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CRITICISING BURDEN-BEARERS

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

THE church is suffering for want of unselfish Christian workers. Those who live upon the husks of others' failings and deficiencies, and who gather the unwholesome miasma of their neighbors' neglects and short-comings, make themselves church scavengers, and no advantage to the society of which they form a part, but are an actual burden to the community upon which they inflict themselves.

The church is in need, not of burdens, not of fault-finders, but of builders in Zion, men who will be true as steel to preserve the honor of those whom God has placed at the head of his work. The Spirit of gossip and tale bearing is one of Sa-

tan's special agencies to sow discord and strife, to separate friends, and to undermine the faith of many in the truthfulness of our positions.

The names of God's chosen servants have been handled with disrespect, and in some cases with absolute contempt, by certain persons whose duty it is to uphold them. There are many who find special enjoyment in discoursing and dwelling upon the defects, whether real or imaginary, of those who bear heavy responsibilities in connection with God's cause. They overlook the good that has been accomplished, the benefits that have resulted from arduous labor and unflinching devotion to the cause, and fasten their attention on some apparent mistake, when the truth is, had they been left to do the work, they either would have refused to move at all under the attending discouragements of the case, or would have managed more indiscreetly than those who did do the work.

In your blindness you have ventured to handle the servant of God in a cruel manner. "Touch not mine anointed," saith God, "and do my prophets no harm." It is not a small matter to array yourself against men whom God has sent with light and truth for the people. Beware how you influence souls and reiterate insinuations and misrepresentations which have originated in an unsanctified heart. Souls are defiled by this root of bitterness, and are, through these questioning, murmuring ones, placed where the testimony of reproof which God sends will not reach them.

Men's hearts are no softer to-day than when Christ was upon the earth. They will criticise and turn against the servant of God the very efforts he is leading them to make. They will, with their evil surmisings, see fraud and dishonesty where all is right, and where perfect integrity exists. They lay selfish motives to

the charge of God's servants, when he himself is leading them, and when they would give even their lives if God required, if by so doing they could advance His cause.

God's word is our standard, but how few follow it! Our religion will be of but little worth to our fellow men if it is only theoretical and not practical. The influence of the world and of selfishness is carried about by many who profess to be following the Bible. They are like a cloud, chilling the atmosphere in which others move. The religious zeal which is manifested in a raid upon brethren, is a zeal not according to knowledge. Christ has nothing to do with such testimony.



A BIBLE SCHOOL

THERE has been some thought on the part of the Indiana Conference Committee, of holding a Bible School in Indianapolis for the training of workers, beginning sometime in June and continuing for four or five months, to take up a thorough course of Bible study upon all points of present truth, and thus qualifying workers to go out into the field and engage in active, aggressive missionary work.

A thorough class study would be held every forenoon; then house-to-house missionary work would be carried forward for three or four hours each afternoon, and night services would be held in a tent during the tent season, which would also give the workers a double opportunity of gaining a knowledge of the truth and how to do successful evangelical work. All that attend this Bible School would be expected to be in attendance at the night services, assist in the singing, and become acquainted with the people, obtaining their names and addresses, so that they could be visited and labored with during the day.

Indiana has several cities calling

for Bible workers, and the Lord has been sending instruction for years for us to work the cities. Indiana has not had the workers, and we have not been successful in securing all the workers that we should have had in the field. It has been the desire of the Conference committee to encourage our home talent, and this is still the desire of the Conference, in preference to going outside of the state for workers; hence the necessity of selecting persons and educating them for the gospel work. We believe that we have those in the Conference who can become efficient workers if they will consecrate their time and talents to the Lord.

Many go to our schools paying all their expenses in obtaining a preparation for the work, but we propose in this special course to pay all the expenses of those entering the school, providing they will follow the program of work and put in the afternoon and evening in practical work among the people, circulating our literature and doing active missionary work. Their tuition, board, and lodging will be furnished free.

We desire persons between the ages of eighteen and thirty-five. We could not promise all who might attend the school, that the Conference would give them employment, as we do not know what development they would make or whether they would become proficient workers. Possibly we may not encourage all to enter this line of work who would make application, but we will be very glad to have all who feel a burden for the work and would like to enter this school and secure a fitting preparation for the work, with a view to continuing in the work, write at once to Elder Stone for further information. How many of our young and middle-aged people will consecrate their lives to the Lord and accept this invitation to become workers for the Master?

Never was there a time when there were such urgent calls for consecrated workers as at present; and when there is such a dearth of laborers, all who can and who have talents that can be used in the cause of the Master, should consecrate their lives to the Lord's service. We are entering upon a very important period in the history of our work, and soon

the latter rain will fall and the work will be speedily closed; and if we ever expect to enter the work, now is the accepted time. Competent instructors will work in connection with this school if held, and we would expect to see a large number of people gathered into our Indianapolis churches during the coming summer. We believe this to be an opportune time for many of our young people who wish to enter the work. May we not hear from you soon?

INDIANA CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.



SOME VISITS SOUTHWEST

FROM the 16th to the 18th of April, it was my privilege to meet with the Linton church, which, tho small, contains some earnest believers in the fact that we should be actively engaged in working for our fellow creatures while the opportunity is extended to us. A club of *Signs of the Times* was ordered and we trust that the Lord will bless those who assist in their circulation.

My next visit was with the Elnora church, with which I held three meetings, besides one with some Methodist young people in the home of Sister Staples and one in the Methodist church on Sunday evening, the latter being by urgent request of some members of that church who were present at the Friday evening meeting in our own church. Sister Staples and her daughter are active workers in the Methodist church and their influence for the truth is widely felt. The attendance at all of the meetings which I was privileged to hold was very good, the capacity of the church Sunday night being taxed to accommodate the people. Excellent attention was given to the word spoken.

One meeting was held with the Princeton church and one with our people and a large number of friends near Unionville, where Elder Steele's meetings during the winter have aroused quite an interest to hear the truth.

Some *Signs of the Times* were ordered by each church which I visited and all manifested a deep desire to do much more active work for the Master in the future than they have in the past. The impression prevails that this work will soon close and that if we are to have any part in it

we must labor earnestly now.

Two isolated families were visited. Sister Ford, at Vincennes, has for years been holding up the banner of truth in that city of 20,000 inhabitants. Much literature has been scattered by herself and Sister De Wolf who formerly resided there. This work and the consistent lives of these sisters have made many people acquainted with the doctrines of Seventh-day Adventists. Sister Ford is hoping that a public effort may soon be made to reap the harvest of souls which seem ripe to accept the message.

Brother and Sister Cree Carroll, formerly of the Fayette Sanitarium, are now living near Bloomfield, teaching neighbors and acquaintances by their lives and in other ways as opportunity affords, the truths of the Third Angel's Message. They were much encouraged by my visit and, altho far removed from others of like precious faith, they are firm upon all points of truth.

It gives us much courage as we go from place to place and find those who are anxious to co-operate in every possible way to carry this last message of mercy to the world. It is indeed a heaven-sent message and a privilege which angels themselves would appreciate could they carry it to the world.

R. C. SPOHR,
Missionary Secretary.



BOGGSTOWN

ELDER J. M. REES just closed a two weeks revival service with the church at this place. The interest was good from the first, and increased until the close. There was much interest manifested by the people from the outside and the meeting closed with a full house. Although it was a busy time with the farmers, yet we had the largest attendance we have had for a number of years.

While there was no accession to the church, there were several acknowledged that it was the truth and one adult signified her intention to keep the Sabbath and there are others we have hope for. The church was much encouraged and strengthened. It seemed good to hear the old time message once more from one of God's tried servants.

Yours in the Master's service,
J. W. JOHNSTON.

HUNTINGTON

YOUR recent letter is at hand. I am glad for the aggressive move you are making in raising the \$150,000 Fund. The faster we walk out in obedience to God's command, the sooner Jesus will come and the reward be given. I am glad to tell you that the Huntington church portion is provided for. The Lord has helped me to pay as well as to pray, and I am glad to tell you that I have not been idle. I am tired of this sin-cursed world, and am trying to hasten the coming of the perfect day. We would be glad if you could send help here and see what can be done. I am of good courage in the work.

E. HAYES.



MICHAEL CHURCH

IT has been some time since I have sent in a report for the REPORTER. As circumstances have kept me out of the canvassing work, I had nothing to report, but will now send in a short report in behalf of the Michael church.

We were all pleasantly surprised to receive a telephone message from Brother Overman about 2 p. m. Friday, April 19, stating that Elder Stone was en route to our place. Our time was limited, but the word was circulated, and he spoke at 7:30 to a well-filled house, showing how the first house of Israel stumbled over the first advent of Christ, because they did not understand the prophecies concerning that event. For the same reason also they fulfilled the prophecy in condemning him. He also showed how the second house of Israel is following in their wake, and will reject the second advent of their Lord because they do not understand the prophecies.

Sabbath morning at 10:30, he spoke on the fifth chapter of Matthew, and we were all greatly elated in the rehearsal of the beatitudes. At 2:30 p. m. he spoke again, upon the thirty-third chapter of Ezekiel, giving words of warning against the present apostasy, and admonition to study the Testimonies and closely follow their instruction, which has so safely guided us these many years. The evening after the Sabbath he spoke again. There was a good attendance of attentive listeners. His theme was the "Signs of the

Times," based upon Matt. 16:1-3. He showed that prophecy is a light that shineth in a dark place, and if we take heed to the prophetic signs of the times, our pathway will be so clear that we need not stumble over the second coming of our Lord and Master.

Having an appointment at Middletown for Sunday night, he left us Sunday morning of good courage. We are all longing for another visit at an early date.

Your brother in Christ,
G. W. RADER.



INFORMATION DESIRED

THE Clerk of the 23rd Street Church of this city desires to know the present location and church relationship of the following named persons:

Carrie Booze	Estella Boyce
Carrie Branson	Ida Damon
Joseph Branson	L. J. Dorsey
Sarah Capen	Minnie Glazier
Mary Fiscus	May Howard-Gleason
Minnie Hoblit	Jessie Lewis
Cora Lange	George Morgan
Lizzie Masters	Sarah Riceton
Mary P. Olsen	Louis E. Peeke
Eliza Richardson	Geo. W. Shields
Kate Seals	Minnie Wilson
Arline Shields	Kate Schleeff

At a recent business meeting of the church it was decided that unless something definite could be heard from these persons before June 30, 1907, they would no longer be considered members of the church. It was voted to have the list published in the REPORTER, hoping that some of its readers would be able to furnish information in regard to some of them. There is no basis for a charge against them, other than that they have not reported to the church for several years, and so, unless heard from, their names will be dropped "without prejudice."

If, after such action has been taken, any of these persons are heard from and it is found that they have been faithful to the Lord altho not in communication with the church, they will again be considered members of the church.

Some of these persons doubtless live near other Adventist churches; in that case the 23rd Street Church will be glad to grant letters to unite with those churches.

If you are acquainted with the present location or circumstances of any of the persons mentioned, you will confer a great favor upon the church by communicating at once with

MISS MAYNA MILLER, Clerk.
1709 Central Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.



FOR YOUNG PEOPLE EVERYWHERE

YOUNG PEOPLE everywhere need to become thoroly conversant with the principles of *true temperance*. Seventh-day Adventist young people should be foremost in every true temperance movement. But are they? The publishers of the *Youth's Instructor*, seeing the need of temperance literature suited especially for young people, have gotten out an excellent Temperance Number under date of May 14. Our people throughout the state, particularly our young people, should secure large quantities of this number to distribute among the young people in their own neighborhoods. The young people of Christian Endeavor and Epworth League societies should be given these papers as generally as arrangements can be made for so doing.

We would be pleased to receive large orders for these papers from all parts of the state. The retail price of the paper, when sold, is five cents; in quantities, they will be furnished at two cents each, or \$2.00 per hundred.



APRIL SUBSCRIPTIONS

WE are pleased to state that the following names were entered on our lists during last month for yearly subscriptions:

Henry Reason, Amanda Grove, Mrs. A. W. Brewster, Mrs. Lou Westover, Bessie Cutts, William Cushing, Marie A. Jones, Chas. Grim, J. H. Niehaus, Mrs. Josie E. Huffman, Katherine Archibald, Mrs. Myrtle T. Rucker, Mrs. J. P. Arnbrecht, Elder A. L. Miller, Mrs. Rachel Johnson, Lizzie Crum, Wm. P. Schuster, Edith Smith, Hulda Murphy, Chas. Cantwell, J. H. Crandell, Iven M. Hile, W. T. Ginn, J. W. Montgomery, Henry Pike, Dora Baker, A. A. Marshall, Charles Zirkle, J. C. Marson, Lulu Trinkner, T. W. Wilkin, Oliver Chamberlain, Mariah Walsh, Jessie Werfield, Delia J. Thurber, Luna E. Anderson, Mrs. I. S. Lloyd, Lee Feebles, J. A. Davis, Lulu Fahrion, Ella Alexander, Mrs. Naomi Anderson and Joseph Brown.

NEWS AND NOTES

HE who attempts to build himself up by tearing others down, has attempted an impossibility. Exaltation comes through humility.

ELDER C. J. BUHALTS' address will be Michigan City, Ind., for a time. He hopes to continue a protracted effort there until the company is ready for organization.

IT is not yet too late to order the special series of *Signs* beginning with the issue dated May 1st. An extra quantity of the first few issues of this paper are being printed in order that delinquent subscribers may not miss the beginning of the series.

"MINISTRY of Healing", half of the profit of which goes for the upbuilding of the Wabash Valley Sanitarium, may now be had for \$1.50, postage prepaid. By purchasing and reading this book you not only help yourself but aid a worthy institution as well.

"THE Bible or Tradition? Dr. Torrey and the Sabbath" is the title of a late tract by Elder C. H. Edwards of New York in which the writer reviews Dr. Torrey, showing the glowing inconsistencies of his arguments against the Seventh-day Sabbath. Price, 2 cents each. Illustrations lend interest to the tract.

THE committee is planning for a meeting of all our workers before the tent season opens, that thorough counsel may be had regarding the best and most important openings, and arrange for the summer's work and campmeetings. We desire the advice of all of our workers. The date will be given soon.

WE wish to thank those who are responding to the invitation given in the last REPORTER to make the Indiana Conference their place of depositing their means. There has never been a more ready response to calls to support God's cause than now here in Indiana, and it is a great encouragement to those who are carrying heavy burdens.

RENEWALS for *Liberty* subscriptions should now be sent so that no number will be missed. All subscriptions which began with the first issue of *Liberty*, about one year ago,

have now expired. Twenty-five cents is the subscription price per year. No subscriptions for less than one year will be accepted.

WE are made sad by the information that Brother B. F. Anderson passed away at his home April 26. It was thought that he was recovering from pneumonia, and so announced in the last issue of the REPORTER, but he had a relapse. Elder Young conducted the funeral services April 28. Full particulars will be given later.

ON Sabbath and Sunday, the 27th and 28th ultimo, Elder Bartlett held meetings at Franklin. He reports excellent attendance and attention. While there, the church made up its full share of the \$150,000 Fund and more. The members are of unusual courage and report an excellent spirit in the meetings which they have been holding.

Life and Health gets better every month. "Why Are You Impatient?", by Dr. J. R. Leadsworth, is the first article in the May number. Our friends and neighbors should have the privilege of reading this and the other excellent articles contained in *Life and Health* for May. Send 5 cents in stamps for a single copy or 3 cents each for 10 or more copies.

TITHE sent into this office must reach here not later than the last day of the month in order to be credited to that month. Frequently we receive complaints that money sent in has not been credited to the church in the tithe statement. Invariably we find that such amounts were received at this office on or after the first of the following month.

WE trust that our people generally are making good use of the Second-Sabbath Readings, and that the weekly offerings for missions will be liberal. On account of the raising of the \$150,000 Fund, the annual offerings this year were cut somewhat short, but when this is made up and out of the way our missions should always receive a liberal support.

"SUNDAY in a Nutshell," by the late Elder D. E. Scoles, has recently been issued as No. 88 of Apples of Gold Library. It cites eminent authorities of various denominations to prove that the Sabbath was kept by Chris-

tians for many years after the resurrection of Christ and that Sunday observance came into the Christian church by authority of the papacy. Price, 1 cent.

SISTER GABRIELLE HAVENS, of Fowlerton, has just written that she met with a serious accident nearly two months ago, slipping at the head of the stairs and breaking five ribs in her fall. Altho suffering much pain, she is anxious to keep abreast of the times and eagerly reads any of our papers that she can get. We have sent her some from this office. Our readers will join in wishing Sister Havens a speedy recovery.

ALL should read very carefully and critically the first article in this issue of the REPORTER by Sister White; and then examine ourselves and see whether we are taking any part in such cruel accusations. God is greatly blessing the work in Indiana, and Satan would do all in his power to bring in division to hinder the work. But let every soul frown upon such a work as is described and condemned in the first article of this paper.

ELDER GILBERT of Boston writes that they have just issued No. 1 of the Bible Readings prepared especially for the Jews. It is entitled "God's Promises to Abraham." Those who desire to circulate this tract among their Jewish friends and neighbors can get it for the asking. No charge. Address Messiah Mission, 105 Stanford St., Boston, Mass. They will accept offerings for their work, but ask that they be sent through the regular channel of the Conference, stating what they are for.

A WORD OF EXPLANATION

THIS number of the REPORTER is late in getting to our readers, owing to the fact that the paper ordered for this and several succeeding issues failed to reach our printing office at the Academy in due time. The stock was ordered shipped by freight, and at the last hour we were obliged to order an extra supply sent by express.

We can assure our readers that the delay is in nowise due to any delinquency on our part, and we sincerely hope that it may not be thus again.

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TESTIMONY OF JESUS AND ORGANIZATION

ISRAEL'S organization was broken down when they were carried away to Babylon, and for threescore years and ten others ruled over and directed them, and it seems that there were times when but few, very few, stood at all for the God of their fathers.

At the time appointed, and by the one appointed (2 Chron. 36:21-23; Isa. 44:28), grant was given to "who-soever would" to go back to the land of their fathers, and to build again the temple. Sheshbazzar (Zerubbabel) was given charge of the enterprise. Undoubtedly, reference is made to his office in Ezra 2:63, where the Tirshatha (governor) is spoken of. In support of this, see Haggai 1:1. Soon work was moving along well, but hindrances arose and the work was stopped. Then God raised up prophets—Haggai and Zechariah. Ezra 5:1, 2. Feeble tho their organization, yet as it was for carrying on God's work in the earth, He showed His recognition by sending prophets to stay up the leaders' hands and encourage the people. At the same time there were others who were saying, "The time is not come. . . . that the Lord's house should be built." Haggai 1:2. These were false prophets. They stood against the work of the organization. While these two true prophets lived and were recognized, the work prospered. After their voices were no more heard the people went in wrong paths again. The choristers, the guards of the gates and the ordinary Levites, alike, were compelled to go back to their homes and cultivate their fields for a living. Public worship was neglected; the tithe was not brought in; the Sabbath was profaned; wives were put away, and wives were taken from the heathen; moneyed men worked various avaricious schemes. All the good that had been done was well-nigh undone.

Just in the time of this sad state of affairs we see Malachi. Once more God has a spokesman fully yielded

to Him. He realized the needs of the time, was fearless in reproof, and stern in his demands and denunciations.

Where there was organization for the purpose of carrying forward God's work, there His prophets were found. True, the organization was not perfect; but, faulty as it was, God was ready to place His messenger with them to strengthen, and enable His work to go forward; and thus He honored organization.

Believing that "whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope," we can see in that history a lesson for our own times.

To-day the organization for carrying forward God's special work is attacked. Its methods and plans are combatted at every step. The organization may not be perfect. It is not claimed that it is so. But it is for a definite purpose,—the carrying forward of God's message of Present Truth. Feeble and defective as the organization may be, yet God honors it. He set His own messenger in that body. Through that channel He has said of that body: "Enfeebled and defective, needing constantly to be warned and counseled, the church is nevertheless the object of Christ's supreme regard." Test. Vol. VII, p. 16.

As they who essayed to hinder His work under Zerubbabel and others are held up in the Word as false guides, is it not equally true that they who to-day raise their hands and voices against the organization and messenger of God are fighting against God and His particular work?

Those hinderers made good plausible arguments—told the truth—for the Jews had been rebellious, Ezra 4: 15, 19, and did succeed in hindering for awhile the work, yet their efforts were finally overthrown. So it is to-day. It may be equally true that if we stop to listen to all the objections we, too, may be persuaded to take the wrong side. The rock on

which Jehoshaphat built his defense should to-day be our foundation,— "Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper." Let no one be dismayed. Others have assaulted the castle of the "Commandments of God" and come to naught; others as strong have made war on the "testimony of Jesus Christ," but their names will come no more to the light till the day of perdition. God says of the remnant that escaped, that they "shall know whose words shall stand, mine or theirs." W. A. YOUNG.



WORK IN OUR LARGE CITIES

DURING the past ten years, the Lord has been sending message after message to this people, telling us that the time has fully come for active, thorough work in the great cities of the world. Their iniquity and corruption is reaching to the heavens. The Lord is merciful, but he will not always forbear. The cities are becoming like Sodom and Gomorrah of old. Soon destruction will be visited upon them, and the prophecy will be fulfilled which says, "and the cities of the nations fell."

As we glance over the events of the past few months, and recall the terrible visitations upon San Francisco, Valparaiso, and Kingston, does it not appear that the work of destruction has already begun, and that our work for the cities must be done quickly, or it will be forever too late to give them this message?

Most Effective Methods

In some places active efforts are being put forth in behalf of the cities. The work to be done involves serious problems which are taxing the ingenuity and resourcefulness of many of our most able evangelical workers. As we review past efforts, it appears that the most successful work has been accomplished by missionary efforts from house to house. These efforts have usually been begun by house-to-house work with papers and tracts followed by

Bible readings and cottage meetings and later on by public effort in tents and halls.

The "Signs of the Times"

Our people are already well aware of the interest that has been taken by the officers of the General Conference Publishing Department in the great, systematic work being undertaken by the *Signs of the Times*. We have trusted that under God's blessing this effort would assist in the organization of our churches, and companies, and isolated members into a grand, united force, all laboring together earnestly to give the Third Angel's Message to the people in their homes as speedily as possible.

The Gospel Series of the "Signs of the Times"

This gospel series of the *Signs of the Times* will present the truth in an attractive, systematic way much as it is presented in a series of tent meetings. Beginning about the first of May, this series will continue for six months. The papers will be furnished for two cents per copy in clubs of five or more copies. What a wonderful work we may each do with these papers at an expense of only ten or twenty cents per week, and a little personal effort, during this six months! E. R. PALMER.

MICHAEL, MIDDLETOWN AND KENNARD

I WAS glad indeed to be with the Michael church Friday night and over Sabbath, April 19 and 20. This was my first visit to this place. If the brethren and sisters enjoyed our meeting as well as I did, we all had a blessed good time together.

Sunday night, April 21, I spoke at Middletown to an interested and fair-sized congregation, upon "The Signs of the Times," and I announced a meeting there for four weeks from that night, as some desired me to give a series of discourses upon this subject. The congregation was larger than four weeks previous.

Sabbath, April 27, I had the privilege of my first visit to the Kennard church. Here I spoke twice and all seemed glad that I could be with them, and it was truly a pleasure for me to become acquainted with several of the members of this church and visit them at their homes. This

is a faithful company, and from this church has gone forth several workers.

W. J. STONE.

THE REPORTER

ENCLOSED you will find stamps for the REPORTER another year, as our subscription has expired. We enjoy the paper very much as it comes from our old home. We read the

many good reports from our dear brethren, and we rejoice with them in the Third Angel's Message which is soon to lighten the world with its glory. Pray for us that we may be faithful and at last be gathered in God's everlasting kingdom, where there will be no more sorrow, pain, nor death.

Your brother,
HENRY REASON.

Churches Assigned to Laborers

In Raising the Indiana Portion of the \$150,000 Fund
Showing amounts paid to Conference Treasurer to May 3, 1907

	Mem- bers	Amt. to be Raised	Amt. Paid			
J. M. REES.				J. F. STEELE		
Honey Creek	21	\$63.	34 50	Rocklaue	18	\$54. 7 49
Idaville	23	69.	42 00	Pleasant View	19	57. 25 93
Royal Center	11	33.	20 00	Boggsstown	70	210. 159 40
Grass Creek	33	99.	55 50	Waldron	28	84. 19 76
Denver	24	72.	47 50	Unionville	17	51.
Peru	16	48	40		152	\$456. 212 58
Lafayette	30	90.	77 75	C. J. BUHALTS.		
New London	19	57.	15 15	South Bend	25	\$75. 28 39
Kokomo	55	165.	18 50	Goshen	12	36. 35 50
Jefferson	7	21.	19 00	Ligonier	44	132. 104 90
	239	\$717.	330 30	North Liberty	34	102. 41 85
U. S. ANDERSON				Walkerton	6	18. 18 00
Marion	61	\$183.	40 80	Inwood	17	51. 12 25
Michael	33	99.	23 14	Michigan City	3	9. 9 00
Jonesboro	47	141.	19 75	Etna Green	14	42. 23 00
Hartford City	43	129.	64 00	Medaryville	23	69. 8 00
West Liberty	.....		13 50	Mt. Vernon	25	75. 23 20
Windfall	14	42.	6 00		203	\$609. 304 09
Elwood	12	36.	7 50	W. A. YOUNG.		
New Hope	23	69.	9 00	Indpls (23rd st.)	125	\$375. 155 27
Barber's Mills	25	75.	17 85	Lebanon	11	33. 125 50
	258	\$774.	201 54	Northfield	17	51. 18 60
A. L. MILLER.				Richmond	10	30. 73 50
Anderson	19	\$57.	40 60	Counersville	40	120. 27 65
Muncie	40	120.	23 65	Gleuwood	9	27. 8 00
Olivet Chapel	47	141.	25 00		212	\$636. 408 52
Middletown	24	72.	32 00	F. M. ROBERTS.		
Mechanicsburg	29	87.	25 62	Dana	32	\$96. 64 80
Kennard	23	69.	45 25	Terre Haute	32	96. 49 25
Frankton	21	63.	8 00	Farmersburg	53	159. 43 61
	203	\$609.	200 12	Patrickburg	18	54. 34 50
J. H. NIEHAUS.				Salem	53	159. 9 00
Franklin	12	\$36	32 25	Linton	13	39. 353 00
Martinsville	26	78.	11 25	Eluora	29	87. 18 12
	38	\$114.	43 50	Princeton	19	57. 12 58
A. W. BARTLETT.				Mt. Zion	81	243. 25 87
East Indpls	56	\$168.	117 23		330	\$990. 610 73
Greenfield	17	51.	25 10	R. W. LEACH.		
Noblesville	35	105.	19 85	New Marion	26	\$78 30 25
	108	\$324.	162 18	Gum Corner	12	36. 13 20
B. HAGLE.				Fredricksburg	.....
Angola	5	\$15.	16 00	Seymour	.....	15 05
Auburn	6	18.	1 50	Oolitic	19	57. 3 35
South Milford	3	9.	15 50		57	\$171. 61 85
Wolf Lake	90	270.	109 29	O. S. HADLEY.		
Fort Wayne	4	12.	4 00	West Indpls.	28	\$84. 35 75
Wabash	.....			Logansport	24	72. 30 25
Huntington	7	21.	22 00		52	\$156. 66 00
Rochester	30	90.	18 41	Isolated		421 44
Akron	13	39.	23 00		2,010	\$6,030. \$3,232 55
Corunna	.....				
	158	\$474.	209 70			

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY STUDY
For Sabbath, May 25.

I. REVIEW.

1. Was man created in freedom or in bondage? Gen. 1:26, 27.
2. Who is the great opposer of truth?
3. In what condition did Satan endeavor to make Adam and Eve believe they were created? Gen. 3:1, 4, 5.
4. What did he promise them? 2 Peter 2:19, first clause. Did he fulfill his promise? Same verse, last clause.
5. Having brought man into bondage, to keep him bound, in what condition does Satan endeavor to make him believe he is? John 8:33.
6. In bondage, does one know the true God?
7. In bondage, does one have eternal life? John 17:3.
8. Why does Satan want to keep one in ignorance of the Sabbath? Eze. 20:20.
9. What is one of the reasons for the seventy years captivity? Jer. 17:24-27.
10. What is the antitype of this captivity? Jer. 25:8-11; Isa. 24:3-6; Rev. 20:5, 7. Who will be captives in the grave during this time?—*Ans.* Sabbath-breakers.

II. THE RELATION OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT TO RELIGIOUS RIGHTS.—NO. 1.

1. What is Civil Government?—*Ans.* "Civil" and "government" are derived from two Latin words meaning respectively, Pertaining to citizens—a citizen is a member of a state; and to pilot, to guide, to control. Hence, Civil Government is control by law exercised by a state over its members.
2. What is the source of rights?—*Ans.* The Creator.
3. Is the government to exercise control by law over all matters? Matt. 22:21. Make this clear.
4. What is one of the duties of the state? Rom. 13:4. The first duty of the state is to secure justice to its members, as this text shows.
5. How is justice secured?—*Ans.* By protecting every individual, without distinction, in the enjoyment of his *natural rights*. (Martin's Civil Government.) Governments can not *create* rights, only *protect* individuals in their rights. Show that natural rights existed before governments were organized.
6. What are some of man's natural rights?—*Ans.* The right of *personal security*, of *personal liberty*, of *private property*, and

of *religious belief* and *worship*. (Martin's Civil Government.)

7. Can an individual forfeit his right to *personal security*, and be justly deprived of it by the government? Gen. 9:6; Matt. 26:52; Rom. 13:4. Is the same true of *personal liberty*?—Jer. 34:16, 17. Of *private property*?—Luke 19:8; Mark 4:24. Of *religious belief* and *worship*?—*Ans.* Is religious belief and worship due to the state, or is it due to God? Matt. 22:21; Acts 4:18, 19; 5:28, 29. Make these points clear.

Procure and read "Religious Liberty Leaflet, No. 5."

A. L. MILLER, *Sec. of R. L.*

BADGE FOR "SIGNS" WORKERS

In response to the earnest requests from some of our agents, we have prepared a neat little badge to be worn by those engaged in selling the *Signs of the Times* on the street or from house to house.

These badges serve a double purpose. First, as an introduction to the people, and second, showing that person wearing same is authorized by the publishers to take subscriptions.

They will be furnished free to all taking a club of fifty or more copies weekly, and can be had for the asking.

Some of our agents are taking as many as three hundred copies of the *Signs* weekly and report excellent success in selling them. Some sell them on street and from house to house, while others have regular customers to whom they deliver the papers weekly.

Now is a favorable time to begin, as on May 1 the first number of the Gospel Series of twenty-six special numbers will appear, and there will be something intensely interesting in each issue.

All persons who are taking fifty

copies or more of the *Signs of the Times* weekly are requested to notify the publishers if they desire one of the badges above referred to. Address *Signs of the Times*, Mountain View, Cal.

OBITUARIES

ZIRKLE—Died near Middletown and Mechanicsburg, Henry County, Ind., Floyd A., son of Charles and Ella Zirkle, aged 11 years, 10 months, and 28 days. Floyd was a manly, good, and obedient boy, never leaving his home without the consent of his parents, and then with a pleasant "Good-by" to papa and mamma. He took great delight in the Sabbath-school and its lessons.

Floyd's death was tragic, the result of being thrown violently from a buggy while the horse was running away. His injury was so great that in a short time he died from lockjaw. The dear parents, the church, and the Sabbath-school greatly mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to a large and sympathizing company. J. M. REES.

WANTED, FOR SALE, ETC.

FOR SALE—I have a fifty-acre farm for sale. Six room house; fair barn; good well of water. Mostly black soil, well drained. Five years time to pay it if desired. Only three-fourths of a mile from Beechwood Academy, near Boggs town, Ind. Address R. P. Strickler, Berrien Springs, Mich. (2-4t-1)

FOR SALE OR RENT—Good five-room house, nearly new, and one and one-fifth acre ground; well out buildings. Adjoining Beechwood Academy grounds. \$5.00 per month. Will sell for \$800.00. Address J. A. Crary, Route 1, Fairland, Ind.

REPORT FROM COLPORTERS FOR APRIL, 1907.

NAME	TERRITORY	Book.	Days	Hours	Orders	Value.	Helps.
Athen Metzker	Winchester	Gr. Con.	11	85	13	\$4.50	
I. M. Hile	Tipton Co.	C. K.	4	30	12	12 00	\$ 75
C. J. Harris	Tipton Co.	B. R.	8	53	26	67 50	3 25
H. M. Gipson	Johnson Co.	H. of M.	11	39	23	40 00	19 00
S. D. Scarlett							
Stephen Boze							
F. B. Marker	Noble Co.	H. of M.	3	24	5	8 75	1 75
Louise Hile	Garrett	C. K.	5	26	17	18 00	1 75
Florence Graham	Butler	H. of M.	11	60	13	23 25	8 50
Destie Crandell							
Bertha Graham	Garrett	C. K.	6	31	11	12 00	5 50
A. C. Ford	Tipton Co.	B. R.	2	10	3	18 75	2 00
Martin Grim	Green Co.	C. O. L. M. H.	18			44 75	6 75
Totals			79	358	128	\$273 50	\$49 25

ITEMS of INTEREST

Liberty attained a circulation of 50,000 copies per issue during the first year of its existence.

ELDER A. L. MILLER is now at El-nora holding a short series of meetings. May he be remembered in our prayers.

SISTER KENT gives a very interesting report of her work at Seymour in a recent letter. The Lord is blessing her efforts to win souls.

SABBATH, April 27, Brother W. H. Edwards occupied the pulpit at the 23rd St. church, giving an impressive discourse on the subject "Humility", basing his remarks on Zeph. 2:3.

THE Conference has purchased of Brother and Sister Applegate the six acres of ground where small fruit, apple and pear trees, were set out when the school was first established at Beechwood.

CHAS. E. ALLEN, who taught school at Rocklane the past winter, has connected with the work at the Wabash Valley Sanitarium, and will take a nurses' course to better fit himself for active missionary work.

BELIEVING that the *Signs of the Times* is an excellent means of becoming acquainted with the people, Brother and Sister Niehaus have ordered a club of 100 papers to use in house to house work in their new field of labor, Greenfield.

BROTHER GRIM recently sold at Linton eighteen Christ's Object Lessons, fifteen Ministry of Healing, and twenty-seven Gospel Primers, besides hundreds of periodicals. He is now at Terre Haute selling our periodicals. Scores ought to be engaged in the same kind of work.

BROTHER L. E. REED, of Etna Green, writes that he is taking the *Review, Signs*, and *REPORTER*, and while he is not privileged to attend service, as the church there is broken up, yet he keeps well informed and is of good courage in the work. He has also paid on the \$150,000 Fund.

THE first order for the special Temperance Number of the *Youth's Instructor* received at this office came from the East Side church, which ordered 125 copies. We expect this or-

der will be increased later and hope that many churches throughout the state will use a quantity of this excellent temperance number.

BROTHER L. F. ELLIOTT, who has charge of our printing at the Academy, writes that he and those assisting in the printing office, meet every morning to pray for the work and especially for the \$150,000 Fund. If all would take this interest, it would soon be completed.

LAST month, Sister Mary Kent, with the assistance of one worker, sold 75 copies of *Life and Health* in Seymour. Expecting the assistance of two workers this month, she has ordered 100 copies of the May number. Equal success would doubtless attend efforts made by our people in other places.

AT Linton lives a blind canvasser, Brother Samuel Rowe, who recently took orders for 48 New Testament Primers in a nearby town, spending parts of four days to accomplish that much. He also sold some periodicals while taking these orders. We trust that God will bless our brother in future efforts.

BROTHER EMMANUEL GROUNDS, of Lyons, has just sent to our office the second largest donation made to the Indiana portion of the \$150,000 Fund. He also sent in a good title and other donations. While somewhat isolated, he keeps well informed regarding the progress of the work and the needs of the cause. God will bless such faithful service to Him.

THE Wabash Valley Sanitarium at La Fayette is already receiving about all the patronage that it can accommodate. More room must be provided soon. The Sanitarium already is an assured success. We hope to be able hereafter to give a cut in different issues of the *REPORTER*, and information regarding this institution which we believe has been planted by the Lord.

W. H. EDWARDS, auditor Lake Union Conference, Elder A. G. Haughey, President West Michigan Conference, and Elder Stone, who were appointed a committee some weeks ago by the Lake Union Conference to look up a location for headquarters of the Union, last week made investigations at South Bend

and Niles. And it will soon be decided whether the office will be changed from Indianapolis before the next biennial session of the Lake Union Conference.

TITHE REPORT FOR APRIL

Akron	5 40
Angola	33 58
Anderson	85 00
Barbers Mills	46 41
Boggs town	
Brookston	
Connersville	32 58
Denver	21 49
Dana	29 92
Evansville	
Elmora	2 50
Elwood	11 00
Etna Green	
Farmersburg	19 82
Fort Wayne	
Franklin	10 78
Frankton	
Grass Creek	
Goshen	46 47
Glenwood	9 03
Greenfield	50 80
Gum Corner	15 28
Hartford City	19 86
Honey Creek	29 85
Huntingburg	18 11
Huntington	16 79
Idaville	
Indianapolis (23rd street)	127 34
" (East Side)	119 40
" (West Side)	16 76
Individuals	21 29
Inwood	17 00
Jefferson	26 87
Jonesboro	38 51
Kennard	18 64
Kokomo	5 76
La Fayette	56 17
Lebanon	3 25
Ligonier	23 87
Linton	136 32
Logansport	
Michaels	
Medaryville	
Marion	20 98
Michigan City	
Middletown	108 33
Mt. Vernon	
Mt. Zion	57 71
Muncie	23 10
Martinsville	7 05
New London	13 56
Noblesville	
Northfield	
New Marion	45 31
North Liberty	
New Hope	39 62
Olive Branch	
Olivet Chapel	22 25
Oolitic	7 65
Patrickburg	14 15
Peru	
Petersburg	
Pleasant View	10 95
Princeton	5 60
Royal Center	
Richmond	
Rochester	9 62
Rocklane	90
Seymour	26 25
Salem	6 15
South Bend	14 34
South Milford	22 00
Terre Haute	28 24
Unionville	
Waldron	27 02
Walkerton	10 10
West Liberty	1 50
Windfall	
Wolf Lake	53 03
Total receipts	\$1690 97