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THE CAMP-MEETING

One of the best meetings held in Indiana for a long time has just closed. There was no excitement, but a deep-seated conviction took possession of the people as to the necessity of a personal knowledge of the Saviour, an individual doing of His work and living of His life. If the instruction which the Lord gave through Elders Brunson, Covert, Dr. Paulson, and our own conference laborers be followed, another year will find us far in advance of our present standing. Bro. Brunson delivered a forcible message on the power of the gospel, and also presented some of the leading features of our faith—the Sabbath and the second advent—in a manner to awaken an inquiry among the people of Franklin. One brother said he never before saw so much interest created by a camp-meeting. The people down town could talk about nothing else. On account of rainy and cold weather the first part of the meeting was not well attended, but the interest and attendance increased at the close.

Bros. Bliss and Donnell, Neihaus and wife, and Sr. Thompson (if her father's illness does not prevent) will remain to follow up the work.

Miss DeGraw rendered valuable assistance in the educational work. She also had charge of young people's meetings. Her services were highly appreciated, and it is evident to all that the Lord used her to awaken new interest and life in the subject of christian education.

Plans were laid to start the Industrial School in a rented house about the middle of October, as the new buildings will not be ready for the fall term.

The business proceedings passed off harmoniously, and it was apparent to those most intimately connected with the work that the Lord was directing in our councils.

The reading of the treasurer's report led to a hearty "amen" response. The financial standing of the Conference is encouraging, which gives confidence in our policy—not to go in

debt. There was no general call for money, but the needs of the school were strongly presented, and we shall begin at once a systematic canvass of the State for funds to finish the school buildings at Boggs town. Miss DeGraw visited the school site and expressed the opinion that the Lord had led us to such a location as is described by the testimonies. She thinks we only need to move forward in faith, all working together harmoniously as the Lord directs and that the work will soon be accomplished. Bro. Covert was enthusiastic for the school and for the general interests of the children and youth. His interest for Indiana abides, and his fatherly counsel was of much value in our meetings. The Object Lessons work was considered and the Conference pledged itself to a renewed and continued effort in this work till it is finished. The people went to their homes with new courage and with increased confidence in the work of God. I. J. HANKINS.

THE TITHE

It is not necessary for me to argue the scriptural obligation of tithing, for it is well understood, and as far as I know, universally acknowledged by all of our people to be a thing required of us. But while this is so, there are some who are unfaithful regarding the obligation. A few withhold the tithe altogether; others pay in only a portion of that which is required; while some pay in a full tithe faithfully. The faithful ones get the largest blessing, because they follow the Lord's instruction wholly.

Those who withhold the tithe altogether are almost always cold and indifferent regarding the Lord's work. Those who do something, but not all that is required, usually have a halting and hesitating experience. Those who do what the Lord requires most fully are generally found to be prompt in other respects. It would seem from observation that those who withhold all or any part of the tithe do so from a financial consideration. They appear to think

themselves unable financially to hand over a full tithe. But an observation of thirty years convinces me that the person who uses the Lord's tithe not only loses in spiritual matters, but in most cases if not all, loses financially also. God in his word invites us to be faithful in these things, and promises seven temporal blessings in response to our carrying out his will in regard to supporting his cause.

Church officers should counsel with all members in the organization, and advise them to be prompt, and encourage them to entire faithfulness. Do not be afraid to do these things.

WM. COVERT.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR

Respecting the laborers and their fields of work the committee recommended the following:

That Elders C. H. Bliss, R. S. Donnell and F. L. Moody (if he does not answer the call from Illinois), with Sr. Thompson and Bro. and Sr. Niehaus, follow up the interest at Franklin awakened by the camp-meeting.

That U. S. Anderson continue his work at North Vernon and labor in connection with Eld. S. S. Davis, who is to labor in the vicinity of Bedford.

That Eld. J. C. Harris and J. E. Collins make Gillam their field of labor.

That Eld. F. M. Roberts make Etna Green and needy churches in that part of the State his field of labor.

That E. C. Swartz labor in Clinton and immediate neighborhood.

That Eld. P. G. Stanley labor in a new self-selected field as soon as his work at Anderson is completed.

That I. S. Lloyd labor in a new self-selected field or connect with E. C. Swartz at Clinton as soon as he completes his work at Indianapolis.

That A. W. Bartlett have special charge of the work at Lafayette, Lebanon and Thorntown.

All other laborers are to continue in their respective fields of labor excepting J. E. Dunn, who takes the State agency.

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IMPORTANT.

We have some interesting and nicely illustrated folder circular matter advertising the O. O. Lessons. We want it distributed among those who are pushing the sale of this book. If you are interested to that extent give us your address and we will mail you a supply of this matter.

WANTED

Money to purchase material for the new school buildings. Who will send us a check for a few hundred, or a note payable in one or two years, if you have not the cash in hand? We do not want work on the buildings to stop for lack of material. Some have not paid their pledges. Remember, these are all overdue and the money is needed now. I. J. H.

Silas Burkhart sold six Christ's Object Lessons in two days last week. This is good and proves that the Lord will bless abundantly, when anyone answers the call to go to work in his vineyard.

We notice that quite a number of Signs subscriptions are out this week. Brethern, who will agree to look after the Signs interests in his home church? Here is a splendid opportunity for a number of our brethern or sisters to do missionary work.

Some fear that they have missed an issue of the Reporter. August 27 was the last one. We have arranged with another publisher and trust the paper will appear on time hereafter.

Dear Canvassers: Please do not use canvassers letter for order blanks for fear your order may be overlooked. We often send your canvassers letters on to State Agent.

SETTLED AT LAST

The question of contract and labor on the new school building is now settled. All of the Conference employes who can use tools to advantage and whose work will not suffer loss by leaving it for a time, are going to Boggstown to work on the buildings under the management and direction of a master builder. We hope soon to report an enclosed building, ready for the plasterers. If any wish to donate labor, please write me at once. I. J. HANKINS.

PLANS FOR SCHOOL

A house has been rented in Boggstown large enough for ladies' dormitory and general dining room for boys and girls. We get possession Oct. 15, and a few days later (just time enough to get the rooms in readiness) we expect the school to open. The principal and matron of the Industrial school will be in charge. Rooms will be provided for the boys. Let all prepare at once to come. We will give definite time of opening next issue, and particulars concerning tuition, board, articles to bring with you, etc. Let all who wish to come write at once to the Educational Secretary, Mrs. Eva Miller Hankins, 1311 Central Ave., Indianapolis, for further instructions.

Who will be the pioneers in the Industrial School work in Indiana? We hope to see twenty-five or thirty students present at the opening, about October 15. I. J. HANKINS.

TWO YOUNG LADIES WANTED

To work for their board and tuition in the Boggstown School. Please apply at once to Mrs. Eva Miller Hankins, this office. Strong young ladies are wanted who are willing to do all kinds of domestic work and who can be ready for duty October 15th. I. J. H.

OCTOBER LIFE BOAT

It will be a home and purity number and each church should order a good supply and appoint live members to canvass for it. The Life Boat is doing a splendid work in removing prejudice. The children canvass for the Life Boat with marked success. Send cash, 2½c per copy. Order of Indiana Tract Society.

CHILDREN AS MISSIONARIES

Nearly all great missionaries began their missionary career when they were children. We have been looking forward to the time when God would in a special manner use our children to proclaim the truth. But we may be sure that in that time God will select those whom we have already been encouraging to do missionary work as far as they were able and had opportunity. The children all over the land are taking hold of the selling of the Life Boat with the greatest enthusiasm and determination. Is it not possible that this is a providential opening for the children of this denomination to become initiated into missionary experiences?

One mother said as she was being urged to allow her daughter to sell Life Boat, "I fear what will happen to her if I do." But we fear more what will happen to our children if they do not begin as never before some decided missionary enterprises. Something has been happening to our children for years. Thousands of them have drifted into the world because it presented something to them that they could do. We have been slow to put something in their hands that they could do for God and humanity. The children of this generation are wiser than the children of light. There are ten thousand children in this denomination who could sell five Life Boats a month almost as easily as they could carry their lunch basket to school, and this would make a disposal of fifty thousand Life Boats and who can measure the good they might accomplish for the world and for our children while they are selling them. "Where no wood is there the fire goeth out." If we do not arise up and supply our children with missionary fuel, we need not be surprised if the missionary fire dies out. Send for a liberal supply of Life Boats at 2½ cents a copy. Give your children intelligent instruction as to what places it is proper for them to visit, pray with them before they start out, and in almost all instances they will return with animated reports and anxious to do something more. Parents are writing us what a blessing it has been to their children. The October Life Boat is to be far the best number that has ever been issued. Send for a liberal quantity and if your children do not succeed in selling all, then dispose of them yourself.

DAVID PAULSON, M. D.

- - BOOK WORK - -

DEAR FELLOW CANVASSERS: I have been much impressed of late in regard to choosing fields of labor. When I came to this place it seemed to me it was a poor place to work. It is thinly settled, it is hilly and rough and many houses are far from the road, many of which cannot be seen from the road and have to be hunted by inquiry of their neighbors, and many poor people. It seemed to me that it would be more pleasant to work in a level, well settled country. I was afraid I might get caught in the rain and not be able to get in under cover and get myself and books wet, but I felt that they needed the truth.

Perhaps they have not had the privileges of those in more favorable localities, and so it seems to prove. I have accomplished more this year than in the same time heretofore for the five years I have been in the work. I have had similar experiences before. My sales the past week are the best I have ever had. I should have been glad to have been to the camp-meeting, but could not well do so, but the Lord has blessed me in my work both in taking orders and in talking with the people; to the Lord be all the praise. All the difficulties which I feared vanished as I went to work.

I felt that perhaps this experience might help some one. Ask wisdom from God and believe you have it. Do these people need the truth, and does the Lord want them to have it, and does He impress you to give it to them by selling them these precious books? If so, do not wait. The end is fast drawing near. Take courage and go ahead. B. H. WELCH.

Canvassers' Report for Five Weeks, Ending September 28, 1902.

BIBLE READINGS				
	Hrs.	Ord's	Val.	Helps.
R. H. Hazelton,	56	37	\$1 25	20 50
G. G. Davis,	Delivery,		\$57.00	
B. H. Welch,	80	52	96 75	39 45

DANIEL AND REVELATION.				
J. A. Hulwick,	20	11	17 75	

PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS.				
F. L. Moody,	Deliveries,		\$253.25	
Total canvassers, 11; Orders, 100; Value, \$195.75; Helps, \$59.95. Total val., \$255.70				
Deliveries, \$313.25.				

Canvassers not reporting, 5; new canvassers, 1.

THE SCHOOL.

No question is of more interest to our people in Indiana just now than the school question. It was carefully considered at the camp-meeting, and evidently the only thing to do is to "go forward." This we are planning to do. The conference committee voted to recommend every minister who can use tools to advantage, and whose work can be left without loss, to go to Boggstown and work on the school buildings. We propose to use these men under the direction of a competent manager and builder. Our policy will be to pay as we go, and not to contract debts. We hope to have the hearty co-operation of every Sabbath-keeper in Indiana. If every one will give according to his ability, it will be an easy task to erect the buildings, and if this money is paid in at once, it will be a short work; for the lack of funds is hindering the work now, so let old pledges be paid at once. Cash is needed now.

I. J. HANKINS.

READERS OF THE REPORTER.

Desirous of locating in a new field for the winter and spring, where there is an opening for evangelistic work, I take this means of asking the readers of the Reporter, that know of openings in new places, whether it be in a city, town or village, where there is a church, house, hall, store room or school house, that can be secured in which to give a course of lectures, in connection with our bible readings at the homes of the people. All who know of such openings will please write me at 115 West 7th. st., Anderson, Ind.

OBITUARY.

Sarah Levenia Hill was born in Perry Co., Pa., March 26, 1842; died at her home in Rochester, Ind., Sept. 11, 1902, age 60 years, 5 months and 17 days. She was married to Dr. William Hill on the 4th of March 1854, and was a soul mate as well as a help mate to the now bereaved husband during all the years of their earthly journey. To this union one child was born, Miss Olive Hill, who died about ten years ago the 28th of last month. Sister Hill was a noble woman, a mother in Israel, who possessed many virtues, she was kind, loving, tender and true. She lived a life of consistency and devotion to

her church, society, neighbors, friends and family. Her religious connections were deep and strong all through her life, her every-day actions an example of her fortitude in the christian faith. She was a continuous worker for the cause of Christ, and was instrumental, in many ways, of scattering the seeds of truth. She united with the Seventh Day Adventist church, of Rochester in 1876, and was a faithful, earnest member until the hour of her death. She passed away with a sweet smile, with the blessed hope of soon meeting her returning Lord. She leaves a loving husband, two brothers, one sister and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her leaving. Words of comfort were spoken by S. H. Lane and the writer from 2 Tim., 4: 6-8, this text was her own selection.

P. G. STANLEY.

ONE OF THE LOST ARTS.

Genuine home making is rapidly becoming a lost art. A wretched home is in some respects a greater curse than a saloon, brothel or a gambling den, for it makes business for them all. There are many homes in each neighborhood that sadly need to pass from sinful human management to divine management. So that they could, as some business houses do, truthfully hang out the sign, "This place has changed hands." Many of these people are bitterly dissatisfied because of the wretched failure they have made in trying to build up an ideal home.

God pities them and he is ready to help them. We shall have no better churches or institutions until we have better homes and this has led us to issue the October Life Boat as a special home and social purity number. It will contain choice articles from the pens of such experienced workers as A. T. Jones, Dr. Mary Wood-Allen, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Kellogg, Mrs. S. Sadler, Fannie Emmel and others.

It will contain a message of hope and instruction to thousands of homes. Pray over this matter and if the Lord so impresses you send us the names and addresses of all the homes in your community that you feel would be helped by this issue and a three cent stamp for each name, or order a supply and deliver them personally. Try it and you will receive a blessing. Address The Life Boat, 28 33rd. Place, Chicago.

DAILY BIBLE STUDY

It is said that the Christians at Berea searched the Scriptures daily that they might more fully understand the things which the apostles preached to them. They are highly recommended for doing this. Their understanding of the Scriptures and faithfulness in Christian life was traceable to their Bible study. It is impossible for any one to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who neglects to study the word of God. Not one person in the wide world can be a strong and capable Christian who neglects to study God's word.

It is Bible study and prayer which makes the child of God strong to work for Jesus and to bear burdens in his cause. It is the earnest Bible student who becomes the strongest evangelist. Drinking from the living fountain is accomplished by Bible study and prayer. He that reads God's word and meditates upon it most is best prepared to lead the sinner to Jesus. It is the one who is filled with the word of the Lord who becomes strong in bearing burdens for the Master. O, for more faith in God, but this faith will come into the soul of him who feeds most constantly upon the living word.

WM. COVERT.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

The thirtieth annual session of the Indiana Conference was held in connection with the Franklin camp-meeting. Greenfield, Rocklane and Pleasant View churches were admitted to the conference. The following recommendations were passed:

1. That, as a conference, we make a vigorous effort to develop a large corps of canvassers who will devote their whole time to evangelistic canvassing; that these canvassers be selected and trained by the State agent, and when they have shown themselves efficient and trustworthy, canvasser's credentials be granted to them by the conference; such credentials to be issued by the advice of the state agent and conference committee.

2. That, as a means of promoting system and regularity in the work, if be required that all canvassers sign a contract, specifying the territory they are to work, the books they are to sell, and that all work be reported each week to the secretary; that books only be furnished on condition

that these contracts are complied with, and further, that each bill of books be settled for before another one is sent to the canvasser.

3. That the constitution of this conference be so amended as to provide for the conference officers, elected at any session of the conference, to enter upon the administration of their offices when the session which elected them shall adjourn sine die. This provision shall supercede any former proceedings on this question. The following is the wording of the proposed amendment:

Conference officers elected at any duly authorized session of the conference shall enter upon their respective duties when the session at which they are elected adjourns sine die.

4. That we follow the instruction of the Lord to provide schools for all our children. To make this possible we recommend that the Indiana conference recognize church school teachers as conference laborers; that the conference provide an educational secretary qualified for his duties by acquaintance with principles and methods of christian education, who shall be free to devote his time to the educational phase of the message and to seek out persons qualified to enter the training school to prepare for teaching, and that the conference provide for their training.

5. Whereas: the Emanuel Missionary College has been established by the Lake Union Conference, for the training of gospel workers, and whereas, it has been recommended by the college board that each conference pay the salary of one of its teachers during the school months in order that free tuition may be given to those whom the conference may select to be trained by the school for workers: Therefore we authorize the Indiana conference committee to pay a salary of twelve dollars per week during the school months to the college treasurer for this purpose.

6. Whereas it has been advised by the general conference that the indebtedness of the general conference association, be assumed by the different union conferences, and Whereas the Lake Union conference has assumed its share and recommends that each conference assume its proportion of the amount. Therefore we as a conference accept the amount \$4000.00, more or less, and authorize the conference committee to take steps

to provide for its payment.

7. We recommend that the fiscal year be continued the same as in the past, closing Dec. 31.

8. Whereas the Lord has so graciously blessed us in our efforts thus far in selling "Christ's Object Lessons" for the building of Emanuel Missionary College, and whereas: we have been promised by the Lord that when this work shall be completed we shall see the glory of the Lord, and, whereas: the building of the school is hindered because we have not finished that work, therefore we recommend that steps be taken by the conference to vigorously prosecute the work of selling the books until it is completed.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Don't forget the Object Lessons. Write us for descriptive circulars.

FOR SALE.—Ladies' Bicycle, in good condition; color of frame, maroon; gear 68 in.; a bargain at \$10. Address, Albert Yazell, Kempton, Ind. Box 452.

FOR SALE OR RENT.—I have an 80-acre farm, near Warsaw, Ind., for sale for \$2,500, on good terms. It has house, barn and orchard, 50 acres in cultivation. Can give possession December 1, 1902. If not sold soon, I would like to rent the place to a Seventh Day Adventist farmer. Address me at Wolf Lake, Ind.

JOHN W. COVERT.

The Good Health Bath Cabinet



A portable appliance for giving vapor baths at home. Recommended by Battle Creek Sanitarium physicians. Good in health, beneficial in disease. Used for breaking up colds, chills, relieving soreness of the muscles, rheumatism, etc. Write for descriptive circular. Agents wanted.

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