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## THE INDIANA CAMP-MEETING

**T**HIS annual gathering will soon be here. Only three more issues of the REPORTER before this important gathering. But few appeals can be made for our brethren and sisters to attend, and it ought not to be necessary as all ought to see the importance of being present upon this occasion.

Every annual gathering becomes more important than the one preceding it as we near the close of probation. Many of our brethren do not sense as they should the true situation, as they do not come in close touch with the work, and their minds are so wholly occupied with the cares of this life. These need, more than some others, the help to be obtained at our camp-meetings; yet many times they sense this need the least.

### A GENERAL RALLY

Will not every Seventh-day Adventist in Indiana who feels the importance of this annual gathering, join us in an effort to rally our whole denomination throughout the Conference, and make this meeting the best and most largely attended of

any meeting ever held in the state? The wonderful manner in which the Lord is leading in our work, not only in our own field but throughout the world, should stir us to greater activity than has ever yet been manifested.

### ARRANGEMENTS

Complete arrangements will be made in every detail, so that every branch of the work will receive attention, and every accommodation for the comfort of all who attend. In the next issue of the REPORTER, committees will be announced who will have charge of the different lines of work in connection with the meeting.

### RATES OF TRANSPORTATION

There is no doubt but that we will get the usual rate of two-thirds fare over all the railroads for those who come on the steam roads. The majority of our people, however, will doubtless travel on the Interurban lines. We expect to make the same arrangement that we did last year for the free transportation of baggage over Interurban lines, providing the baggage is marked with one of our printed tags for the camp ground. The Conference will be to the expense of supplying all who come on the Interurban cars, with printed tags, if you will write us for them. Those coming over the Interurban lines by the way of Indianapolis will transfer in Indianapolis to the Rushville line to Rushville, and at Rushville take the steam cars to Connersville, which is only 18 miles from Rushville. Full directions will be given in the next issue of the REPORTER regarding rates, marking your baggage, how to reach the grounds, etc.

### THE SINGING AND SONG BOOKS

Arrangements have been completed for Prof. John, of the Washington Training College, to attend our meeting and lead the singing. We want a large choir to lead, but we

will have congregational singing. Our old "Hymns and Tunes" will be the book that will be largely used. We wish to sing as well as preach the truth to the people. Will you assist us? There is a place for all.

Will not every Seventh-day Adventist in Indiana who can possibly arrange to do so, begin to prepare at once and use your influence to induce others to attend this important meeting? The present indications are that this will be the largest gathering ever held in Indiana. We believe the Lord is going before us, and shall we not unitedly step into his opening providences and make this occasion the means of accomplishing a mighty work for the Lord at Connersville? Let all begin to pray and plan, and we may witness at this gathering the greatest results of any meeting that has been held for years. May God add his choicest blessings is my prayer.

W. J. STONE.

## IS IT OR IS IT NOT?

EVER since we opened our Sanitarium work at Connersville there have been evidences that the Lord was leading in the work, and his blessing has followed our feeble efforts. The first time I visited Connersville, about a year ago, I was told of a sanitarium about half a mile south of the city which possibly might, at some future time, be secured for our work. This spring while at Connersville, I visited the place and was much pleased with the location, the beautiful site, and the abundance of room in which to carry forward sanitarium work.

The persons in charge were not making a success of the work, as they did not have the confidence or support of the citizens; and it was evident to some that sooner or later there must come failure. Three weeks ago last Monday it was announced that this sanitarium



company had made an assignment; and while we do not glory in the downfall of any institution, may it not be that the Lord is opening the way for our Sanitarium to occupy these comfortable quarters, which have been especially designed and built for sanitarium work?

A successful sanitarium was conducted there for seven years by Dr. Daum. He died and for a year or two the building was closed. It was then purchased and opened to the public by the persons who have recently assigned. The parties who hold the largest claim against the institution are patients at our sanitarium. Mrs. Dr. Daum, I understand, is very desirous that some arrangement be made whereby our people may occupy the property and carry forward our sanitarium work.

The property consists of 60 acres of ground just outside the city limits. The sanitarium building, which is large enough to accommodate fifty or sixty patients, is built mostly of brick; it is about twenty rods from the main road and is located on a plateau with an elevation of about twenty or twenty-five feet above the road. There is a grove in front of the building with a drive winding its way up the elevation to the building. Then at the left and toward the road there is a lake with boats and boat house, thus making the whole scene a picturesque one and one not surpassed by any of our sanitariums that I have seen anywhere. It is truly an ideal spot and just such a place as has been described by the testimonies in recent years, where the sick can be out of the noise and bustle of the city and enjoy quiet rest with plenty of fresh air, sunshine, and shade when desired. This place has many other advantages, which I will not now mention. It also has an excellent spring of water above the sanitarium on the hill, which is carried to all parts of the building, thus furnishing the plant with its own water works. Taking all things into consideration, it has the most natural advantages of any institution of its kind that I have ever seen. Properly conducted, with the methods employed by Seventh-day Adventists in our sanitariums, this institution would quickly become one of our leading sanitariums. I might mention other reasons why this would naturally follow, but

some will understand.

"Is It or Is It Not" is the heading of this article, and I ask the question, Is this a providential opening for this branch of our work, or is it not? This property originally cost about \$25,000. The receiver, who is friendly toward our work, thinks it can be purchased for a little over \$10,000; but we have not the money to purchase a plant of this kind, and I am not in favor of going in debt and would not consent to such a thing; but here is the opening and the property will be sold, so what shall be done?

Recently one of our brethren in the Tennessee River Conference sold his business and has purchased a sanitarium site and will connect with the work. The institution will pay him interest on the money invested. Have we not men of means in Indiana who would be glad to step into the opening providence of God and furnish the money with which to purchase this property, and then connect with the work of this institution? The institution could be made a grand success both in soul saving and financially. I feel confident that, properly conducted, it would pay for itself in five years' time. Our sanitarium in its present quarters with but little room, and in the heart of the city, has proved a success, and is much more than paying its way financially. I know a brother who has \$1,000 that he will place in the institution if it can be secured. We will urge nothing along this line, but if God impresses any of our brethren who have means to come forward and assist in securing this most desirable sanitarium site, I shall be glad to hear from them without delay.

When banks are failing and worldly enterprises are, many of them, uncertain, and nothing will prove successful in the end but that which advances the third angel's message, why not like honest men, throw our whole souls, with all that we have and are, into this work, and become a part of the message itself. Where our treasure is there will our heart be also. Let us get our treasures where they will accomplish something in the advancement of the message.

Many who profess to be Seventh-day Adventists will be lost at last unless they connect their interests more closely in some way with the

spread of the work. We ought to be only too glad that such opportunities present themselves. I believe that some of our brethren with means will see in this what some of us see, the opening providence of God, and will come forward and secure this property. If those who know the message best will not do it, God may have to raise up those outside of our ranks to do this work, and they will take the crowns that some of us might have worn. I shall be glad to hear from anyone interested in this branch of God's work. Address me at 3735 N. Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana.

W. J. STONE.

### NEW LONDON

For some time the friends of present truth, with Brother Omer Grantham as leader, have been working to the end of rebuilding the old New London church which has been closed for nine years, and not a meeting has been held by our people in that village for that length of time.

I had promised our people in that vicinity that when the church was ready to occupy, I would come and hold a short series of meetings. They informed me they would expect the meetings to begin about the 20th of June, so I arranged my work that I might be there at that time. On reaching the town, I found that the Holiness people with a large tent had preceded me. However, amid all the opposition and noise, our meetings began. We leaned hard on the Lord for strength and help, and he came very near by his good spirit.

We did not have a great crowd at any time, but we did have the best element of the people in that vicinity. The trumpet was given no uncertain sound. The message for this present time was sounded both to our people and to those without. As a result, the old members were greatly strengthened; backsliders were reclaimed—some who had gone so far as to unite with other churches. Two united by letter, others on profession of faith, and four were baptized and united with the church. These, with those who had remained faithful, were firmly bound in church fellowship numbering in all twenty-five members.

The proper officers were elected, and the church, with its face Zionward, starts anew to the Heavenly Caanan.

J. M. REES.



## THIS IS FOR YOU

If you are owing the Conference or an old Tract Society account, or a pledge to the Beechwood School, or tent fund, or any other fund.

We desire to pay every dollar that the Indiana Conference owes, that is a legitimate obligation, but one, before the convening of the camp-meeting and conference at Connersville Sept. 7. We cannot hope to pay all we owe on the school, but if those who have made pledges to different funds, and those who are owing the office, will remit all that is due, we will clear up every other debt. Will you do it?

Come, brethren and sisters, let us take hold of this thing and clean it up. We can do it now just as well as to wait another year. I will pledge myself to do all I ask you to do: and this will require me to raise about fifty dollars; but I will do it if I have to borrow it. The cause of God must not always lag. We must get out of debt in Indiana, and then keep out. I will put my hand to nothing that will involve a debt as long as I am connected with the work in this state.

The cloud is rolling back. I can begin to see clear sky in the horizon of the debts that have for years been hanging over this Conference. If those who have made pledges and those who are owing the Conference will settle these obligations within the next sixty days, this Conference will be fifteen thousand dollars better off than it was two years ago. This is a wonderful showing, and while it does not seem possible, yet it is true. God is working, as he can work when we follow his directions. We praise him day by day that he is going before us in the conversion of souls, and in placing us on vantage ground financially.

Elder Young, our Conference Secretary, has been sending out statements and writing kindly letters to our brethren and sisters since the first of the month, and we trust that we may receive hearty responses to these communications, and remittances that will give us the results stated above. It is for your interest as much as mine, brethren and sisters, that we rally to the call.

May God continue his blessing.

Your fellow servant,

W. J. STONE.

## MARION, INDIANA

THINKING it might benefit someone, I write a few lines regarding the funeral of little Mary Michaels.

Elder Rees conducted the services, and although it was a rainy day, the church was quite crowded with eager listeners, as the subject of the resurrection was presented.

Although the weather was unfavorable, there was a good congregation of attentive listeners present, as Elder Rees spoke upon the subject of "Christ sitting upon the throne of David." The people seemed to be filled with the Spirit of God.

After the services several expressed their interest in the truths spoken, and desired the meetings continued. As this was impossible, we had to be satisfied with the promise of his return in the near future.

We see that the old time message has the spirit of God with it, and it brings the old time love for the truth we had many years ago. Now is the time for our people to give this message to the world, while they are willing to hear.

Those not of our faith, met the brethren and sisters from the Marion and Jonesboro churches with carriages at the car and conveyed us two miles to the church. We appreciated this very much.

MILTON OVERMAN.

## AUGUST LIFE AND HEALTH

ON account of the unexpected rush for the July number of *Life and Health*, and the complete exhaustion of the entire edition before the first week in the month, the August number was issued early in order to supply the demand.

As every number of this journal is better than the previous one, those who desire the July number will receive a better issue in the August number, which contains many good things especially appropriate for the hot season.

The constant increase in the demand for *Life and Health*, and the readiness with which it is ordered is evidence enough of its merits and appreciation.

The regular subscription price is 50 cents per year. Two and one-half cents per copy in lots of 25 or more. Any one can sell it—who will try? No home can afford to be without it.

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FROM THE CONFERENCE OFFICE.

## OBITUARY

MICHAEL.—Died at Michael, Ind., July 8, 1905, Mary M. Michael, daughter of George and Laura Michael, age nine years. Mary gave her heart to the Lord, was baptized by Elder F. M. Roberts, and united with the church when she was but seven years old. She was the first of the Sabbath school to unite with the church, and by her example four others followed. She was a Christian indeed, and only waits in the grave a little while until release will come and she will come again to her own border. Although young, she will be greatly missed by her family, the Sabbath school, and the church.

Words of comfort were spoken to a very large congregation by the writer from 2Sam. 14:14.

J. M. REES.



## NEWS and NOTES

SOME persons who water the milk they sell, wonder why their prayers seem so thin.

THE Ligonier brethren were expecting Elder Curtis to spend last Sabbath and Sunday with the church at that place.

EIGHT persons were baptized recently in Speightstown, Barbados, and it was expected that others would follow soon.

ELDER BUHALTS is still continuing his meetings at Franklin. He reports some interest, and thinks a few will be gathered into the fold.

ELDER U. S. ANDERSON and Brother Steele report their interest still good at Eaton, and good prospects for a company to be raised up there.

ELDER STONE would prefer to have all of his mail addressed to his residence, 3735 N. Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. Let all make a note of this.

THE camp-meeting is swiftly drawing on. Only three more issues of the REPORTER before this annual gathering. So not many appeals can be made.

ELDER F. M. ROBERTS and Robert Leach have a tent pitched at Green Corners, Jefferson County, and there are good prospects for a church organization there in the near future.

ELDER CURTIS expects to return from Berrien Springs this week, and it has been arranged for him and Elder Stone to attend a meeting of the Sanitarium board at Connersville.

ELDERS HARRIS and HAGLE report a good interest in their meetings at Royal Center, and some are becoming deeply interested, and convicted with the truth. Pray for these laborers.

BROTHER H. S. BROWNING is accomplishing a good work in visiting, giving Bible readings, selling literature, etc., in Indianapolis. He is now planning for a Christ Object Lesson campaign.

ARE you, my brother, my sister, paying the Lord an honest tithe? If not, what can you expect of the Lord. Are you content with the leanness of soul that will surely be the result.

NETTIE DUNN writes from Berrien

Springs, that "The summer school is fine; the best I ever attended." Others expressed the same sentiment to Elder Stone when he was there last week.

SABBATH, July 8, the Kokomo church was favored with the presence and labors of Elders Stone and Rees. A profitable meeting was held, and some testified that they had been strengthened.

ELDER YOUNG spent Sabbath and Sunday, July 8 and 9, with the Middleton church. His visit was much appreciated, and profitable in many ways. The quarterly services were held at this time.

ELDER STONE attended the election of the new board of Emmanuel Missionary College at Berrien Springs, July 5, also a board meeting of the College board. He reports a hopeful outlook for the College.

BROTHER OLMSTEAD writes that the interest is still good at Martinsville, and that at a recent prayer and missionary meeting, they had the largest attendance that they have had at any weekly meeting.

Arrangements have been completed with Prof. John of the Washington Training School to attend the Indiana camp-meeting, and lead the singing. We expect to have a large choir to lead the congregational singing.

AN addition of fifty to the membership in the East Prussian Conference, and seventy in the West German Conference, during the past quarter, is reported. In most of the other fields in Europe there had been baptisms.

THE calendar for the Beechwood Manual Training Academy will soon be ready for circulation and should be in the hands of our people throughout the state, and all should use their influence to secure a large attendance the coming year.

ELDER STONE'S visit to Jefferson County two weeks ago was an encouragement to the work there. Arrangements have been made for Elder Roberts to join Brother Leach in a tent effort where Brethren Leach and Sailor held meetings last winter.

WE appeal to our librarians and church officers to make a strong effort to get all of our people to subscribe for the REPORTER and the Review. Will you not consider this a personal appeal to you, and con-

stantly use your influence to gain these results?

ELDER W. S. HYATT of South Africa was in Indianapolis last week and spoke at the 23rd St., S. D. A. church, upon the work in Africa. His visit to the state was especially to see Brother and Sister Olmstead, and talk with them about going to South Africa to labor.

HYMNS AND TUNES will be the book in general use at our coming camp-meeting. Let all remember this, and do not fail to bring your large Hymn book. This book contains the best collection of Advent Hymns ever published; and if sung with the spirit, the singing may be a power in our services.

MANY can see that Connersville is the place for our camp-meeting, and although they desired to have it more centrally located, say that they believe the Lord is leading, and that we have selected the right place, and they are preparing to attend. This is looking at the matter from the right standpoint.

SOME of our brethren are figuring up their back tithe that they have neglected to pay, and are endeavoring to get square with the Lord. Good! This is pleasing to God, and "Well done" are the words from the Master. There are hundreds of persons in Indiana that will have to go through this experience, or in humility, confess their sins and their inability to pay the Lord his own before they will ever be free in the liberty of the gospel. But do it brethren,—make a clean sweep and the blessing you will receive will pay for the effort.

### IMPORTANT

THE city of Connersville has no street cars, and we have thought that it would be best to have a covered wagon or hack to drive from the south end of Central Avenue to the camp ground, making several trips a day, charging a five cent fare, and advertising the camp-meeting on the wagon. We believe a good work can be done in this way, and that it will pay financially.

HAVE we a brother in the Conference that would like to take the responsibility of this work? If so, let him correspond with me. Address, 3735 North Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana. W. J. STONE.