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T is always a hopeful sign, when, after we have been struggling for a time and stop to look over the steps already taken, we see that

there has been some advancement. It encourages the toiler to bend again to the task, especially when it is seen that the progress is along

The Lord has said, "Ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good. Mark 14:7. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor." Ps. 41:1. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord." Prov. 19:17. See what

"With the work of advocating the Commandments of God and repairing the breach that has been made in his law, we are to mingle compassion for the suffering." Vol. 6, p. 83. "All our churches should have a care for their own poor," Id. p. 271. "Let the church-members exercise tact and ingenuity in caring for these the Lord's people, 1d. p. 272. "Methods of helping the needy should be carefully and prayerfully considered." Id. p. 277. "They (the poor) are Christ's legacy to the church." Id. 261.

Surely God has marked out a way for us here in these quotations, and looking over the "way," we may know whether we are in the place where God would have us.

At the session of the Conference held in 1906, the following was adopted:

"INASMUCH as we have many in our churches who are utterly unable to meet the expenses of sanitarium treatment; and.

"INASMUCH as many, for the above reason, are driven to consult worldly physicians; therefore,

"Resolved, That we take up a collection in all our churches twice a year to assist our sanitariums to help care for the worthy poor of this Conference."

It was brought out in the discussion that by this means some who are not able to take sanitarium treatment would be made able. The recommendation was good but it lacked organization behind it to keep it before the churches. But very little has ever been raised in harmony with that plan.

The session of the Conference held in 1908 endorsed the following plan:

"That every Seventh-day Adventist church in Indiana be asked to raise a fund on the certificate plan, which will stand to the credit of that church to be applied on board, the Savior told the young man to room, and treatment of anyone all sacrifice."

do to help the poor (Matt. 19:21.) whom the church may desire to send to the Sanitarium, the sum to be raised by these churches to be upon a plan similar to the one adopted in raising the \$150,000 Fund, according to the membership of the church."

> The churches see that in the relation of these two recommendations that wisely considered advanced steps have been taken, and we see by the last REPORTER that they have already manifested their approval of the same by more generous contributions than were solicited during the year that the first recommendation was in effect. Some of the churches have already arranged for the full amount solicited from them; many more have made a good beginning, while some have not yet made a start. Most of these are waiting for the encouragement of wise counsel, when they will take hold and lift heartily.

> When we were working on the \$150,000 Fund, one of our churches though it was in debt on account of church matters and so poor that it could raise but little, if any, of what was figured to its share, other counsel came and encouraged the members to make an effort, and the result was that they went beyond the amount suggested for So I say again, if our them churches can have the proper encouragement of wise counsel they will all take hold and do their part.

> This effort for the sick poor is especially wise in that it proposes that now we raise this fund, and put it on deposit, that when it is needed we will be prepared and can at that time be turning our attention to helping the cause on other lines. Let every one speak courage to his brother or sister now and let this plan which has been laid in wisdom be speedily accomplished.

W. A. Young.

"HE rejects happiness who refuses

#### LETTER FROM ELDER STONE. NO. 2

My last letter was from Phonix. Arizona. I had hoped to have a letter in the last REPORTER, but the paper's being published a few days ahead of time, on account of the Lake Union Conference, hindered it.

We came to the Loma Linda Sanitarium February 27. The sanitarium is built on a hill about one bundred feet above the railroad, and about twenty-five rods from the station. By winding around the hill, the ascent is quite easy, and pleasant when the summit is reached. The front entrance is quite abrupt, and it takes one hundred twenty steps to reach the main floor from the walk at the foot of the hill.

Loma Linda derived its name from the Spaniards and means "Hill Beautiful", The sanitarium buildings compose the major part of the place; the station was built for the special accommodation of this institution. It is located in the country, and surrounded by thousands of acres of orange groves. This season of the year the naval oranges are ripening, and the trees laden with their golden fruit present truly a beautiful sight. There are daily shipped out of this valley two hundred car loads of oranges, worth one hundred fifty thousand dollars. This gives something of an idea of the immense value of a year's orange crop.

From where I am sitting on the third story balcony, I can see Colton three miles to the West; San Bernardino, five miles to the North; Highlands, nine miles to the Northeast; and Redlands, five miles to the East. Then beyond are the foot-hills and the snow-capped mountains in the distance towering thousands of feet high. These are some of the delightful features. But do not think that amidst all of this grand and beautiful scenery that peace and happiness is assured. The curse in some form is felt and one only longs for the true joys and pleasures with all the curse removed.

Men and women will go to the ends of the earth in search of health. some are benefitted and learn the way of life more perfectly, at our institutions, and this is the only object in their establishment, or should be the main object. While it is humane and we should do our fellow mortals all the good we can to im-

the future immortal glory is the main thing to be sought.

Here at Loma Linda Everett underwent a severe surgical operation by having his tonsils and adenoids removed. We were in hopes the change of climate would affect a cure of his bronchiel trouble but he continually grew worse.

Since writing the above we have come to the Glendale Sanitarium. Which is located in a suburb of Los Angeles. It is a quiet place and not as large an institution as the one at Loma Linda. They can accomodate about 40 patients. The scenery here does not compare with that of Loma Linda. Flowers grow here the year round in great profusion and one is reminded of the beauties of the Garden of Eden as he walks through the beautiful front lawn with its walks and drives completely lined with flowers of many varities. In this they have a great adregard vantage over the colder climate of the East. But thus far we have seen no Sanitarium site more beautiful than the location of the Wabash Valley Sanitarium.

I have taken advantage upon many occasions to show the picture of our Sanitarium grounds and buildings. Some have talked favorably of visiting our institution, as many who spend their winters on the coast, spend their summers in a cooler climate. We expect to go in a few days to St. Helena.

We are thinking much about our home field and are anxious to return. Our greatest burden is to see our sanitarium at La Fayette fully equipped to do the work the Lord has for it to do, also to see the gospel and school work make good progress the present year. Let us all unitedly work to this end.

W. J. STONE.

#### BIENNIAL REPORT FOR INDIANA AT LAKE UNION CONFERENCE

(In the absence of the President. the Secretary rendered the following report for Indiana on Sunday, March 22, 1908.—Ed.)

ALL of us regret that the President of the Indiana Conference can not be with us. In these meetings we will need the encouragement of his presence and the benefit of his

We will not dwell upon statistics prove their physical condition, yet, of Indiana, or other data that may with an enrolment of 62 in 1906, and

be obtained from the popular year books, but confine this report to a sketch of the work of the Third Angel's Message in Indiana during the blennial period now just at an end. We are glad that we can see real advancement, even though some figures given may, at first, seem discouraging.

The work in this field has made substantial advancement, and for this we are truly grateful to Him who has given all the success, who has heard the prayers, and blessed the sacrifices that have been offered.

Twenty tent efforts have been made and to-day there are souls rejoicing in the truth as the result of them (or of meetings held in buildings in the colder weather). Our laborers report converts amounting in the aggregate to about 500. Six new churches have been admitted to the Conference. Several churches having only a nominal existance have been dropped from the rolls, making at this time 68 churches on our lists. During this time, too, a work of cleaning up has been going forward with the church rolls. Persons whose whereabouts were not known and could not be ascertained were dropped; some were disfellowshipped for apostasy, and then deaths and removals to other fields have aided; and notwithstanding all this we have 2,024 Sabbath-keepers in Indiana, which is about one to each 1,300 of the states's population. It is needless to say that union and harmony are as evident among the laborers and in the churches as at any time in the history of the message in this field. This is true, not only among ourselves, but in our relation to the Union and General Conference.

We have had four camp-meetings. Two years ago the business meetings of the Conference were separated from our camp-meetings, and we have found this to be a great gain to both the spiritual and business work of the Conference. Yet each year one of our meetings is so much more largely attended by our people than is the other that practically we still have a general and a local camp-These, last year, were meeting. great blessings to our people.

#### Educational

Standing at the head in this work we have the Beechwood Academy

54 in 1907. The work in this institution is carried up through the tenth grade, and has been greatly blessed. The school is set to train our young people for work in the message.

#### Church Schools

One year ago we were maintaining fifteen church-schools with an enrolment of 191. This year, because teachers could not be secured, there have been but twelve schools. These had an enrolment of 158. The influence in about all of these has been excellent. We expect to see the church-school work prosper.

#### Young People's Work

We have eight local young people's societies with a membership of 81. The Home Department membership is 15. This branch of the work when properly conducted is a great help to our young people and an encouragement to the church. At our recent Conference several recommendations looking forward to better organization and more effective work were adopted.

#### Sabbath-Schools

The 66 Sabbath Schools in our field have a membership of 1,300. Their donations for 1907 were \$1,-285.97, a gain of \$222.85 over the previous year; a total for the two years of \$2,348.99, of which amount the sum of \$1,604.13 was donated to Some of our foreign missions. schools have adopted the plan regarding their donations of "all for missions." We hope to see all take this step.

#### Books and Periodicals

At the present time we have but seven bookmen at work, but these are faithful and good. Since the last session of this Conference, there was a period of eight months in which time we had three Field Secretaries -all good men-but such 'rapid changing did not accelerate the work. Brother Wright is taking hold and working hard to secure an increased number in the field, and we hope he will continue in this place. The sale of periodicals has increased in the last two years because of the work of the Missionary Secretary, he having more time to devote to that work. It has revived the missionary work in all our churches courage; for when all the people state for 1907, \$34,320.14, or more \$500 yet unpaid.

have a mind to work, then shall we see great progress.

#### Religious Liberty

We are pleased to be able to report progress here also. One of our brethren was arrested and fined for Sunday work, but on an appeal to the Circuit Court, he was cleared. All the members of the legislature are being supplied with Liberty. Many copies of this excellent journal are sold by our people. Petitions to Congress have been extensively circulated, and with some effect, as may be noticed by items in the dispatches from Washington, Church Federations are being formed in some of our cities. Where such is done, it makes the circulation of the petitions much more difficult than we found it in other years.

#### Financial

We are gratified with the good showing that has been made in the financies of the work in our Conference. The "Object Lesson" work, which discouraged some for a while, has all been paid, as well as our part of the \$150.00 Fund. We believe that the thorough organization for that work was a mighty factor in enabling us to speedily pay the sum that was asked from us. I can do no better here than to quote from Elder Stone's annual address at the recent session of our Conference:-

"I feel that it would be proper for me to make something of a statement to this Conference regarding our financial situation, as I believe this will show the real interest our brethren are taking in the work. In 2 Cor. 8:8, the Lord speaks of the grace of giving as proof of the sincerity of our love. A comparison of the money given to different lines of the work during the years 1902, 1903, and 1907, will illustrate the change that has come into the work in Indiana.

"During the year 1902, the total tithe and all contributions to all sources outside the state, amounted to \$15,865.26. The total contribution going outside of the state, and the tithe for 1903, amounted to \$16,631. The tithe alone for the year 1907, amounted to \$21,580.24, and the contributions going outside the state for the year 1907, amounted to \$12,-739,90, making a total of tithe, and where he has labored. This gives us contributions going outside the

than double the amount of money raised during the year 1902. The total donations sent outside the state in 1902, amounted to \$1,679.81, while the total money sent outside of the state for 1907, was \$12,739.90.

"This shows a wounderful gain, and demonstrates as nothing else the increased interest that our brethren and sister of Indiana have in the work of the Third Angel's Message. When I came to this Conference and began my work, September 1, 1903, this Conference was insolvent by \$15,000. Our trial balance January 1, 1908, shows a present worth of the Indiana Association of Seventh-Day Adventists, aside from the Sanitarium interests, to be \$10,-554.72, thus making a net gain of over \$25,000. When our trial balance is presented showing the condition of the Indiana Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, it will show the present worth of this association to be about \$11,500. This added to the present worth of the Indiana Association of Seventh-Day Adventists, makes a total of about \$22,000, making a total gain during the past four and one half years of about \$37,000. For this I wish it plainly understood that I do not take the credit, but we have earnestly sought the Lord for his guidance, and it has been through His special blessing and the liberality of our people that the cause has been able to make this showing. work has rested heavily upon me night and day, and that which has brought the greatest success into our work has been wrought out in the small hours of the night when I should have been taking sound sleep."

This last tells why Elder Stone is not with us to-day.

In looking over some items for this period of two years, I find that our tithe for 1907 was \$21,580.24, an average of \$10.66 per member. For 1906 the tithe was \$18,343.12, making a total of \$39,923.36. The offerings to Foreign Missions were \$5,144.00. Of this sum, the Sabbath-Schools contributed \$1,604,13 or \$15.43 each Sabbath. The total of tithes and contributions for all purposes amounted to \$79,563.70, an average of \$39,31 per member. We have also paid \$2,500 on that portion of the G. C. A. debt assigned us, leaving

#### Medical

During the last two years the nedical work in Indiana has been strengthened by securing an ideal site consisting of 25 acres, three miles from the city of La Fayette, on a trolley line and have erected a good building for a Sanitarium-the first in Indiana belonging to the Seventh-Day Adventists organization. This with the buildings already there will give us enough room for the present. An ideal location is thus described: "The institution was not large, but it was complete. It was surrounded by beautiful trees and shrubbery, beyond which were orchards and groves. Connected with the place were gardens, in which the lady patients, when they could cultivate flowers of every description." Such is not only ideal, but is what the Spirit of the Lord has shown as such and fittingly describes the Wabash Valley Sanitarium. We expect to establish in connection with the Sanitarium an ideal training school. larger bulk of our people are in hearty accord with what has and is being done at La Fayette.

#### Future Work

In addition to the proposed enlargement last referred to, and a settled purpose to press the message in city and country, we have given our most experienced worker to take the presidency of the West Virginia Conference; and in addition we place one of our most promising young ministers there to assist him. we to support him for one year. Another of our oldest workers is in the South to work among the We will also pay colored people. him. We will also support a colored worker in the South, and a native worker in China, one in Japan, one in India, and one in South Africa. Last summer we voted \$1,000 of our tithe to the Mission Board, half of which has been paid, and we hope to pay the remainder soon.

There is a cry of hard times in the land, but that need not—will not—bring God's work to a standstill. We expect to see this message go with increased power. This generation is the last people. Men may plan to leave their wealth to their posterity, but they themselve are a part of this last people. Then the only wise thing to do is to plan and

put our means as rapidly as we can into the spread of this message, that none of it, in the fires of the last day, burn up in our hands.

W. A. YOUNG.

# THE LAST CALL

This will be our last opportunity to use the columns of our conference paper in extending to our canvassers and those who desire to canvass an invitation to the coming institute at Beechwood Academy.

Certainly it is time that we should all be preparing to "finish the work" in Indiana. The signs indicate that our opportunity to give the message will soon be gone. The final conflict is just before us, and only those who work for God will stand the test.

My brother, my sister, are you doing all the Lord expects you to do in this closing work? Soon the earth will be lightened with the glory of present truth as it shines forth from the pages of our publications and is reflected in the faces of the messengers. Would you be in that honored company? Then why not volunteer to-day, and help swell the "loud cry?"

The harvest is great, the laborers few. Must we call in men from other fields to do the work here? Surely the Lord has many more in Indiana who ought to engage in the canvassing work. Who will respond to the call?

Remember that you may never have such an opportunity to prepare for service again. We need a dozen more canvassers at once. The expense of board, tuition, and carfare from the Institute to the field are to be met by the Conference for those who canvass in Indiana after the Institute.

A number of persons have signified their intention of coming, and no doubt there are others who desire to attend who have not yet notified us. Be sure to notify the writer at once if you intend to come, and also state what book you wish to canvass for so that I can order your prospectus.

ARCHER WRIGHT, Field Agent.

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#### ANNUAL OFFERING FOR THE POOR

THE General Conference has appointed Sabbath, April 4, for the time of this offering to be taken. Our brethren and sisters will under-

stand that a portion of the offering that was taken last year was still used to maintain the orphans and old people that were still in the homes at Battle Breek. The offering taken this year in Indiana will all be retained and distributed by the Indiana Conference for the benefit of those who are in need in our own state. Heretofore the donations from Indiana have gone to the General Conference to help to maintain those in the institutions at Battle Creek, and it has been recently ascertained that for sometime Indiana has had no inmates in these institutions. So we were simply helping to care for the poor outside of Indiana; now that the donations will be kept in our own field, we feel that it should be a very liberal one. Indiana ought to have a fund from which to draw when worthy poor appeal to the Conference for help.

It ought not to require an argument to show the necessity of a liberal donation and we hope that all our church officers will take this matter up, and endeavor to secure a liberal offering. If this notice is too late for the collection to be taken Sab. April 4, it can be taken the following Sabbath.

It would be well for all to read what has been said in the Review regarding this subject.

W. J. STONE.

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#### THE UNITED STATES NAVY

SIXTEEN mammoth battleships, the flower of the United States Navy, are now slowly making their way from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean.

It is expected that the fleet will enter San Francisco harbor about May 6, 1908, and then will occur one of the grandest naval demonstrations in the history of the world. In addition to this battleship fleet, the entire Pacific Coast squadron will be in the harbor.

The mayor of San Francisco has appointed a large representative committee to make preparations to receive this fleet, and a very elaborate program has been arranged.

From fifteen to twenty thousand men are on these battleships, and their arrival will bring together a vast concourse of people. The attention of the whole country,—yes, of the whole world,—is now turned

toward this event, and their arrival here is being watched with great interest. It is a subject of general conversation.

This presents another splendid opportunity for us to get the truth before the people. We have decided to make the Signs of the Times dated 52 numbers, \$1.50. May 13, a number devoted especially to this subject. It will be beautifully illustrated with special half-tone en gravings.

On the first page there will be a large portrait of Vice-Admiral Evans. commander of the fleet, surrounded with an illustrated naval border, printed in colored ink. The fourth cover page will contain a view of the United States battleship fleet.

On the first page of the paper, inside the cover, there will be a cartoon, by Mr. Maybell, our New York artist, entitled "Consecrated Service." Here is presented a large figure of a soldier leaving behind the attractions of the world and pressing on to victory.

The whole paper, sixteen pages and cover, will be filled with live articles on the great themes of the Gospel, written with a view not only to interest the reader, but to save souls. Here are some of the subjects:

"God's Call to Service:" The Conflict; The Captain; The Reward.

"Signs of the Times:" Riches, Intemperance, War Preparations, etc. "The Law of God."

"Bible Readings on Important Topics."

"The Outlook Department." Specially illustrated. Here we will give the statistics of the navies of the world, their wonderful growth within the last few years, what all this means, etc., etc.

Altogether it will be one of the most interesting, attractive, and important numbers we have ever issued

The California Coference expects to circulate 25,000 copies, at least, among the soldiers, sailors, and marines, and in the cities around San Francisco Bay.

It will, no doubt, sell equally as well all over the United States, and it is hoped that a special effort will be made to give it a wide circulation. This event presents another opportunity to give the truth to people in an attractive form.

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#### CONSTITUTION OF THE INDIANA CON-FERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

#### PREAMBLE

For the purpose of securing unity and efficiency in our work of disseminating light upon the "Commandments of God and the Faith of Jesus," we hereby adopt the following constitution.

ARTICLE 1. NAME AND COMPOSITION

This Conference shall be know as the Indiana Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, and shall be composed of organized churches within the boundaries of this state which have been or shall be accepted by this body at its annual sessions.

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION 1. THE officers of this Conference shall be a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant-Treasurer, an Auditor, a Financial Agent, an Executive Committee of seven of which the President shall be a member; a Secretary and a Field Secretary of the Missionary Department; a Religious Liberty Secretary; a Secretary of the Medical Department; a Superintendent and a Corresponding Secretary of the Educational Department; and such other secretaries and agents as the Executive Committee may deem necessary to properly care for the Conference work.

SECTION 2. THE duties of the President shall be such as usually pertain to the exucutive office.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all the proceedings of the Conference; receive, file and prepare for audit the reports of all the laborers; also receive and file the reports from the churches. He shall make an Annual Statistical report as may be required Price of this naval number: Single hold in custody the archives of the of the books.

Conference, and perform such other duties as the Executive Committee may direct.

It shall be the duty of SECTION 4. the Treasurer to keep an accurate account of the receipts and disbursements of the Conference funds; to pay out the same as may be provide ed by the Conference; to make a statement in duplicate to the Execu tive Committee and Conference Secretary of the business of the treas ury once a quarter, and oftener, if required by the Executive Committee, and to make an annual report thereof to the Conference.

It shall be the duty of SECTION 5. the Assistant Treasurer to act as ac countant and to exercise the prerogatives of the Treasurer in his allsence, and do such other business as may be assinged him.

SECTION 6. It shall be the duty of the Field Secretary to push the sale of our Books, Tracts, and Periodicals in every way he can, and to enlist worthy persons to actively engage in all lines of Missionary work

SECTION 7. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent of the Educa tional Department to interest and instruct our people on the subject of Christian Education, to organize schools, to provide teachers, and assist in the unification and efficiency of this branch of the Lord's work.

SECTION 8. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary of the Educational Department to keep the records of the Sabbath-School work and report to the General Conference Sabbath-School Department, and to the Executive Committee of the Conference whenever called upon, and to work in conjunction with the Superintendent of the Educational Department.

SECTION 9. It shall be the duty of the Missionary Secretary to corres pond with the different church libra ians and isolated Sabbath-keepers. keeping a record of the missionary labors as reported by the societies and individuals, and report to the Conference; and labor to devise plans for carrying forward the Missionary work.

SECTION 10. It shall be the duty of the Auditor to carefully examine the Treasurer's accounts of the different departments of the Conference, and to furnish a certified statement at by the Executive Committee, and its annual sessions, of the condition

SECTION 11. It shall be the duty of the Financial Agent to audit the books of church treasurers, to investigate church and conference deeds, and to promote other financial interests of the Conference.

Section 12. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to take the general supervision of the work between the sessions of the Conference, and to call the annual sessions of the Conference, and special sessions as may be thought needful, giving notice of the time and place in one of our weekly papers, and exercise a proper watchcare over all the intrests pertaining to the Lord's cause.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to appoint six persons who shall not have been in the employ of the Conference during any part of the preceeding year to assist said (Executive) Committee in auditing the accounts of, and settling with, the Conference laborers at their annual audit.

#### ARTICLE III. FUNDS

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the churches belonging to this Conference to adopt the tithing system of the Bible, and the funds so raised shall be paid to the Treasure of the Conference.

SECTION 2. In addition to the tithes the Executive Committee is authorized to call for donations, as the wants of the cause may, in their judgment, demand.

#### ARTICLE IV. CHURCHES

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the churches, through their clerks, to make a written report every quarter to the Conference Secretary, of its standing; its additions and losses; the amount of its tithes; and the Sabbath-School membership.

SECTION 2. When any person or church wishes ministerial labor, their call shall be made to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V. CONFERENCE WORKERS

Section 1. The Conference shall determine who are the approved ministers within its bounds, and grant proper credentials to the same, also license to those whom it may wish to enter the ministerial work.

Section 2. This Conference shall grant Missionary credentials to ap-

proved Bible Workers, Christian Teachers, Physicians, Medical Missionary workers, and Evangelistic Canvassers.

ARTICLE VI. WORKERS' REPORTS

It shall be the duty of Conference employees to report monthly to its Secretary, furnishing such items as may be called for in blanks provided.

#### ARTICLE VII. DELEGATES

The delegates to any session of this Conference shall be selected by the churches, one delegate for each twenty (20) members or fractional part thereof, and the laborers of the Conference shall be delegates at large.

#### ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Conference by a two-thirds vote of the members (delegates); provided that such amendment shall not conflict with the Constitution of the General Conference.

## TITHE FOR FEBRUARY

I was very sorry to see the tithe for February fall about one hundred dollars short of the corresponding month one year ago. I trust this is not a guide to the coming months of the present year.

All will remember that we voted at our conference in January to support a native worker in each of the following countries during the coming year: China, Japan, India, South Africa, besides one in the Southren field, and Elder Steele in West Virginia.

This I believe was a step in the right direction. Indiana has heard the call to "go into all the world and preach the gospel," and the Lord has said, "ye shall receive prower, after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Notice that they were to be witnesses first at Jerusalem, "at home or in the home field." Then in all Judea. This might correspond with our sending a worker to West Virginia; then in Samaria,—the colored people of the South; then to the uttermost parts of the earth. This would correspond with China, Japan, India, and Africa.

When this action was taken it met the hearty approval of all the delegates present, and I am sure every Seventh-Day Adventist in Indiana will agree that if the Lord is to come in this generation, Indiana ought to

## STUDENTS' AID FUND

"In each Conference a fund should be raised to loan to worthy poor students who desire to give themselves to the missionary work; and in some cases they should even receive donations."

Ple	dged	Paid	A L. Miller	5 00	***********
Mrs. M. Worster \$ 7	2 00	\$ 15 00	C. L. Haskins	5.00	5 00
Mrs. Nora Johnston 1	8 00	3 00	Martha Redenour	5 00	2 00
Mrs. Mary Grounds 1	8 00	18 00	G. F. Knapp	5 00	5 00
Dr. S. L. Strickler 1	3.50		Ida Higbee	4 50	**********
Individuals 1	2 39	12 39	Alice Buchanan	4.50	4 50
Miss Verna Stone 1	2 00	6.00	Dora King	4 14	4 14
J. D. Hodapp	12 00	2 00	M. M. Tucker	4 00	4 00
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begin to get her eyes beyond her own borders, and begin as never before to fulfill this scripture.

Our minds will be broadened. We will talk more about the work in India. We will want to know more

But this means that we will all be more faithful if possible in bringing every dollar of tithe the Lord places in our hands into the treasury. This must be done, or we will run behind. We ought to have at least two thousand dollars more tithe paid into our Conference this year than last to meet this extra demand. Will we not keep this in mind from month to month, and will not all of our treasurers and church officers keep this before our people, and encourage a large tithe?

If this is done the reports from our missionaries in all these countries will be read with greater interest.

Our minds will be broadened. We will talk more about the work in India. We will want to know more about the number of workers there and how the work is moving. The same will be ture of all these fields, and from time to time, we shall endeavor to give through the REPORTER the progress of the work in these fields. May God greatly enlarge our minds to comprehend the magnitude of the work, and give us liberal hearts to support the gospel workers in all these fields.

We hope to see the work in our own field prosper the coming year as never before. The signs are thickening around us, and month by month new evidences appear so that there was never a time when our ministers could make the turth so plain as at the present. Let us all pray that the year 1908 may be the banner year in all lines of the work in Indiana.

Your fellow servant,

W. J. STONE.

## PRINCETON

WE were very glad to have Elder Thompson with us from February 26 to March 3, Meetings were held each evening, and Sabbath and Sunday forenoon meetings were also held. We had some outside attendance each evening, and our sitting room was about filled to its capacity. (We have no public place of worship now.)

All were very much encouraged and strengthened by the timely talks and councils of Brother Thompson. Much good was done and the presence of the Lord was with us to impress hearts.

We were much pleased to hear of the progress of the Sanitarium building and the work it is to do. We believe it is in accordance with the plan of God to have a Sanitarium in Indiana, and we also believe that Princeton will not come behind in its apportionment. We want to be ready for every good word and work.

Brother Thompson left here March 3rd for Evansville, expecting to visit some isolated members there, and then go on to Tell City. Our prayers go with him that God may abundantly bless his labor in this part of the state. Ellsworth Light.

# AMONG THE CHURCHES

I visited Oolitic and Needmore, in Lawrence County, and found much sickness, so was not able to hold many meetings; but all were of good courage and talk of building a housof worship. When the subject of the \$5,000 Fund was presented, they said they would do what they could after work opened in the spring, as they are out of work now.

From there I went to Hartford City, and preached the funeral of Michael Bates, the man under whose big apple tree we began meetings and raised up a good company of be lievers who united with the Hartford City church. Through his efforts many are to-day rejoicing in the truth; may be receive his reward for the effort put forth.

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presented to the New Hope church, "The Training of Teachers," showthey promised to help to the extent of their ability.

series of meetings with a very good interest. Pray for the success of the work

Yours in the hope of the soon coming Saviour. U. S. ANDERSON.

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#### SABBATH-SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

THE joint Sabbath-School institute held at Marion March 13 and 14, was a very successful one, and consisted of the Jonesboro, Michael, and Marion Sabbath-Schools. There were four sessions, and every one was replete with life and interest. The program given in the February Worker was made the basis of the institute work, with some modifications, adapting it to the local needs.

On Friday evening a "Model Teacher's Meeting" was conducted by Elder F. M. Roberts, which was very practical and helpful to those participating in it. The purpose of the teacher's meeting is to consider the interests of the Sabbath-School. order, discipline, methods of teaching, to seek the Lord together for wisdom in carrying forward this important work, and to study the most difficult features of the lesson, and the best methods of teaching it.

A very interesting paper on "How to Become a Soul-Winning Teacher," was read by D. S. Hammond.

On Sabbath morning at 9:30 (promptly) the "Model Sabbath-School" convened with "model" class recitations, and a "model" review. The offering was taken from the three schools assembled, and it was decided to send it to the "most needy fields."

At 10:30 the third session convened. and the normal work continued. Sister Stewart gave a most interesting illustration of "Teaching the Children Their Sabbath-School Lesson," Sister McMahan talked on

ing from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy the importance of having I am now at Muncie holding a trained teachers to prepare the youth to receive the Holy Spirit, and to give the last warning message to the world. Elder Roberts spoke on the importance of the teacher's personal appearance, deportment, etc. before her class.

> Sister Pinkerton read an interesting paper on "Five Common Mistakes made by Superintendents,' followed by a paper on "Five Common Mistakes made by Teachers,' by Sister Dilworth. Among the mistakes of superintendents were: failure to begin school on time; long. tedious talks wearying the children; fault finding and formalism. Some of the mistakes of teachers were: failure to become acquainted with pupils, passing over the lesson too hastily, asking all the questions of the bright pupils, and overlooking the dull ones.

> Some interesting "Memory Drills" were given by Sister Maggie Compton, with children.

The fourth session opened promptly at 2:30 o'clock with a large attendance, some not of our faith. The subject, "The Value of Goals," was discussed by the local Secretary. "How Our Sabbath-Schools Appear to Visitors," was discussed by Sister Roberts and Sister Turner. We were made to see ourselves as others see us, and, while the view was not flattering, the lesson was a wholesome one, and all felt the importance of having our Sabbath-Schools appear as God would have them that heavenly visit irs might be attracted there.

Sister McMahan spoke on the "Proper Use of the Sabbath School Worker, showing the value of this journal to parents and S. S. workers. The exercises were varied by recitations and songs from the younger members. These were greatly enjoyed by all.

Many joined heartily in the closing part of the program, "Two-Minute Speeches on 'Improvements I will Make in Our Sabbath-School.'" Institute closed with the song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again,' and the benediction.

RUTH PINKERTON, Sec. v.

#### MEDICAL MISSIONARY WORK

AT our recent Conference meeting, one of the best we ever held, important measures relating to the sanitarium work were adopted. A part of one of them is as follows:-

That every Seventh-Day Adventist church in Indiana be asked to raise a fund on the certificate plan, which will stand to the credit of that church, to be applied on board, room, and treatment of any one whom the church may desire to send to the Sanitarium.

The sums to be raised by the different churches have been apportioned to them. Individuals may look upon this work with various opinions. Some may think it a burden too heavy to bear; some, that too much attention is being given to the Sanitarium and not enough to other branches of the work; others may think it is all right. If we will go to the source of light, "to the law and to the testimony"-the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy,-what before may have seemed vague and indistinct will become clear and plain.

Is the medical work separate and no part of the Message?-

Medical missionary work is the right hand of the gospel. . . As the right hand of the Third Angel's Message, God's methods of treating disease will open doors for the entrance of present truth. . . . Every new institution is to be regarded as a sister belper in the great work of proclaiming the Third Angel's Message .- Vol. 7, page 59,

Thus the Lord says the medical work is a part of the Third Angel's Message. Sanitariums are not to be independent institutions; neither can this Message be given without them.

Is it a burden to us to assist in carrying this Message? Is it a burden to us to assist in a work which is dearer to us than any other work in the world?

Has the time come for this work to be done?-

God has given our sanitariums an opportunity to set in opporation a work that will be as a stone instinct with life, growing as it is rolled by an invisible hand Let this mystic stone be set in motion.-Id.

Where I have been in the interest of this work, I find the Third Angel's Message is dear to the people and they are willing to contribute for its support. They want not a part of the message, but the whole message. It is encouraging to see it so. We have reason to believe that the brethren and sisters will be faithful and that the kingdom of God will be theirs to enjoy forever.

#### A. L. MILLER.

#### REPORT FROM COLPORTERS FOR FEBRUARY 1908.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

HAVE you seen the April Life and Health

THE Signs of the Times will soon issue a United States Navy Number.

Indiana now uses about 1,100 Sabbath-School Quarterlies each quarter.

THE Canvassers' Institute is to begin the 10th of this month at Beechwood Academy.

Do you read the Review each week with its inspiring messages of progress in distant lands.

THE Denver and Peru churches both enjoyed interesting sermons by Elder Young on the 14th ultimo.

OUR Field Missionary Secretary, Brother Wright, has recently visited the churches and companies at Tell City, Evansville, Princeton, and Franklin.

During the past two weeks Brother Martin Grim has been canvassing for "Great Controversy" in a locality about twelve miles southwest of this city.

THE person who fails to read our denominational papers is in great danger of falling so far behind the Message that he will be unable to eaich up with it.

THE time to pay tithe is whenever you receive anything of which onetenth belongs to the Lord. The man who promptly pays tithe, never falls behind in this important duty.

SISTER Buhalts went to La Favette on the 13th ultimo expecting to go to the Lake Union Conference from there. The other Bible-workers here are now visiting her readers.

OUR Religious Liberty Secretary has recently written many letters in reference to Sunday bills to members of Congress at Washington and has been favored with courteous replies.

PRINCETON, Evansville and Mt. Zion were lately visited by Elder Thompson in the interests of the \$5,000 Fund. He spent a few days at his home in Russiaville before going to the Lake Union Conference.

"I NEVER saw the people inquire as they do now for an explanation of the Bible. Surely the Spirit of the that have been made for me. I have quested.

Lord is blessing us very much and we praise His name."

From Richmond.

MANY subscriptions for the Signs of the Times expire this month. Let all renew promptly so as not to miss any excellent number. All church librarians should at once secure renewals from their members for the church clubs.

In the removal of Brother Roy, R. Roberts from this city to Phonix, Arizona, last week, the East Side and 23rd Street churches of this city have lost a valued worker and an efficient officer. We trust that our loss may be the gain of the community into which he goes.

THE Bible workers in this city, Sisters Rothbaust, Kent, and Knapp, report many interesting experiences in their visits among the people. They are giving a large number of readings each week; and several of their readers are deeply stirred concerning the truths presented.

"I AM not in favor of this class of legislation, for under our Constitution, I think that all people of whatever sect or belief should have the privilge of worshiping God according to the dictates of their own consciences, and on any day of the week they please."-Extract from a letter received from a Congressman to whom petitions gainst Sunday legislation have been sent.

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#### LETTER FROM JAPANESE STUDENT

(A number of the young people in the state have assisted a Japanese brother in Emmanuel Missionary College, at the solicitation of Sister McMahan, and he expresses his appreciation in the following letter .-

Dear Friends of Indiana:

PERMIT me to write a letter to you all through your state paper, expressing my gratitude for your kindness and the interest which you have shown in me (one from the other hemishere) in preparing for the Master's service. Indeed, I am grateful to many young and older friends who have been helping me much toward the expense which I have been meeting in the school. I am sure the Lord will treasure all contributions

Lord is working on the people. The prayed that these gifts might not come in vain but that they might be rewarded in the blessed home beyond.

> From Japan comes a plea for help, "Come over and help us save those for whom the Saviour shed His. blood." The heathen thirst for glad tidings of Christ's great love to the world. Oh, God of our fathers, give us loving grace; Sun of Righteousness, shine on the Mikado's isles, break thou the fetters, let the bondsmen loose.

> Please remember me in your prayers that I may ever be faithful and true to the cause, no matter how much tribulation may come to me in working among my own people in Japan.

> In closing, let me add that I am much indebted to Sister McMahan for her many kindnesses and for the deep interest that she has constantly manifested in me.

Your Japanese brother in the blessed hope, YOSHIO TANIMOTO.

#### HELP THAT IS APPRECIATED

I TAKE the liberty of inserting in the REPORTER a portion of a letter received from one of our brethren which I hope will encourage others W. J. S. to do likewise.

Dear Brother:

Noticing in the last REPORTER the appeal for money, I take pleasure in addressing you upon this subject. I will have at least two-hundred dollars in a few days that I will loan the Conference; possibly I may have more. I do not care so much for the interest. I do not be-lieve in charging the Lord interest, therefore if the Conference desires to pay me the interest, I will donate whatever the Conference pays to another branch of the cause-"The Stu-Write me if you dents' Aid Fund." wish the money on these terms.

I love the truth and believe every principle upon which the Third Angel's Message is established. Therefore my sympathy is with it and with the people who stick to it. love to hear of the good news and progress of the Message. The money I offer to loan is part of my hard-earned money which I have labored for three-hundred feet under ground.

Wishing you success in the cause of Christ, I am,

Yours in sympathy,

W. T. PITCHER.

The interest on this money will go to the "Students' Aid Fund" as re-W. J. S.