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“Deceive the Elect.”

[SINCE publishing the article in the INDICATOR entitled “An Apostasy,” another tract has been sent out all over the country by A. T. Jones, entitled, “A Final Word and a Confession,” replying to which we take the liberty to present an article written by Eld. W. J. Stone, president of the Indiana Conference, which appears in their Conference State paper, the *Indiana Reporter*, of June 20, 1906. It first seemed that to even mention this further attack upon the General Conference and the “Testimonies” was unnecessary, yet what Elder Stone says so forcibly clears up some of the misleading statements made we felt that it was due our readers who may not be in a position to understand as well what is back of all that is said. After referring to the shaking time, before quoted in the INDICATOR from “Early Writings,” the article referred to follows:—Ed.]

It is sad indeed to see these things come, and to see those whom we have loved and respected, turn from us and oppose our denominational work, and assail some of the foundation principles of our faith.

Elder A. T. Jones has now sent forth his fifth leaflet, entitled, “The Final Word and a Confession.” One would suppose that when a person sends forth the final word, this would be the end of the controversy. Elder Jones may think so. Eld. D. M. Canright once said that he would never oppose the Seventh-day Adventist church; but when a man once starts on the downward road, he knows not where he will end. Eld. D. M. Canright became one of the most bitter opponents that Seventh-day Adventists have ever had to meet. Unless there is an entire reformation. Eld. A. T. Jones will do the same thing. One would suppose from the title of this tract that Elder Jones had really made a confession, but all who read it will see that it is simply a justification of his present course.

Many of our people may think that Elder Jones has just recently begun to depart from the denomination, because they have heard nothing about it before, and because of his profession of loyalty; but this is not so. A man does not go to such an extreme in a week, a month, or a year. I have personally known for several years that Elder Jones was losing his influence in the denomination, and that there was an alienation coming in. Men do not go to such extremes in a few weeks. The straight testimonies which have come to Elder Jones have not been received, and as the testimony of forty years ago states, “he has risen up against it,” and is now in opposition to it.

I quote from a testimony to Elder Jones two years ago, printed in Series B, No. 2: “The words and attitude of Brother A. T. Jones at Berrien Springs’ meeting struck an inharmonious note, a note that was not

inspired of God. It created a state of things which resulted in harm that they did not anticipate. . . . The impulsive disposition of Brother Jones has led him many times to make wrong movements which have called for correction and reproof." In a recent Testimony, published in Series B, No. 7, we have the following statement: "If Eld. A. T. Jones had been wise to that extent that he could reason from cause to effect, he would have followed a different course. When he sanctioned the re-opening of the school in Battle Creek, the message that God had given was made of no effect by the tradition of men. Had a different course been followed, provision would have been made to obviate sufficiently the difficulties that would have to be met after years of dallying. But the work and cause of God have been hindered by the unconsecrated elements in the characters of those connected with the work." Elder Jones states plainly that he does not believe Sister White to be a prophet, and that he does not believe that everything sent out as testimony is testimony from the Lord. And yet, in almost the very next sentence, he says: "But the truth is, that nowhere in the world can there be found any charge by Eld. A. T. Jones against the spirit of prophecy. Nor have I attacked the "Testimonies." Any one so blind as this certainly needs our prayers, but never should be taken as a leader. He is in the mist and fog, and will mystify our brethren and sisters if they accept as truth the things contained in his tracts.

The facts are, that in his last tract he does not attempt to reply to the main questions considered in the tract sent out by the General Conference. While he charges the General Conference Committee with technicality, he himself plays upon words in such a manner that it is calculated to muddle our people and make them suspicious. All that it is necessary for any of our brethren to do in reply to this last tract, is to simply take the tract already written by the General Conference Committee and read it again carefully, and it will answer the most of Elder Jones' quibbles. There are one or two minor points in his recent tract where he makes a great display of words without any meaning, that I have no doubt will be answered in due time and in a proper manner.

Elder Jones, in closing his remarks, makes an appeal to our people, and says: "Are you going to pay your money and the Lord's tithe for the preaching of anything else than the third angel's message direct as it is in the Bible and as it is now so sorely

needed by the people of the world? Are you going to sanction the expenditure of your gifts and the Lord's tithe in men's traveling from end to end of the land carrying on a controversy with the people who are just as true Seventh-day Adventists as themselves, and who love the third angel's message as truly as themselves do?" [Read Numbers 16 : - 3. Ed.] This is an important question, but it is a question which I think ought to be easily settled. First, do those who love the third angel's message try to destroy confidence in the instrument through whom God brought a knowledge of this message to this denomination? Elder Jones and his associates at Battle Creek reject all the recent testimonies regarding the work at Battle Creek, unless it be a few sentences here and there out of their connection, which would seemingly justify their course. No man in this denomination has ever garbled the "Testimonies" in a worse manner than in these recent tracts sent out from Battle Creek. Second, there never was a time when men traveled as little "from end to end of the land" as they do at the present time because of the reorganization and the division that has been made in our work through the organization of our union conferences. I remember well of being on the General Conference Auditing Committee when the account of the one making this appeal was audited, and he had in his account \$300 expense for traveling and moving over the country, not directed by the General Conference, but done to carry out his own plans, which have been in opposition to the General Conference. A man who has pursued that course ought not to arraign some one else for obeying the direction of the Lord, to present definite messages that have been sent to this people. And he is now spending money to tear down that which for fifty years we have been laboring to build up.

Elder Jones seems to be laboring with all the influence and power of his being to tear down the influence of Elder Daniells, the president of our General Conference, and to cause distrust and dissatisfaction throughout the denomination. But in a recent testimony found on page 41, Series B, No. 2, we find the following: "I know that Elder Daniells is the right man in the right place. He has stood nobly for the truth, and has striven earnestly to deal in a right way with the controversies arising regarding the relation of the medical work to the evangelical work." Our brethren who have been the most intimately associated with Elder Daniells know that the charges made by Elder Jones

him, of one-man power, are entirely false; and if I mistake not, our brethren can readily see the different spirit that pervades the tract sent out from Battle Creek, and the pamphlet sent out by the General Conference Committee.

I do not believe that Seventh-day Adventists are yet ready to throw away the spirit of prophecy because one man or half a dozen men who are apostatizing from the truth, have set up a warfare against the "Testimonies" and the General Conference. Keep on the main line, brethren and sisters, with the message. Only a few months and God will vindicate the right and show to all our people the spirit that is leading in this opposition. I am sad at heart, and sorry for Elder Jones and his associates, but when the cause of God is assailed it is greater than any man and must be defended. Let us stand true to the great message that God has committed to this denomination to give to the world.

The Yearly Meeting Near DeRuyter.

THERE has been a yearly meeting at Brother and Sister Stillman's for several years past. The meetings have been held in a tent pitched for the occasion.

The attendance at the present meeting, Sabbath and first-day, June 23, 24, was large. Some were present from DeRuyter, Lincklaen, Lincklaen Center, Taylor, Courtland, Fabius, Norwich, Delphi Falls, Canastota, Cazenovia, Rome and Syracuse. On Sabbath there were over eighty Seventh-day Adventists and Seventh-day Baptists present.

In the afternoon a very interesting and profitable Sabbath-school convention was conducted by Sisters Calkins and Jackson. The papers were good and discussion of subjects interesting.

On Sunday the meetings were well attended, and at the close of the forenoon service, five were baptized by the writer, and seven united with the Lincklaen Center church. It was a beautiful sight as one after another were buried in the waters of the then placid lake. It made a deep and lasting impression as the moistened eyes of many testified.

Brother and Sister Stillman live on the bank of a beautiful lake, whose clear bright spring water gleaming under the rays of the sun, surrounded as the lake is with grove-dotted hills, challenge one's admiration and praise to him who created the beautiful scenery.

We were much pleased to meet with Brother and Sister Randall at the meeting. Brother and Sister Stillman did all they could, as usual, to make the meeting a success. The tent was pitched in the orchard near the lake.

Some over \$40 was paid into the cause in its various branches. Brethren Stillman, C. S. Coon, Eddie Wells, Brother Lee Sanders and wife, and Sisters Calkins and Bessie Jackson did much to make the meeting a success. All felt as we parted that we had enjoyed a spiritual feast.

S. H. LANE.

Canvassers Please Notice!

MUCH dissatisfaction has been experienced in the past by the large number of varied bindings to our subscription books. The General Conference at its last session voted to confine our subscription books to three styles of binding. The Review and Herald Publishing Association has just moved into its new quarters, and most of the stock will have to be republished, hence it becomes an opportune time to put the above recommendation into use. They have therefore decided to publish as fast as possible. "Daniel and Revelation," "Great Controversy," "Patriarchs and Prophets" and "Bible Readings," in the following styles of bindings (one exception with "Bible Readings"): morocco, \$4.50; law sheep, \$3.50; marble cloth \$2.50. "Bible Readings" will be published in the above bindings, but the marble cloth will be \$2.25 instead of \$2.50.

The above new schedule will not go immediately into full force, but all the old editions can be had ("Patriarchs and Prophets" excepted) in the old bindings during the summer. But it will be *absolutely necessary* for those working with any of the above books to notify of the orders taken *sufficiently far enough ahead* so that the books can be bound up to fill orders, as the publishers will not bind up any quantities in the old styles of bindings.

The above ruling does not apply on books of one and two bindings.

Canvassers will please cut this out and preserve for reference.

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"It is not the highest work of education to communicate knowledge merely, but to impart that vitalizing energy which is received from the contact of mind with mind, of soul with soul."

CANVASSING REPORT

For Week Ending June, 22, 1906.

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COMING KING						
Elfa Gilbert	18	11	13 50	3 00		69 50
E. W. Walker	22	7	7 70			
Mrs. E. W. Walker,		4	5 00	50		9 60
A. R. Evans	35	20	27 00	2 50		
HERALDS OF THE MORNING						
G. F. Evans	43	13	30 25			
OBJECT LESSONS						
Fritz Evans	49	11	13 75	31 35		
Miscellaneous Sales			37 15			
Total. Agents 6.	167	66	134 45	37 35		79 10

The Yacht Sentinel.

CAPT. J. L. JOHNSON, in charge of the missionary yacht "Sentinel," reached Rome Monday noon, on his way from Boston to Buffalo. He and his wife are well, and in good spirits in their work. He hopes now to reach Rochester in time to spend Sabbath there. We trust the brethren and sisters will all be present at the regular place for services, for we feel sure you will be interested in the experiences of these faithful servants of the Lord. They have been hindered nearly two weeks, because of the irregularity in the working of the newly installed engine. But he discovered the difficulty off Poughkeepsie, and now the machine is serving them nobly. May God richly bless their labors in the Buffalo harbor.

Brother Johnson is being sustained in the work at Buffalo conjointly by this Conference and the Atlantic Union Conference. We feel sure the Buffalo church will esteem it a privilege to assist them in their work while at Buffalo. B.

Appointments.

QUARTERLY meeting services will be held at Pierrepont, July 7, 8. There will be baptismal services if desired. The church at South Russell and the friends at Pitcairn and Fine are cordially invited to attend. H. H. WILCOX.

Items.

Remember that next Sabbath is the mid-summer offering to missions.

This is inventory week. It will also be the last week for our business year.

Eld. J. W. Raymond expects to get started in his tent effort this week at Whitney's Point.

Brother Cuno P. Crager did not get away last Wednesday as he first expected. He went on to Fultonville Friday.

Brother Groff reports a good meeting recently at Cleveland. Some of the latter rain refreshing was experienced.

Two sisters went forward in baptism at Utica Sabbath. Elder DeVinney conducted the service. He is slowly recovering from his recent illness with the fever, and hopes to begin tent work this present week. Brother C. C. Harris will assist him in the work.

We have coming to this Office one thousand third edition, double number, souvenir earthquake and fire Special of the Signs. This is beautifully illustrated in colors, and it is thought will sell the best of any of the issues. Orders can be filled at once. Send six cents per copy.

It may be of interest to our brethren and sisters to know that the Tent and Camp meeting Fund, a fund for purchasing tents and defraying camp-meeting expenses, is overdrawn \$147.67. Also the church extension fund is \$42 behind. Should any desire to donate to these worthy funds it will be greatly appreciated.

Announcement is made that the *Medical Missionary* is to be published weekly instead of monthly. Of course everybody is free to take any sort of literature into their homes they may choose; but it is also true one can not take fire into his bosom without being burned, or sleep among the pots without getting his clothing soiled. It therefore should be fully understood by all our readers that none should suppose for an instant they are subscribing for a paper friendly to or in harmony with the third angel's message when subscribing for the *Medical Missionary*. If any imagine this, they will soon discover their mistake. A word to the wise is sufficient, especially when spoken in season.

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