts before God, pleading forgiveness for our neglect to fulfill the gospel commission. We have made large centers in a few places, leaving unworked many important cities. Let us now take up the work entrusted to us, and proclaim with power the message that is to arouse men and women to a sense of their danger. If every Seventh-day Adventist had done the work laid upon him, the number of believers would now be much larger than it is. In all the cities of America there would be those who had been led to heed the message to obey the law of God.

In some places the message regarding the observance of the Sabbath has been set forth with clearness and power, while other places have been left without warning. Will not those who know the truth awake to the responsibilities resting upon them? They can not afford to bury themselves in worldly enterprises or interests. They can not afford to neglect the commission given them by the Saviour. Let us be determined that the Washington Fund shall be closed during the General Conference.

Paul wrote of the churches in Macedonia: "In a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power I bear record,

yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift." Shall not this be the testimony borne of our people at this time?

ELLEN G. WHITE.

OUR WORK AT WASHINGTON

THE Third Angel's Message is a world wide message, and one work; and our interest in its advancement should be the same in one field as in another. We should render assistance wherever our help is the most needed.

The Lord has instructed us that our first work now, is to establish the work at Washington. That now we should do quickly that which should have been done twenty years ago. Surely those who have been reading recent developments, can see that our institutions at Washington ought to be completed within the next few months. But in order to do this, there is still about \$35,000 to raise. It is greatly desired, and it is very essential that this money all be raised before the close of our coming General Conference. This could very easily be done if our people everywhere sensed the importance of the situation.

What will Indiana do in this matter? Indiana could pay to this fund within the next thirty days two thousand dollars and not feel it. If every Seventh-day Adventist in Indiana would estimate what he is worth, and then pay one-half a cent on each dollar, the two thousand dollars could be raised in Indiana, and a great blessing spiritually would be the result. At this ration, a person worth a hundred dollars would give 50 cents. If two hundred dollars, \$1.00; one thousand dollars, he would give \$5.00; two thousand dollars, \$10.00; if a man was worth ten thousand dollars, he would give \$50.00. Would this distress any one? Surely not. And what a blessing would be the result.

I appeal to our brethren and sisters in Indiana to show their love for the truth and their deep zeal and interest in the cause at Washington just now by forwarding to our office at Indianapolis all the funds you can possibly spare, and let us give the general conference a surprise, and let them know that Indiana is alive to

the situation and needs of the cause. All who will send in their contributions, we will publish their names and amount paid in the following issues of the REPORTER. And I will promise that my name shall appear with the rest of my brethren in this list of pledges.

Will not every laborer in this conference respond to this call? Read the other appeals in this issue of the REPORTER. Must our work still drag along when so small a donation will supply the demand? Will we withhold our means and delay the work of God until all of our older brethren must drop into their graves? Or shall we take hold like men and women who look for their Lord and carry this message to the world in this generation, that we may live to see the coming of our King in glory? Arouse! Awake!! and let us complete the work.

W. J. STONE.

AN APPEAL TO ALL

FOR the strengthening of our world-wide work, we have been led to locate the offices of several of our General Conference departments in Washington, and to establish enterprises there which should be pushed rapidly to completion. Until the institutions started there shall be in readiness to carry forward this work as the Lord has designed, the brethren who are in charge of that work will be greatly handicapped in their efforts to sound the message to the world.

Speaking of this matter, Sister White says: "I call upon our people, while the way is still open, to do earnest work, to rally around the standard, to answer the call that has been made for the completion of the one - hundred - thousand - dollar fund. Come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. This work is the Lord's, and he calls upon those who have means to bring their gifts to the treasury for the advancement of his work."

In another place she says: "Just now is the time for a deep, earnest effort to be made in Washington, the capital of our nation. I feel somewhat disappointed that the gifts that are made toward the work in Washington, do not steadily increase. The remarkable developments in the work in Washington, showing the importance of our mov-

ing there, should lead the people of God to make their offerings toward the one - hundred - thousand - dollar fund larger and larger. The present showing should be decidedly different. My brethren and sisters, do not allow the large gifts for the work in Washington to be so few. We thank the givers of the small sums. And we know that there are those who can make larger gifts."

In another appeal she says: "Let us not become impatient because we are often asked to give a portion of the means entrusted to us for the up-building of the cause. Just now the work in Washington demands our immediate consideration. . . . I appeal to every family of believers in our land to consecrate themselves to advance the Lord's work by every means within their power."

In view of these earnest appeals of the servant of God, it seems that unless we respond, we shall be accounted derelict in duty when we come to the judgment of the great day.

J. O. CORLISS.

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ELDER ROBERTS reports several additions to the Olivet Chapel church, and the brethren and sisters greatly encouraged by the series of meetings that have been held.

A SURPRISE PARTY

LET us organize a big surprise party for the officers of the General Conference by gathering from our men of ample means large gifts and large subscriptions to the Washington fund and to the foreign mission fund, to be presented by the delegates from various parts of the field in one of the earlier meetings of the Conference.

The hearts of our people everywhere have been profoundly moved by the things that have taken place at Washington during the last few months. Our people can see that it was the hand of God which led to the removal of the General Conference headquarters from Battle Creek to the capital of the nation. They can see that it was the hand of God which transferred the *Review*, the *Instructor*, and other publishing enterprises to the place of all places in the world where they would have the most influence.

Our people can see that as soon as our work was established in Washington, the Lord permitted important movements against the truth to open up the way for his servants connected with our institutions in Washington to bring before the people of that city and of the whole nation, in the most effective way, the precious principles of present truth which God has committed to us for the world.

It is said that "Nothing succeeds like success," and it is true that the wonderful out-working of the plans which the Lord laid for his servants has given confidence to many that God is indeed leading this people, and that what has been written in past years regarding the fulfilment of prophecy by this nation is truth indeed, and that all that the Lord has said regarding the work to be done in this last generation is to be as truly fulfilled.

We are profoundly convinced that in the general progress of our work, a year may be gained or lost by what we do or neglect to do during the next two or three weeks. When we assemble at the General Conference, if we can read off a list that will mean the completion of this fund before the Conference closes; then there will ascend from our camp the voice of praise, of thanksgiving, and of triumph, and we will all be of excellent courage to enter heartily

into plans for the development of the work in mission fields.

ELDER W. C. WHITE.

Sanitarium, Cal., March 26, 1905.

PRESENT AND FINAL VICTORY

BECAUSE we know that the image of the beast will be formed and the mark of the beast will be enforced, shall we encourage the enemies of the truth by continually telling them so? Those who are opposing this message would not fail in interpreting such declarations as an acknowledgment of defeat on our part.

While it is true that in the struggles which will be experienced by us as the Third Angel's Message closes, there will be times when apparent defeat will overtake us; yet, on the other hand, the Lord will give his people signal victories all through the conflict between light and darkness, until the crowning victory is won, and we shall stand triumphant on the sea of glass.

So, comrades, let us not be too ready to inspire the great arch rebel against God, and his holy law, by telling him that he has been and is to be such a mighty conqueror, but let us fight on with faith and courage, recounting only the victories that we have won, through Christ the mighty Captain of the Lord's host. This will bring courage and strength to every weak and faltering one.

No less than six distinct victories have been scored for religious and civil liberty during the past few months which are the result of vigorous and earnest effort on the part of our people in the distribution of literature, writing of letters, in addition to personal interviews and public efforts.

All are aware that the two Sunday bills that were before Congress failed to be reported, and hence died with the close of the session. The movement that was started by the Washington clergymen for a better observance of Sunday, which called forth the publication of the *Open Letter* by us, was not carried out as planned, evidently because of our vigorous campaign in presenting before the citizens of Washington the claim of the Bible Sabbath.

Sunday rest bills which were introduced into the Missouri, Wisconsin, and Massachusetts legislatures have been overwhelmingly defeated, also

one in the Island of Porto Rico.

We are hopeful that another victory will soon be scored for the truth as the result of the campaign that is now on here in Washington, against the introduction of religious teaching in the public schools. Wednesday, April 12, we have been granted a hearing on the question before the Board of Education for the District of Columbia.

We trust that the marked success which has attended our efforts thus far, may not cause us to settle down in a self-satisfied condition, but rather that it may encourage us to greater activity in the Lord's service, in the distribution of literature and by other means, doing our best to enlighten the people on all points of the Third Angel's Message.

K. C. RUSSELL.

WALKERTON

WITH pleasure I write you. I am of good courage. I was out one evening in the town selling *Life Boats*, and had good success. I expect to sell *Life Boats* and *Life and Health* here at odd times; also the *Appeal to the Clergy*.

I was at North Liberty April 1, and they had a fine meeting there. They celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house, after which we went to the water where two precious souls were buried in baptism. May the Lord walk by their side.

It was decided not to hold any meetings with us at Walkerton until later in the season. Any of our ministering brethren passing through here are asked to stop, and if convenient, write me, so that it may be announced.

May the Lord bless every effort put forth in this state in the prayer of your brother in Christ.

HENRY HERSHBERGER.

"GET into the habit of looking for the silver lining of the cloud, and when you have found it continue to look at it, rather than at the leaden gray in the middle. It will help you over many hard places."

"SELF-DISTRUST is the cause of most of our failures. In the assurance of strength, there is strength, and they are the weakest, however strong, who have no faith in themselves or their powers."

SABBATH MAY 6

WE have chosen the above date as the time to consider in all our churches in Indiana, the subject of the work at Washington, and the importance of *completing* the raising of the one-hundred-thousand-dollar fund, to establish the school and sanitarium there.

In this issue of the REPORTER, there appears articles by different persons upon the need of completing this work at once, that other lines of work be not hindered. We are writing to the officers of all our churches, asking that the time of the meeting, Sabbath May 6, be entirely devoted to a consideration of this question, and that the reading matter sent for this purpose be read in our churches on this date. We hope that there will be a general response to this call, and that all of our brethren and sisters will take a deeper interest in the work at Washington than ever, and lift to the extent of their ability, which if done by all will mark a new impetus, not only in our work at Washington, but in all the world. For at this time delegates will come from every quarter of the globe, and if this work can be completed, it will give a great impetus to the work at Washington, and open the way for us to give our attention more fully to the spread of the message in the regions beyond, and answer the many calls in destitute fields.

Shall the Lord call in vain? Have we not been raised up in the providence of God and given means for just such a time as this? Let us show our full appreciation for what the Lord is doing for us at Washington, and our thankfulness for present truth, by lifting to our utmost at this time. Will we? W. J. STONE.

WANTED

WORK by a girl seventeen years old among Sabbath keepers, and would like church privileges. References given.

ELDER B HAGLE,

Medaryville, Indiana.

A BROTHER writes: "I got my REPORTER last evening. It is full of good news: especially the action of the Conference Committee. That is business. I hope they will stand to it. And the action of Elder Stone on creating debts, I say 'good!' stand to it and the conference will get out of debt."

NEWS and NOTES

DR. WM. WORSTER of North Liberty called at the office last week.

ELDER and Mrs. P. G. Stanley and Brother and Sister A. L. Chew were recent callers at the office.

ELDER HARRIS writes that his meetings at Grass Creek were blessed of God, and an encouragement to the church.

READ carefully all the articles regarding the Washington work, and the \$100,000 fund, that appear in this issue of the REPORTER.

BROTHER REED of Farmersburg sends an appeal for labor to be bestowed at that place. We shall fill the call as soon as possible.

ELDER HARRIS visited the brethren living at Buffalo, after his meetings closed at Grass Creek, and is now at Etna Green holding a few meetings.

FIVE have been baptised into the faith since coming to Medaryville, and two more are going forward tomorrow. The preachers are fighting us. Pray for the work here. B. H.

BROTHER U. S. ANDERSON has moved his family about five miles south of Hartford City, where he has been laboring for the past three months. He reports a good interest in his work there.

ELDER STONE was with the Boggs-town church and spoke to a large congregation the last Sabbath in March. The visit was an inspiration to the church. A good social meeting followed.

ELDER STONE spoke Sunday night, April 17, at the 23rd Street S. D. A. church, Indianapolis, upon the "Three Messages" of Rev. 14. There was a good attendance of those not members of the church.

THOSE who have not yet sent in their subscriptions for the *Review*, should do so at once, so to get the full reports of our General Conference proceedings. Send subscriptions to our office or to Washington.

SISTER NIEHAUS reports one new Sabbath keeper united with the church at Connersville. Sister Niehaus is spending a little time in Martinsville, preparatory to the organization of a church there.

GROVER FATTIC is to connect with the Connersville sanitarium, and in addition to giving treatments, will

keep the books for a few weeks while Brother Niehaus takes a furlough and attends the General Conference.

THE convention held at the Academy April 14 to 17 was a grand success. The state was well represented, and much enthusiasm manifested. The ministers present, were Elders N. W. Kauble, W. J. Stone, W. A. Young, and W. D. Curtis.

ELDERS STONE and Curtis were at Berrien Springs three weeks ago attending a board meeting of the college and a council of the educational secretaries of the Lake Union Conference. They went from there to Wolf Lake, and report some excellent meetings.

THE tithe report for March was excellent. We appreciate what you are doing, dear brethren and sisters. Shall not the tithe for April exceed that of March? Send in immediately all the tithe you have on hand, so that it may reach the office at least by the last day of April. Then it will appear in the April tithe report which will be printed in our first issue in May.

ELDER STONE spent some time week before last with Elder Stanley at Muncie, soliciting money for a new church building at that place. They met with good success, and the prospects are encouraging for our brethren at Muncie to have a new building in which to worship. They deserve it, and it is much needed. Elder Curtis went there last week to assist Elder Stanley in soliciting.

DR. WM. W. WORSTER, who has spent ten years at the B. C. Sanitarium, and who has also spent some time at the Boulder Sanitarium, is to go to Connersville, to take the superintendency of the Fayette Sanitarium at Connersville. He, in company with Elder Stone, visited Connersville last week, and he was much pleased with the start that has been made in equipping this sanitarium. Our brethren and sisters in Indiana ought rejoice that the Lord has gone before us in this work at Connersville, and put it into the hearts of the business men there to give us between three and four thousand dollars to equip this institution. We can now advise any of our people who are in need of sanitarium treatment to visit this institution, and we are sure you will get a thorough examination and just as good care as at any other of our institutions.