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## OBJECT LESSON CAMPAIGN.

The work is onward, and is evidently going to be one of the best object lessons that Seventh-day Adventists ever witnessed. Latent talent is being developed; dormant energies are being aroused; drowsiness is being overcome; God's people are going to work, and something is being done. The Lord, in this work, is testing the loyalty of His people. As good soldiers, we are to follow the orders of our Captain. When we enlisted in His service, this is what we promised to do. He has given command to every man, to every woman to fall into line in this Object Lesson campaign. I am so glad for the response of His people, and for the degree of success that is attending their efforts. Surely he has gone before us, and has prepared the way for a grand work to be done.

Bro. Shrock says: "We are having a good experience in selling Object Lessons." Read his report in another column.

Bro. Dunn reports the sale of forty-nine Object Lessons at Grass Creek previous to March 4th, and that all were fully determined to continue till their full quota is sold. At Winamac their sales were not so large, but their courage was just as great.

Bro. Bigelow reports twenty-five books delivered and sixteen orders since his return to New Albany, besides the sales of some helps and the Signs. Sr. Bigelow has also been assisting in this canvass with some success.

A brother in Barber's Mills spent a few hours among his country neighbors, and in nine calls took six orders. This brother thought at first that he could do nothing. A man in the village declined to take from me; he thought he could not afford it. Afterwards he bought one from this brother, and when he had read a few pages, he said he would not take three dollars for the book if he could not get another.

One sister in Huntington, who sold twenty-five books last year, is

entering upon this campaign with courage, has already sold several copies. Others in that little church have made an encouraging beginning. A good many enter the work reluctantly and tremblingly, but the Lord blesses their efforts and gives them courage. I. J. HANKINS.

## IT DEVELOPS CANVASSERS.

When the plan to have our church members everywhere take hold of the sale of Christ's Object Lessons was first inaugurated, we firmly believed that the work would not only prove a blessing to all who engaged in it, but that it would eliminate the bitterness between brother and sister, and bring unity and peace into our churches, but that it would inspire our people with a love for the work of placing our publications in the hands of their friends and neighbors.

We are glad to learn that our expectations concerning this phase of Object Lessons work are now being met in Oklahoma, and that a canvassers' institute is being held there, with an attendance of 45, who are preparing to go forth to sell our regular publications. Elder Rupert, the president of the conference, in a late letter, says these people received the love for the canvassing work from having taken hold of Christ's Object Lessons; and then he adds, "Our whole conference seems to be on a boom in the book business at present."

Many times have we been told by the Spirit of Prophecy that the plan for Object Lessons was given by God himself. Not only did God give the plan, but when he gave it, he told us what the result would be. We are now reaping the first fruits of this blessed work, and the joy of the experience is welling up in the many thankful hearts. The hearts of some of the managers of our publishing houses and conference presidents are also making melody to the Lord, as they see this work raising up strong men and women to carry our other publications to the world.

We must all join in returning our thanks to the Heavenly Father, who

has stirred up our hearts to do this work, in the words of two ancient prophets: "This also cometh forth from the Lord of hosts. He is powerful in counsel and excellent in work. \* \* \* Behold thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm. There is nothing too hard for thee. Thou shewest loving kindness unto thousands and recompenseth the iniquity of the fathers in the bosom of their children after them. The Great, the Mighty God and Lord is his name. Great in counsel and mighty in work."

## GOOD TIDINGS.

Bro. Sutherland writes that 10,000 Object Lessons were ordered by Lake Union conference in February. Let us multiply this by six in March. One brother in Wisconsin took 22 orders in six hours. Milwaukee has taken its quota, about 600 books. Bro. Covert says: "We have not yet filled our quota, but still intend to do so. March is passing rapidly. Let no one put off his work till a more convenient time. The Lord is working, and He asks every member of His family to work with Him, and to work now."

The Lord has inaugurated this campaign. Every one who really believes it, will endeavor to do the work assigned him. Faith says, "I can;" unbelief says, "I can't." Faith gives courage, unbelief gives fear. Faith and obedience are the characteristics of the "remnant." Some may not feel that they are called to this work, and so ask to be excused. But brethren, as the Lord has assigned us the work, He only can excuse us from it. So do not ask any man to excuse you. It might be well to stop and sing that song—

Ask not to be excused,  
There's earnest work to do.

I. J. H.

## A Suggestion.

All who have paid anything on sanitarium pledges may have it transferred to the State school fund if they so desire. If we do not hear from you we will take the liberty to make this transfer.

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### THE FORWARD MOVEMENT

A Revival of the Study and Practical Application of the Physical Side of Spiritual Truth in its Relation to the Second Advent of Our Lord.

'PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD.'

### OUR DAILY BREAD.

"For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it; even as the Lord the church." Eph. 5: 29, 30.

"Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you? Glorify God, therefore, in your body."—1 Cor. 6: 19, 20.

"I beseech you, . . . by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well-pleasing to God, your spiritual worship."—Rom. 12: 1, 2, R. V. margin.

"Therefore, whether ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all for the glory of God;" i. e., that the glory of God may be manifested to men.—1 Cor. 10: 31.

Since we are commanded by the word of the Lord to eat and drink to the glory of God, it is evident that we ought to seek wisdom from God, in order that we may be instructed how to live according to the divine will in the matter of our daily eating and drinking. Holy scripture is not silent on this theme; consequently our search will not be in vain if we seek teaching and guidance in this from the written word. It is also expedient for us that we allow our minds to be open to receive useful knowledge from other reliable sources which may help us to treat our bodies in a proper way.

A poor, afflicted woman, who had received no education in her early days, looked unto God in faith, and he healed her instantaneously of an incurable malady. A few weeks later she was troubled with a disordered digestion, the natural result of indiscreet eating. Being advised by a friend who had been instrumental in her marvelous healing to eat brown

bread, and renounce the indigestible foods, she replied with astonishment, "I never take meats now."

Food convenient for us builds up the body, while the drugs which are usually administered to the sick often produce evil results. Consequently they are not prescribed for people out of health by the word of God. Our God desires us to cherish and nourish our bodies, which are his; therefore we ought to learn how to feed, and use, and work our bodies. We ought also to act conscientiously according to knowledge. "To him, therefore, that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin," (James 4:17), is just as true of bodily habits as it is of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Refusing to heed and obey the promptings of the Spirit concerning daily food is a source of many minor sicknesses among Christian people, which cannot be removed through prayer—being the natural consequences of unforsaken sin—until the disobedience which is the source of the malady is humbly acknowledged to God, confessed and renounced.—*Selected.*

#### Middletown and Mechanicsburg.

At Middletown I spent a little over a week. The church members are badly scattered, most of them living from three to six miles in the country. During the time I was there the weather was very bad, and the roads in some places almost impassable. A number of the brethren were either sick or busy waiting on the sick. Hence, under these circumstances but few were able to attend the meeting, and no systematic effort could be made at this time for the sale of Object Lessons. The brethren believe the work is all right, and that they ought to be able to dispose of their quota of books the same as the other churches. A number took two or more books and said they would see that they were disposed of. A few books had been sold when I left. Bro. Cummins had sold one to a leading lawyer in Anderson, another to a neighbor, and felt strong enough to sell many more.

I was unable to hold meetings at Mechanicsburg. The measles and mumps seemed to prevail here, and the best I could do was to visit among the brethren, and in this way do what I could. The members of

the church are of good courage. One sister learned of my coming and had gone out and sold three books before I reached there. Bro. Frank Zinkle was all aglow with the work and stated that he and his wife were good for at least fifteen books. Bro. Goodwin's folks have been suffering much with sickness, but are full of the spirit of the message and are anxious to see it go.

As far my experience in the book work, the brethren, generally, take hold of it very encouragingly. In some instances, of course, circumstances alter cases, some not being able to go out just at this time, but will later on. Let the good work go on. It is the Lord's work, and may each of us do our part.

S. G. HUNTINGTON.

#### West Liberty, Windfall and Kokomo.

I came to West Liberty Feb. 11. Calls had been made for labor here, owing to outside interest, which was still good when I left. The church here has a membership roll of 20, but owing to apostasies and removals only about half the number is available for work. All who were able were out, and 15 books were sold. Others will be in the field as soon as they are able. Bro. Fellow will have charge here and at Windfall, where I next visited. Here, nearly all who were able did what they could, and 26 books were sold or ordered.

March 3d I came to Kokomo. The real membership here is about 40, including some living in other States. About ten have engaged in the work so far, and near 30 books have been sold or ordered.

Let us remember that God is calling upon us to do this work just as truly as he called upon ancient Israel to occupy the promised land. With every command is the power to perform, if we only believe. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Let us be of good cheer; He has promised never to leave us nor forsake us. A. L. MILLER.

#### Richmond.

We came to this place Feb. 14, to canvass for Object Lessons. Elder Shrock put in 14½ days work. He has taken 52 orders, and delivered 4; sold 33 Life Boats and took 5 yearly subscriptions for it, and sold 50 cents worth of helps. He also preached once at the Richmond mission, and once at Middleboro, and we held six

meetings at the Goshen church, four miles north; we have a few interested families there. I have not put in full time canvassing, but in parts of 11 days, or about 48 hours work, I have taken 22 orders for Object Lessons, 10 of which have been delivered or sold; also took orders for \$7.05 worth of helps, most of which are delivered.

We have had many good experiences, and the way is open for Bible work and meetings enough to keep us busy for some time. We are more convinced, as we go from house to house and find so many people who seem to be hungering for the truth, that this is the Lord's especially appointed work for this time. The Lord has surely sent for the "hunters," (Jer. 16; 16). We are thankful for a part in this work.

J. S. and V. SHROCK.

#### Greenfield.

Object Lessons are selling here beyond our expectation. Owing to the fact that this city had so recently been canvassed and recanvassed for many of our books, and the people also called upon to assist in the erection of our house of worship, we thought that a house to house canvass would not be just the thing at this time, but would wait a while. However, the book is presented as the way opens, and twenty-one have been sold already. Bro. L. J. King, who is near 70 years old has disposed of thirteen and has not stopped yet. The work is onward here and the brethren and sisters are of good courage.

S. G. HUNTINGTON.

#### South Bend, Walkerton and North Liberty.

I visited the companies at South Bend, Walkerton and North Liberty and held several meetings. I found the greater number ready for an active campaign in behalf of Object Lessons. I am happy to say the blessing has been richly experienced by those engaged in the work. A number of books have been sold at South Bend. Others have not yet begun to canvass, but will as early as possible. Others have taken their quota of books, and will sell them whenever an opportunity opens.

The company at Walkerton is selling the books. There is some sickness hindering. One sister took 16 books, and by March 2 had sold 9. Another sold her quota in a few days and expects to sell more.

North Liberty is not behind. A few have not taken hold as yet, but I believe they will. Others are pushing the work in earnest, and have rich experiences. As high as six and three orders are taken in a day. Canvassing has been done in the small towns and country, and we take the houses as we go. All must have an opportunity to hear the gospel. All the church officers are anxious to push the work to success. E. C. SWARTZ.

#### Marion, Michaelville and Hartford.

I am in good courage in the work. All of the Object Lessons that were on the shelves and sent to the above churches, 225 in number, will be disposed of. The first few days of this effort I was with the Marion and Michaelville churches, and some of the members at both places sold and pledged to the amount of 37 books; this includes some books that were remaining from the previous year's effort. After counseling with the leading brethren of the two churches as to completing the work in my absence, which they cheerfully agreed to do. I then went to Hartford, and found the church had 125 books on hand, 75 of them being left from last year's effort. I began the work here with good success. Four of the members pledged to take 12 books. Bro. Anderson will do all he can in his weak condition. He canvassed one day and took four orders. I have taken 14 orders since coming to this place. From the fact that but one or two members here are able to, and will canvass, I see the great effort centers here. Thus we go on trusting in the Lord. I thank the Lord for the task. He has given me.

W. A. EBERT.

#### Special Notice.

At the dedication of the Greenfield church a large number of pledges were made. A few designated the time when they would pay, but some did not. Now if it is not asking too much, will all those who can please forward their remittance. We are not really crowded for the means, but would like to settle up our business at the earliest date possible. Remit to J. H. Niehaus, 428 W. Fifth st., Greenfield, Ind., and oblige.

S. G. HUNTINGTON.

The Denver Sabbath school will hold its convention March 16. All are invited.

Buy your Konut of the Lane Bros. Food Co., at Kokomo, Ind., in 50-lb. cans for 12½ cents per pound.

#### Notes.

A sister from Angola sent \$3.00 on State fund.

Barbers' Mills pledged 48 cents per week on the State fund, and paid or prepaid \$2.56.

The proceeds from the sale of Object Lessons in Iowa, it is said, amount to \$8,000.

Bro. McCuaig visited the bedside of his dying father at Monticello last week. He expects to hear of his death at any time.

Twelve members at Denver pledged 68 cents per week on State fund. Good! Hope to hear from others. Don't forget to pay monthly.

A very few have reported as guests at the Lake Union conference thus far. We would like to know who is going. Can we count on the delegates? and who will accompany them? Please report soon.

The oldest Seventh-day Adventist is Sister Susan Bright, a member of the Topeka, Kansas, church. It is reported that she was born in 1789, and is therefor 113 years of age. She accepted the truth four years ago at the age of 108.

Did you know that "our national Christianity" is to be one of the "exhibits" at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis? Read W. H. Glenn's ringing article on this subject in the March issue of *The Sentinel of Christian Liberty*.

#### March Sentinel of Christian Liberty.

Do you want to know what the Roman Catholic theory, with regard to the relation of church and State is? And do you want to learn this first hand from an ardent Catholic who knows what it is, who thoroughly believes in it, and who states it frankly and unequivocally? Then do not fail to get the *March Sentinel of Christian Liberty*, and as many numbers thereafter as are necessary, and read the series of articles which commence in the number on "The Catholic Theory of the Relation between Church and State." These articles will be a reproduction of an essay on this subject by an able Catholic writer, originally published by the authority and under the editorial direction of Cardinal Manning. No friend of religious liberty who really desires to serve that cause at this time should fail to read these articles carefully, for he that does read them thus will realize better than he has before the striking similarity between the theories now developing in the religious world outside the Church of Rome and that which has been the very genius of the Papacy throughout her history.

## SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

### Fort Wayne.

The Fort Wayne Sabbath school held a convention Feb. 15. We were greatly benefited by having Elder Hankins with us in the discussions, and he also had charge of the Question Box. Many good papers were read, followed by discussion. The children all having part in the work was a feature that made it interesting and successful. We consider the convention a great benefit to our Sabbath school, and hope to profit by it. We believe the Lord's hand is in it, and will bless every school that has one. ESTELLA MELLINGER, Sec.

### Logansport.

The Logansport Sabbath school convention was held Feb. 23. The members gave a hearty response to the call, and exercised every energy to make the meeting a success. But that which gave the most satisfaction was to see the zeal and earnestness each member manifested to carry out the grand principles brought to light. The Denver school joined us, and we all felt greatly blessed. I think conventions are just the thing to quicken the Sabbath school. As has been said, the time has come for reform. LIZZIE BAILEY, Supt.

### Indianapolis.

There is everything good to be said of the Sabbath school convention held in the Indianapolis church, Sunday, March 9. The program was excellent, and was quite fully carried out. The importance of the Sabbath school work, and the necessity of parents and teachers co-operating was brought before the people so emphatically from the Bible and the Testimonies that each one present felt a new responsibility. The Testimonies tell us there is need of more personal work, more love for the children, and above all more consecration.

Each paper read upon the different topics is worthy of special mention, but cannot be given here; but for the benefit of those who were not present, they can gain some idea of what they missed from Elder Bartlett's closing prayer, in which he praised the Lord for the feast we all enjoyed. We know all are fond of feasting on good things; but do not be discouraged, for there will be another convention in the near future,

and then we hope all who were prevented this time can be present.

CARRIE METZGER, Sec'y

## AN EXPERIENCE.

[The following lines embody the personal experiences of one who accepted the truth at LaFayette, Ind. a short time ago. He met bitter opposition from those who should have granted him, at least, the privilege of following his own convictions of right. Others have had like experience:]

There's a pulling at my breast,  
A hard and cruel path;  
For the time when I seemed blessed,  
So ruthlessly from me is torn.

Did mortal e'er such conflict know?  
Did fate perverse e'er give  
Before, to man, such woe  
As this in which I live?

These and other questions  
Still clamor for reply,  
While inwardly the battle rages;  
O'er and o'er there comes the question,  
Why?

In earth nor sea nor sky,  
Nor in the world's mad rush  
Do I find to thoughts as these reply,  
But only silence, mute—dumb silence.

But all at once a voice so sweet,  
A sweetness of the courts above,  
Says, Suffer, for this is meet  
To prove for me your deepest love.

Through conflict you may be called,  
Through fiery furnace and den of lions,  
Of this before you have been told,  
This lot you know is Zion's.

But what is in the Word?  
How readest thou my son?  
How in Gethsemane, in sweat and agony,  
At last, I said, "Thy will be done."

This was the culmination  
Of three year's pain and grief;  
By this I brought salvation,  
and to the heavy heart relief.

## "GALL."

We often hear people say, "I have not the 'gall' to canvass." Now since they estimate the canvasser thus, let us see if they are destitute of "gall." They ask God every time they pray (if they do pray) to save them in his kingdom; but they put forth no effort to advance the kingdom of God, although they know He wants them to labor for others. If this is not "gall" in unlimited quantities, what is it? I believe anyone who can ask such a thing of the Lord has "gall" enough to sell books. Let us use the "gall" we have to invite others to turn from sin by getting our good books into their homes. H. S. BROWNING.

## What Can You Do for your Local Jails?

The April issue of the Life Boat will be a special prisoners' number, and we shall print from 50,000 to 75,

000 copies to send to the more than 100 State prisons and reformatories in this country. This number will be just as helpful to those confined in the local jails. Would you not like a number of copies for use in your city, county and village jails? We will supply the April Life Boat for this purpose at a cent a copy. Send us your address at once that we may know how many copies we are warranted in printing. Distribute the Life Boats yourself, if you can obtain permission to do so; if not, let the jail officials do it, and the Lord will take care of the results. If you are not, send 25 cents for your own subscription, then order at once a liberal supply of the April number. Address The Life Boat, 28 Thirty-third Place, Chicago. DAVID PAULSON.

## Married.

On Monday evening, at the residence of Elder Huntington, in Greenfield, Ind., Homer O. LaFevre, of Cincinnati, and Luella King, of Greenfield, were united in marriage in the presence of a few friends and relatives. It was a very pleasant wedding. The Reporter heartily unites with their many friends in wishing them a happy and prosperous journey through life.

## New Albany.

We desire, through the Reporter, to thank those who so quickly responded to the call for books, tracts and periodicals. But what we have received is but a beginning for our needs here. We look for others to respond immediately. We could use, if we had them, some Good Healths, and Sister Henry's tracts on healing. Remember, the call is for books, periodicals and tracts. This is urgent. There are many who read these lines that want to do missionary work. Now is the time. If you have no old stock on hand, a small remittance to the Tract society will bring us some much needed literature. The work here is very encouraging. To those who read these lines we say again, we need your help in the way indicated right now. Who will respond?

I. G. BIGELOW.

## YOU CAN BUY

NO. 1 SPANISH SHELLED PEANUTS AT LANE BROS. FOOD CO., AT KOKOMO, IND., FOR 6 CENTS. They have a nice line of other foods, such as Konut, Malt Extract, Cereal, Cerenola, Nut Butter, Zweibach and Crackers. Our prices are reasonable.