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## MORNING PRAYER

BY MRS. D. P. EDWARDS  
(85 Years Old.)

DEAR LORD, I come before Thee now,  
Humbly at Thy feet I bow;  
Asking Thee for grace divine,  
To subdue this heart of mine.

I am weak, but Thou art strong,  
And for Thee my soul doth long;  
Give me of Thy strength supreme,  
Sanctify and make me clean.

Indianapolis, June 6, 1906.

## NOW WHAT?

**T**HE camp-meetings are in the past. Our people who have attended these gatherings have testified that they were greatly benefited, and were going to their homes to live more consecrated lives and do more for the advancement of God's cause. This is good, and we should at once put these resolutions into practice, or our ardor will cool off and the days and weeks will pass by, and before we are aware of it months will

have passed, and we will find that we are treading the same old ruts.

What shall we as officers of the Conference, ministers, workers, church and Sabbath-school officers do to assist the laity in taking hold and doing real aggressive missionary work? Should we not plan to lead out in this work and make the coming fall and winter a time of great missionary activity? The long evenings will soon be upon us,—yes even before we can get our plans fully materialized—so we have no time to lose, but should begin at once to plan to circulate thousands of pages of our literature in a systematic manner.

Many cities and towns should be thoroughly canvassed for our small books, such as our lay brethren and sisters can sell, upon which they will receive 40 per cent. discount. We have several small books of this kind that retail from 25 cents to 75 cents, and simply showing them will sell them. If our children and young people, and older ones too, would begin now and take orders for the holidays, thousands of books could be sold by those who are now doing nothing. Also many periodicals could be sold in this way. Why should we not be selling thousands of copies of *Life and Health* every month in Indiana, and thus not only be placing in the homes of the people the very truths and helps they need for their own good, but preparing the way for other saving truths for this time? Let us awake, dear brethren and sisters, to our duty and privileges, and scatter the printed truths that are to save the world, as we never have before.

In this kind of work we should be thorough, canvassing every house, that we may find the interested ones. There are thousands of people in the world who are longing and praying for light. God desires us to search them out and instruct them in the way of life. Do not spend your en-

ergies on those who do not wish to know the truth and who are ready to oppose it, but go to every home, not missing a house, for if we do we may pass by the very one who has been praying for light and who would gladly receive it.

A great conviction seemed to rest upon our people at the Seymour camp-meeting that they ought to go out and engage in the distribution of our literature more than they had in the past, and I trust that this conviction will not be stifled but put in operation. Try, my dear brethren and sisters, selling a few *Life and Health*, and taking a few orders for our small books, and selling the new paper, *Liberty*. You will be surprised to see how much more you can do than you had thought it possible for you to do. All can do something, and by doing we may improve our talent until we can become successful workers. Try to-day. Send in your order. Seek God for His blessing and you will gain an experience that will help you to solve many of the perplexing questions that have been bothering you as to how you can engage in some branch of the Lord's work.

I will be glad to correspond with any who are interested in these lines of missionary work.

W. J. STONE.

## PROGRESSIVE COLPORTER WORK

OUR canvassing work is the highest type of Christian colporter work, and our canvassers are colporters in the truest sense of the word. Never should they be classed with the common commercial book agents, and I think the name "canvasser" or "book agent" should be dropped from our vocabulary when speaking of the distribution of our literature by our consecrated colporters.

The definition given by Webster of the name "colporter" is, "One who travels about selling and distribut-

ing religious tracts and books." This describes exactly the work being done by those distributing the printed pages published by Seventh-day Adventists; and I suggest that we simply drop the term "canvasser," and in our printed reports hereafter and in all our talk about this work, call it by its right name. It is not the canvassing work, but it is the colportage work, or work of our colporters. I shall also favor the preparing of a colporter's license and granting to each individual engaging in this work a colporter's license.

#### Pioneers

Many times we speak of our colporters as pioneers in the work, and this is just what they should be. A pioneer is one who goes ahead and prepares the way for others to follow. But who has been following the pioneers or colporters in their work?

We have had a plan for following their work, and have tried to do a little along this line, but as our missionary secretary has been wholly engaged in other work, but little has been done or accomplished. I am satisfied that it would pay the Conference to select some sister who is alive to the missionary work and one who has the confidence of the people, to give this line of work her whole attention, and enlist the rank and file of our people in the follow-up work of our pioneers. This can be done by our brethren and sisters through correspondence and missionary work by a plan outlined in the REPORTER and before the Lake Union Conference several weeks ago. I shall hope that the proper person may be secured to take charge of this work and other lines of progressive missionary work in all our churches before many weeks shall pass. Think of these things, brethren and sisters, and write me also, suggesting any thoughts that you may think would be helpful in this work.

W. J. STONE.

#### A BUSINESS AGENT

God has repeatedly spoken in regard to men being selected in our different Conferences who shall have charge of the details of business matters. In Volume VII, Testimonies for the Church, page 253, we read: "Those in charge of our Conferences

should find business men to look after the financial details." Again on page 247: "Especially are consecrated business men needed, men who will carry the principles of truth into every business transaction. Nor is the business management to be entrusted to incompetent men. Those in charge of the work have erred sometimes in permitting the appointment of men devoid of tact and ability to manage important financial interests." And in Volume VI, page 44, I quote: "Business matters should be attended to by those especially appointed for this work." Much more might be quoted, but this ought to be sufficient.

When God has spoken so positively telling us that our ministers should not be burdened down with business matters, and that business men should be selected to have charge of the business of our Conferences, why is it that we are so slow to heed the instruction from the Lord and put into practice what He says? I know of no reason only that we have gotten into a certain rut and simply remained there. Shall we continue in this rut, or shall we, as we did with our camp-meetings, separate the spiritual from the secular as the Lord has said, and at once adopt the Lord's plan?

I suppose that the Conference officers are as much to blame as anyone, and the president of the Conference in particular, as he is expected to lead out in reforms and in planning of work in harmony with instruction given by the Lord.

Since I came to the Indiana Conference I have made two attempts to bring this plan about. At times the importance of this question has come upon me with such force that I have almost felt compelled to throw off the financial burden and have a business agent appointed. The committee considered this once and a man was chosen, but for some reason the plan was not carried out. Then later we selected one of our ministers to take part of this burden, but this was not in harmony with the instruction and has not been a success.

I am certain that the Lord's instruction is best, and that it should be fully carried out, and that at once. I have not the space to go into details and lay out the large amount of work that a business agent could do to great profit; but

there are many things that he could do that would greatly relieve the burdens of the Conference president, and there are many things that he could look after that now go undone, but would bring more than enough returns to pay his wages, and it is absolutely necessary that these things should be done to place the Conference property and work where it should be in order to carry out our work in harmony with the instruction of the Lord.

#### The Man

In selecting a man we can not select a man that is good for nothing else, for he would do no good in this position. We must have one of the best business men in the Conference, and it might take a man out of a lucrative business, but is it any worse for one man to sacrifice his business for the cause of God, than for another? Very many have had to sacrifice, and I believe that God would bless the man that would willingly sacrifice the mammon of this world for the advancement of His cause. Sometimes we can not tell how much of a hold this world has upon us until we are called to sacrifice it, and I believe it is time that some were beginning to test the cord that binds them to the world, and see whether they are not in a dangerous position already. I am certain that even now it will require a struggle with some to extricate themselves.

This is a practical question and one that must be settled soon. May the Lord give grace and wisdom that the right thing may be done.

W. J. STONE.

#### SOUTH BEND

AS NOTED in the last REPORTER, we moved our tent August 27 to 1410 South Michigan street this city, and began our meetings there the Thursday following. We not only have a new class of hearers, but more than there were at the former place. In regard to the first series: some who became interested there have now taken their stand, others are being visited and we hope to see them wholly on the Lord's side.

Our congregations are steadily increasing, and we can safely say that the interest is now the best it has been at any time since the camp-meeting. We are now getting many

invitations to the homes of the people. Our trust is still in Him under whose banner we march.

Praying for the prosperity of Zion, we are your servants,

C. J. BUHALTS,  
W. A. YOUNG.

### MEETINGS AT SEYMOUR

KNOWING that many of our brethren and sisters will be anxious to know how the interest continues at Seymour, I will write a few lines. Several have decided for the truth, and say they are going to obey; but by far the greater number who hear are well represented by the seed that fell by the wayside, on stony ground, or among thorns. The cares of this world are holding many in a death grip, while others have no power in themselves to endure, and still a great number are wayside hearers and the wicked one catcheth away that that is sown in their hearts; but, thank God, there are some good-ground hearers that understand and are ready to obey.

On Sabbath, September 1, after the forenoon service, a policeman came to the tent and served a notice on us to vacate the Park at once. We made an investigation and found that those in charge of the Park were in favor of our having it, but that the church people were making it uncomfortable for them, and they could not stand the pressure. So we promised them that we would find another place and move.

The Lord had gone out before us, and we have secured a beautiful location about five or six blocks south of where we were, nearer the central part of the city, and we consider it by far a better location in which to continue our meetings at the present time. We have plenty of shade, good sod, and the surroundings are favorable for accomplishing a good work. The houses are mostly cottages, neatly kept, and the people seem to be glad that we are locating in that part of the city. The tents were to have been moved Tuesday, September 4, and the first meeting was to be held Wednesday night, September 5. We have not heard the results or interest in the new location, but believe there will be a fair attendance and a good interest. Still pray for the work at Seymour.

W. J. STONE.

### THE SUMMER NORMAL

THE work done at the Summer School has been gratifying to both instructors and teachers. The general testimony is that it is the best of its kind our teachers have ever attended.

There has been nothing to draw the attention from the true purpose of the school, and a sweet spirit of harmony and devotion has pervaded the entire session.

The Lord has surely blessed those whose purpose it is to so train our children that they may "stand by the side of Christ in unselfish ministry," and this year will show a marked improvement along both spiritual and intellectual lines.

### CERTIFICATES NOT HONORED

SOME of our brethren and sisters coming over the Southern Indiana Railroad to the Seymour camp-meeting procured certificates expecting to be returned at one cent per mile, the same as on the other roads. At the camp-ground they paid 25 cents to have their certificates certified. Then they were not honored. If these persons will send their certificates to our office at Indianapolis, they will receive a refund of 25 cents. Please send these certificates in at once so that we can take them all up at one time with the Central Passenger Association.

W. J. STONE.

### OPENING OF BEECHWOOD ACADEMY

BEECHWOOD ACADEMY will open September 25. The work of preparation will have been completed and everything in readiness by that time.

The prospect for a full attendance was never so good as at present. Quite a number will be in school who have earned the privilege by canvassing, and we look forward to a pleasant and profitable school year.

Now brethren and sisters, will you not, one and all, remember us in your prayers, morning and evening? and with the Lord's help our school will be a savor of life unto life to every student within its walls.

B. F. MACHLAN.

### "STUDIES IN GOSPEL HISTORY"

By Prof. M. E. Kern. A series of forty-five lessons on the life of Christ, the second edition of that part of the

author's "Lessons in New Testament History," dealing with this subject. Adopted by the recent Educational Convention for use in the ninth grade. Can be used in lower grades by omitting some of the more difficult questions. Valuable for private study. Printed on calendared paper and substantially bound in cloth. Illustrated. 350 pages. Price, 75c. Order of Union College Press, College View, Neb., or our publishing houses or tract societies.

### "TO-MORROW"

MANY times we put off until to-morrow the things that ought to be done today; and thus not only presume upon time not promised to us, but cultivate the spirit of procrastination. The Lord has said, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow, for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Prov. 27:1.

The great question for us to settle is not how well I am going to improve the coming year, or how I will spend the next year, but how I will use the time given me *to-day*. This time that I now have. I have no promise of to-morrow, but to-day I have, and will I improve it as the Lord would have me? A few hours and it has passed into eternity. Gone forever. What might I have accomplished had I employed every moment as I should.

Frequently we hear persons tell what they are going to do at some future time. They are going to begin and do certain things, and by so doing accomplish more for God. These resolves may be good, but what promise have we of tomorrow? To-day is all the time assured us, so let us begin to-day, this hour, this moment, and carry out each hour of time allotted us these good resolves, and our lives may become so profitable that God may see fit to lengthen out the brittle thread of life, so that we may have the future to carry forward the good deeds of yesterday. May God help us to faithfully perform our allotted task each day, no matter how menial, and soon we may hear it said, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

W. J. STONE.

HE only is ready to serve who is ready to sacrifice.

## News and Notes

ELDER HAGLE is at La Fayette holding a series of meetings. We have not yet learned the interest manifested.

ELDER ROBERTS reports several families sick with typhoid fever at Huntingburg, and others having to care for them somewhat unsettles their interest.

NELLIE ROTHBAUST reports another new Sabbath-keeper at Franklin, and two awaiting baptism. Others are becoming interested and desire Bible readings.

A. N. ANDERSON, our book-keeper and stenographer, took a vacation after camp-meeting on account of poor health. He returned last week much improved.

EXTRA work during the two camp-meetings nearly prostrated Brother Niehaus, and he is taking a little rest for a few days, since the return of Brother Anderson to the office.

SINCE camp-meeting A. C. Ford has been instructing and assisting in the field some of our colporters. Several new workers expect to be in the field, and work up a good holiday delivery.

THE title report appears in this issue of the paper. Do you see any mistakes? Is the space opposite your church blank? Will you not see that this does not appear hereafter?

THE book "Heralds of Morning" has been revised, containing the earthquake views. The publishers have decided to retail them at the old price, \$1.50, until the first of next January. The price will be \$2.00 from then on. We should have a number of canvassers in the field for this book. Write to the office for full particulars.

THE church at Eaton, Indiana, was dedicated Sunday, September 2. The house was well filled. Elder Stone preached the dedicatory sermon, and was assisted in the services by Elder U. S. Anderson who has had charge of the work in this locality for the past year. They have a neat church building, and it is a credit to the worshippers. A fuller report will appear later.

A SPECIAL course of training is offered to all who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity, by the Washington Training School, beginning October 2. Elders Daniells, Prescott, Spicer, and others, will constitute the instructors, and this will surely be a golden opportunity for those who can avail themselves of this special course. For further particulars address Prof. J. W. Lawhead, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

WE wish to call the attention of our people to the fact that once a month the *Review* will contain eight extra pages filled with valuable matter from the Educational Department of our work. While this is quite an added expense, there will be no extra charge for the paper. This instruction alone will be worth more than the price of the *Review*, and we trust our people will take special pains to help us increase the circulation of our good old *Review*.

ARE you taking *Life and Health*? If not, send 50 cents for a year's subscription; or, better, send for 20 copies of the September number. Sell them for five cents each, which can be readily done, and send in the whole amount, which would be \$1, and the journal will be sent to you for one year. There is no reason why every family should not have this journal, for the money can be easily obtained by selling a few copies; and think of the good that may also result from the circulation of twenty copies of this journal.

WHAT do you know about the health journal, *Life and Health*? Do you know it has been published since 1885, and that since it has been removed to Washington, D. C., improved, and its name changed from *Pacific Health Journal* to *Life and Health*, it has more than quadrupled its circulation? Do you know how much it is appreciated by the people, and that boys and girls are selling it with excellent success? That one 14-year-old girl sold over 2,200 copies of the July number and 1,500 copies of the August number during the last two weeks of July and the first two weeks of August? Do you know that agents make 2 1-2 cents a copy on each copy sold? Have you seen the September number (the "melancholia days" number) which contains articles upon the Common Dis-

orders of Children, Strenuous School Work, Bringing up of Children, and lots of other good things for the general public? We advise our readers to interest themselves in this health journal. Sample copies will be sent on request, and special agents' rates furnished to those who wish to solicit for the journal. Address *Life and Health*, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

### TITHE REPORT FOR AUGUST

Akron .....	.....
Angola .....	.....
Anderson .....	8 26
Auburn .....	.....
Bass Lake .....	.....
Barbers Mills .....	.....
Bogstown .....	64 15
Brookston .....	.....
Beath .....	14 68
Connersville .....	29 06
Corunna .....	.....
Denver .....	3 60
Dana .....	.....
Evansville .....	.....
Elmira .....	.....
Elwood .....	37 00
Etna Green .....	.....
Farmersburg .....	16 18
Fayette Sanitarium .....	.....
Fort Wayne .....	.....
Franklin .....	23 15
Frankton .....	.....
Grass Creek .....	.....
Goshen .....	12 33
Glenwood .....	.....
Greenfield .....	10 00
Gum Corners .....	5 35
Hartford City .....	5 12
Honey Creek .....	.....
Huntington .....	10 50
Idaville .....	.....
Indianapolis (23rd street) .....	160 32
Indianapolis (East Side) .....	162 89
Indianapolis (West Side) .....	21 75
Individuals .....	47 58
Lawood .....	6 18
Jefferson .....	24 00
Jonesboro .....	13 12
Kennard .....	69 54
Kokomo .....	73 46
LaFayette .....	21 55
Lebanon .....	18 20
Ligonier .....	12 10
Linton .....	4 00
Logansport .....	20 00
Michaels .....	.....
Mechanicsburg .....	32 70
Medaryville .....	11 75
Marion .....	23 03
Michigan City .....	.....
Middletown .....	101 92
Mt. Vernon .....	.....
Mt. Zion .....	30 45
Morocco .....	.....
Muncie .....	13 15
Martinsville .....	10 11
New London .....	.....
Noblesville .....	12 06
Northfield .....	.....
New Marion .....	.....
North Liberty .....	.....
Olive Branch .....	.....
Olivet Chapel .....	38 00
Oolitic .....	11 51
Patrickburg .....	125 83
Peru .....	3 97
Petersburg .....	.....
Pleasant View .....	12 19
Princeton .....	1 50
Royal Center .....	4 08
Richmond .....	8 30
Rochester .....	.....
Rocklaine .....	5 00
Salem .....	.....
South Bend .....	16 78
South Milford .....	.....
Terre Haute .....	83 41
Unionville .....	.....
Wabash .....	.....
Waldron .....	6 23
Walkerton .....	.....
Waterloo .....	.....
West Liberty .....	9 00
Windfall .....	.....
Wolf Lake .....	.....
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