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HOW CAN I SUCCEED IN MY BUSINESS?

No. 5.

"See, saith he, that thou make [or do] all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount," Heb. 8:5. How many have stopped to consider how much this statement comprehends? Have we thought that it merely related to Moses, and as to how he should build the sanctuary? Or do we look at it as instruction to us, as to how we should order our lives? The whole plan of salvation is comprehended here. The pattern shown Moses was the heavenly sanctuary, with God's immutable law, Rev. 11:19. Here also the judgment takes place, Dan. 7:9-10. All will be judged by the law in the heavenly sanctuary, which was the pattern shown Moses in the mount. This is why the Lord says, "See that thou do all things according to the pattern." This is why God exhorts us to meditate in the law day and night, Ps. 1:1-3, that our lives may be conformed to it, so that when our cases come up in the judgment, we may not be weighed and found wanting. Some will come short on one command, some on another. It will be found that some had other gods

than the Creator of the heavens and the earth. Some will be Sabbath breakers, others murderers, and some, theft and robbery will be recorded against; and possibly his name may be on the record of some Seventh-day Adventist church. Yea, doubtless, hundreds of professed Seventh-day Adventists will come short on this very precept. Theft is robbery, and God says, "Ye have robbed me in tithes and offerings." Let every soul who reads this ask himself if he is a robber. And if so, how will you stand the test of the judgment? God says of those who will be prepared for his coming, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus," Rev. 14:12. God will never say this of a single soul that is guilty of robbing him in tithes and offerings. We had better be apprised of this fact now, and have time and opportunity to right the wrong, than to come up to the judgment and find out when too late that "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved," Jer. 8:20.

Brother C. is a doubting professor. He has some times paid twenty-five or fifty cents tithe, but he says, "It is vain to pay tithes. I have never reaped any benefit from it, and the proud and wicked are blessed more than I," Mal 13-15.

Brother C. represents not a few. Because he pays a few cents occasionally, and gets a tithe receipt, he thinks he has paid tithe. But a man who does not pay one-tenth his actual profits, before deducting his living, does not pay tithes; what he gives is only an offering. A tithe can be nothing short of one-tenth. If I rent a farm of a man, and agree to give him one-tenth of what I raise, nothing short will answer. And so, "The tithe is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord," Lev. 27-30. And nothing short of the full amount will fill the requirement.

We can not claim the fullness of

God's blessing unless we comply with the letter of his requirements. It pays to deal with the Lord liberally. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom," Luke 6:38. "The liberal soul shall be made fat. There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty," Prov. 11:24, 25. These are precious promises, and those who will take and appropriate them, not for the loaves and fishes, but unselfishly, because of his love to God, will be made to realize the power there is in God's word to fulfill his promises.

Many are not taking our good church papers, the Review and Herald, or the Signs of the Times, and some even feel that they are not able to pay twenty-five cents for our conference paper, the Indiana Reporter. Why is this so? We verily believe that the main cause of all this scarcity of means is traceable to our lack of duty in faithfully paying our tithes. The whole of the third chapter of Malachi has its application in the day of atonement, or at the time of the investigative judgment, which began in 1844, and should be studied until it becomes a part of our very being. If we fail, or come short of the duties brought to view in this chapter, we will fail in the judgment, and be unprepared when Christ comes to enter his kingdom. Shall we not then study this chapter, and practice it and reap the blessings that are pronounced upon the faithful?

W. J. STONE.

The latest report from the meetings being held at West Lebanon by Brothers Roberts and Davis, state that thirteen had then taken their stand for the truth. Let us all pray earnestly that God's blessing may rest upon these workers, and that his power may be manifest in bringing a large company to acceptance of present truth.

THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY.

BY MRS. E. G. WHITE.

It is an eternal law of Jehovah that he who accepts the truth that the world needs is to make it his first work to proclaim this truth. But who is there that makes the burden of perishing sinners his own? As I look upon the professed people of God and see their unwillingness to serve him, my heart is filled with a pain that I cannot express. How few are heart to heart with God in his solemn, glorious work?

Many fields ripe for the harvest have not yet been entered because of our lack of self-sacrificing efforts. These fields must be entered, and many laborers must go to them with the expectation of bearing their own expenses. But some of our ministers are little disposed to take upon them the burden of this work. God is grieved as he sees the lack of self-denial and perseverance in his service. Angels are amazed at the spectacle.

God has intrusted to his ministers the work of proclaiming his last message of mercy to the world. He is displeased with those who do not throw their whole energies into this all-important work. Unfaithfulness on the part of the appointed watchman on the walls of Zion, endangers the cause of truth and exposes it to the ridicule of the enemy. It is time for our ministers to understand the responsibility and sacredness of their mission. There is a woe upon them if they fail of performing their work which they themselves acknowledge that God has placed in their hands.

The Lord's great vineyard demands from his servants that which it has not yet received,—earnest, persevering labor for souls. The ministry is becoming weak and enfeebled, and under its tame service the churches are becoming weak. As a result of their labors, the ministers have but little to show in the conversion of souls. The truth is not carried into the barren places of the earth. These things are depriving God of glory that belongs to him. He calls for workers who will be producers as well as consumers.

The world is to be warned. Ministers should work earnestly and devotedly, opening new fields and engaging in personal labor for souls instead of hovering over the churches that already have great light and many advantages. In view of the

fact we are living so near the close of this earth's history, there should be greater thoroughness in labor, more vigilant waiting, watching, praying, and working.

As faithful householders, give meat in due season to the household of God. Present truth to the people. *Work as if in full view of the whole universe of heaven.* We have no time to lose—not a moment. Important issues must soon be met, and we need to be hidden in the cleft of the rock, that we may see Jesus, and be quickened by his Holy Spirit.

‘BRING IN ALL THE TITHES.’

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS OF INDIANA:

Do we believe the message that we profess? Is it our very life and hope? Do we believe that we are as verily the “voice” of the Third Angel’s message as John the Baptist was the “voice” he professed to be? We must believe this, we must be this, if we ever expect to do what he did—give the message entrusted to us. God could give the message without us, but because of his great love for us, he gives us the precious privilege of being co-workers with him in this great work. “For we are laborers together with God.” What a wonderful privilege!

Are we willing to prove our faith by our works? Do we, as God’s people, love the cause in Indiana well enough to help lift the great burden that is resting upon it? If our people will “bring ALL the tithes into the storehouse”, this burden can be lifted in a few months, and our overburdened Conference can be relieved from the terrible pressure that has rested upon it the past few years. Now we have reached a crisis, and shall we not all arise as one man and lift together?

Our faithful president has asked the workers to draw but half pay for a few months, until the treasury be replenished. I, for one, will gladly comply with this request for as many months as may be necessary. I would rather work on no salary, than that the cause of God should thus suffer. But have not all our people a duty here? And has not the Lord been robbed in tithes and offerings long enough? Brethren and sisters, let us study on our knees, the message of the Lord to us at this time, in Mal. 3. Shall there not be such a proving of

the Lord in Indiana, that he will “open us the windows of heaven, and pour us out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it?” How many of us want that kind of a blessing? I do. Don’t you?

I have faith to believe that the people of Indiana will respond to this call, which the Lord in his mercy is sending them, and that they will quickly come to the relief, that the cause of God be not further dishonored. Yours in the blessed hope,

MRS. R. W. McMAHAN,
Cor. Sec. S. S. Dept.

SAVE THE DIMES.

I believe my brethren will agree with me that wherever we can save a dime we should do so, either to better our own condition, or help in the cause of God. Most of the money that is sent to our office is sent either in postoffice money orders, drafts, or express money orders, for which our brethren have to pay from 5 to 15 or 20 cents. In at least nine cases out of ten this expense can be saved if you will heed the following instruction:

If you have not a bank account of your own, the storekeeper with whom you trade doubtless has, and he will willingly write you a check for your money, making it payable to either yourself or Bro. McCuaig, which you can send to the office, and it can be deposited in the bank here and be collected without any cost to our society. If the check is made payable to you, it is necessary for you to sign your name on the back. This check your merchant will give to you without charging you anything for it, and it will cost us nothing to collect it; therefore there will be a saving of whatever it would cost you to get a money order.

I would advise that where our brethren are located near a bank, that they deposit the money in the bank as they receive it during the month, and have a regular bank account; then toward the last of the month you can send in your check on the bank for the money you have in the bank. This will avoid having to purchase money orders. If you do not understand this fully, please write to me, and I will give you full instruction. If this plan is followed, it will save from \$100 to \$200 a year to our work in the conference.

W. J. STONE.

The Annual Tithe Report for 1903.

Below we give the annual tithe report for 1903, which we believe our brethren will find a very interesting and profitable study. We have prepared this report so each church in the conference can see just the amount of tithe that it has sent to the state treasurer each month, and the total amount for the whole year.

It is greatly desired that all our churches send their tithe to the state treasurer every month, instead of waiting until the end of the quarter, as the money is badly needed to pay our laborers monthly.

You will notice that only five churches sent in tithe every month in the year; these churches were Elwood, Greenfield, Indianapolis, Lafayette and Jonesboro. Four churches missed one month of sending in tithe every month; these were Franklin, Patricksburg, Marion and West Liberty. Six churches missed two months in the year in which they did not send tithe; these were Evansville, Idaville, Boggstown, Middle-town, Elkhart and Windfall.

The churches of Dana, Huntington, Ligonier and Mechanicsburg missed sending in the tithe three months out of the year. All the rest of our churches sent in tithes from one to seven times during the year.

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W. C. McCaig.

CHURCHES.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug'st	Sept.	Oct'	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
Akron				\$1 10				\$1 50	\$4 00			\$5 00	\$11 60
Angola				45 59				44 05				54 32	218 64
Anderson	\$74 65			7 23			21 02	85		10 73	\$12 67	\$31 89	92 07
Auburn	7 68			1 25					\$10 00				11 25
Barbers Mills	1 50			50 45	\$16 01		73 50	33 00			37 49	32 28	244 03
Boggstown	238 99	\$57 21		163 53	1 00	\$166 10	75 00	11 00	18 50	142 41		56 00	929 74
Brookston										10 00			10 00
Connorsville	22 10	9 22		2 27	2 75	26 50	3 45			32 20			99 51
Corunna										25			25
Denver	65 25			55 54	9 55		40 13	12 00		65 21		11 05	259 43
Dana	23 06	2 00		9 16	4 60	61 85	41 44	5 00		34 01		37 71	218 83
Evansville	22 93	2 00	\$9 20	3 32	9 75	3 95		6 37		3 75	13 45	3 65	76 37
Elmora				18 50	7 00	5 00	31 50	20 00					168 35
Elwood	16 25	11 27	3 00	32 25	6 45	3 00	21 65	12 94	3 42	13 40	14 50		25 05
Etna Green		3 20			65 00	5 00	6 00	31 10	10 00				162 15
Fort Wayne				23 52	66 60	19 67		28 63					150 77
Farmersburg				24 00		1 00		12 00	11 48	11 10		1 00	11 80
Frankton	20 23			30 60	49 60		11 27			24 74	13 46	35 00	72 38
Franklin	28 00	9 00	5 79	14 62	8 38	34 83	14 30	5 00	26 00		36 00	10 00	191 92
Grass Creek	31 88	56 65		11 15	165 50		25 84	100 90		119 51			511 43
Greenwood													
Greenfield	54 39	28 94	5 00	18 22	11 50	50	58 61	19 50	55 37	8 47	32 88	1 50	291 83
Hartford City				8 16	5 00		20 30			18 43		9 21	61 10
Honey Creek	46 32	2 00		25 00			31 65	5 00		20 24			130 21
Huntington	11 96	22 42	17 80		17 38	2 45	6 41		9 51	7 87	9 66		110 93
Idaville	7 50	1 00	100 00	21 00		11 80		1 29	6 30	2 00	7 95	7 00	169 74
Individuals	30 00	56 54	43 46	60 52	22 06	38 53	31 55	16 50	35 56	7 50	16 04	42 67	403 31
Indianapolis	156 16	72 61	219 08	153 03	196 99	191 39	136 26	128 16	143 77	107 66	131 25	199 61	1,895 98
Inwood	4 00			21 95			16 63			1 00	6 50		50 08
Jonesboro	14 59	16 03	27 31	9 50	22 00		12 00	21 00	18 25	28 50	21 46	72 57	43 35
Jefferson							10 00				11 00		12 00
Kokomo	124 87			32 42			132 03	1 68	58 61	59 63			435 89
Kennard	12 12			10 87	7 22		17 57			13 66			61 47
Lafayette	10 72	45 86	4 50	12 25	9 05	24 66	8 30	25 04	6 20	12 61	2 20	15 20	217 39
Lebanon	44 41				11 00			5 00	15 05	5 25			90 57
Ligonier		7 93	17 40		9 45	17 27	11 70	15 50	33 09		15 45		140 59
Logansport			6 76				9 50	1 85	50				12 78
Linton				6 00			7 20			9 00			1 28
Michaels	178 19	69 05			35 60		17 70			66 65			38 37
Mechanicsburg	34 20	43 16		29 65	22 60		21 71	19 40	3 00				967 10
Marion	72 74	10 00	42 44	89 66	18 00		42 85	1 50	28	115 40	58 58	14 78	247 48
Middletown	65 87	13 36	36 74		65 11	12 30	14 00	28 21	13 53	7 06			451 72
Mt. Zion	3 94			40 83			56 61			36 67			291 18
Mt. Vernon	107 03	11 25		29 77		8 00	48 58			30 46			138 01
Muncie				105 27	22 00		91 64	4 00	11 60	139 18			219 45
Michigan City			1 78										375 55
North Liberty	18 99	4 00		41 62	2 00		52 89			71			5 54
New London		1 00		1 68		5 53	13 00	3 00		48 78		4 59	172 87
Northfield	5 00	40 00		31 00				3 00		22 57	2 00	6 21	41 99
Noblesville		16 53		2 69	8 75		24 25	10 47					79 00
New Marion				11 56		30 65	13 86			8 40			62 34
Olivet Chapel	45 70				60 20		75 00			22 53			113 29
Olive Branch	17 51			44 09			18 21			56 65			237 55
Oolitic										12 43			92 24
Patrickburg	7 85		15 00	11 47	16 00	31 23	24 70	33 00	8 90		31 43		2 15
Princeton			1 11					81	5 13	12 10	13 31		208 77
Pleasant View			25 00			18 58			21 20				32 39
Petersburg						11 31					23 17		83 28
Rochester	156 72			1 40		17 50	9 77	16 50					228 00
Rochester	48 02									19 31			147 35
Bocklanc	25 34				19 20					18 00	7 30		69 84
South Milford	10 00			8 00			5 01	14 75		5 00			32 76
Salem	6 80	6 00	15 00	15 72	257 64		17 16			10 43		115 30	444 85
South Bend		117 27		15 00		7 06	13 99		5 00	30 63			126 89
Terre Haute	42 40	48 32		60 00	30 00	64 03	26 45		52 14	17 61	33 88	117 86	492 75
Unionville	1 00						2 00			11 20			14 20
Waldron	19 41			10 71			28 29			18 24			76 65
Walkerton	15 53			15 01			25 20			16 00			71 74
Wabash							5 00		8 15	5 10			18 25
Wolf Lake	108 75			73 30			43 81	14 84		54 00		154 20	458 90
West Liberty	28 15	18 00		14 80	14 85	5 15	8 44	17 61	7 65	5 40	14 97	1 10	136 62
Windfall	17 50	5 85	14 25		9 46	6 18	7 50	51 50		3 50	5 98	5 10	197 99
Waterloo				8 00		3 00		2 00	11 16			10 25	10 25
Total	\$2129 91	\$807 61	\$710 69	\$1556 16	\$1210 57	\$836 25	\$1640 48	\$731 34	\$623 52	\$1630 56	\$681 42	\$1442 56	\$14,081 08

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NEWS and NOTES

Goldie Sellers and Jennie Lane are still having success with the Signs.

A letter from Ira G. Bigelow says they will soon return to Indianapolis.

Elder and Mrs. Buhalts have done good work with the special Signs at Fort Wayne, Ind.

We have not received the name and address of your librarian. Again we ask for it. Notify us at once.

We have received many substantial remittances since Jan. 1. Wolf Lake and Boggstown have sent in large amounts.

Nellie Fuller and Alberta Weist, the Life Boat Workers, were at Nashville, in the interest of that paper at last accounts.

W. H. Edwards, auditor, expects to spend a few days with us, in examining conference finances and records about Jan. 31.

So far the annual offerings from the Indiana field are, in round figures, \$500. This is much ahead of the donations last year.

J. E. Dunn went to Jackson county last week to look for an opening for meetings. Brother Collins may join him in the work there.

Elders Donnel and Stone were with the Jonesboro church last Sabbath and Sunday, and conducted the quarterly meeting of the church.

U. S. Anderson has been holding some successful meetings and Bible studies at Elword, and a few have embraced the truth as a result.

Elders W. D. Curtis and W. A. Young were with the Rock Lane church last Sabbath and Sunday. They report a profitable meeting.

Elder A. W. Bartlett is engaged in tract and Bible work in eastern Indianapolis. He reports some interest in the families that he has visited.

Elder C. H. Bliss reports that there are about 18 Sabbath keepers altogether at Peru. We hope to organize a church there in the near future.

Elder R. S. Donnell will hold a few meetings with the church at Marion, and will be present there over next Sabbath and Sunday, January 23rd and 24th.

Orders for periodicals should reach the office three weeks before the ex-

piration of the time subscribed for. The Review and Herald and Instructor are slower in reaching destinations now that they are printed so far away.

Indianapolis now has two good-sized Sabbath schools—one at Rural street and Bloyd avenue, the other at 135 North Delaware street, in Pierson's hall.

Indications are that there will be two church organizations in Indianapolis soon. We look for much more missionary work, because of these conditions.

In a letter from Miss Ivy C. Tibbetts, she says that they will soon remove from Brazil, Ind. We hope to learn the facts with reference to their location.

We are still filling orders for the special Signs. Brethren, do not hang back expecting to get some of them at a sacrifice price. Let us have your orders for them at once.

The Indianapolis church has rented the Pierson Hall, at No. 135 N. Delaware street, where they expect to hold their services until their new church building is erected.

Elder Buhalts is having excellent success in the Object Lesson work. He has finished the work at Huntington and Fort Wayne since his last report, and is now at Wabash.

Several articles have been received from our different laborers for the Reporter which do not appear in this issue for lack of space. They will appear in future issues of the paper.

Raymond Gardner, of Indianapolis, is at the Manual Training Academy. We are glad that so many of our young people appreciate the advantages to be found at this worthy institution.

It has been arranged for Elder Curtis to visit the companies in the southwestern and southern parts of the State. Due notice will be given of these meetings, and we trust that much good will result from the labors put forth.

The church at Unionville desires labor, and it is expected that Elder Harris will visit this church next Sabbath and Sunday, January 23rd and 24th, and remain as long as the interest demands.

A number of errors appeared in the last supplement to the Reporter in the report of donations to the Boggs-

town school. These errors were marked, but in some way failed to be corrected. We were sorry to see so many mistakes in the report, but will try to correct them before they are printed in the next supplement.

Sabbath, February 6th, is the day appointed on which to take up a collection for the purpose of establishing the foreign work on a firm footing. It is expected that all churches throughout the country will contribute liberally towards this.

Elder Stone expects to be with the Hartford City church a week from next Sabbath and Sunday, January 30th and 31st, at which time the quarterly meeting will be held and the new officers of the church elected.

Elder J. C. Harris has been holding meetings at Oolitic for the past three weeks, prep ring the company there for organization. Elder Stone expects to join him soon and assist in the organization of a church at that place.

Sunday night services are being held by Elder Bartlett and H. S. Browning at the school house, corner Rural street and Bloyd avenue, this city. A fair attendance, good interest and precious seasons are reported. Several are interested.

Quite a number of letters minus the signatures of the writers have been received at the Tract Society office recently. Let us all be careful with our correspondence, and save delay on matters of business. Large sums of money have been received, with instructions as to what only part of the money is for. Let the Lord's business be carefully performed.

Elder Stone was with the Indianapolis church Sabbath, January 9th, and spoke to the church upon the subject of the judgment, showing that we must be right in every respect, and that the Lord has given a special warning for his people at this time in the 3rd chapter of Malachi against robbing God, and to be faithful in returning to the Lord his tithes and offerings. He showed that it would be impossible for us to stand the test of the judgment while we were robbing God. The sermon was well received.

WANTED—A single man to work on the farm by the month. I will pay good wages for good service. Address John W. Covert, Wolf Lake, Ind.

THE INDIANA REPORTER

SUPPLEMENT.

JANUARY 20, 1904.

Greater Faithfulness Needed.

Will You Unite With Us in this Effort?

After our audit of the laborers' accounts we found that our conference was behind in its tithe fund about \$4,000. Much prayer and thought has been given this matter, and we have sought wisdom from above to know how we might increase our conference funds and quickly relieve this terrible embarrassment.

A few laborers were retired from our conference pay roll, and we have been corresponding with our churches throughout the conference, and some articles appeared in our conference paper touching upon the subject of advances and tithing. We are glad that we can report to our brethren and sisters in Indiana that the tithe for the months of October and November was about ten per cent. in advance of what it was the corresponding months one year ago. The tithe for December was forty per cent in advance of December one year ago. This has been a great encouragement, and our brethren and sisters will be rejoiced to learn that during the past four months our indebtedness on the tithe fund has been reduced about \$1,000.

This is good, and we all rejoice together in it. Yet, during the year 1903 not one dollar of tithe was paid to the General Conference. This conference voted, a few years ago, to support one teacher in the Berrien Springs school. We were in arrears so that a portion of this teacher's salary as far back as 1902 was yet unpaid. We recently sent the General Conference on our tithe for 1903 \$300, and have settled up with the Berrien Springs school for our teacher for the school year of 1902-3.

The Head Must be Right.

A few weeks ago I was thinking seriously over this question, and how many of our brethren were unfaithful in paying their tithes, and like a flash the thought passed through my

mind that the head of the work here in Indiana was also in the wrong. Our conference had failed in paying its tithe to the General Conference, and this must no longer be neglected, but steps must be taken at once to pay the General Conference our back indebtedness of tithe. As I was considering this matter, the thought came to me that perhaps the workers of the Indiana Conference would be willing to make the first sacrifice and effort to pay our present indebtedness, by drawing from the conference treasury only one-half their salary for a few months, until these debts were paid and our treasury replenished.

I wrote to all the laborers in the conference, laying the situation before them, and made the proposition that we all leave in the treasury one-half our salary for a few months, until we were able to settle in full with the General Conference and the Berrien Springs school; then as the treasury was replenished and the conference was able, the back salary would be paid off. Our laborers all responded, many of them heartily, to the proposition, so that our conference committee, when it was together in council last week, recommended that this plan be adopted and carried out in this conference.

Now, brethren and sisters of the Indiana conference, many of you do not realize what this means to many of our laborers. They were already receiving a meager salary, almost insufficient to supply their real needs, and when this is cut down one-half, many of you do not realize the great sacrifice it will be to these laborers. Are you willing to sacrifice with them? Are you willing to make a vow to the Lord that you will be more faithful, if need be, in paying your tithes into the treasury promptly each month, that this situation

may be quickly relieved, and that our brethren may not have to suffer this great inconvenience but for a short time?

The Hire of the Laborers,

In James 5:4, we read, "Behold the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth; and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth."

We have usually applied this scripture to the rich who are hoarding up wealth in these last days, and oppressing the poor; but the Spirit of prophecy, in testimony 32, pages 130 and 131, applies this scripture to those who are robbing God in tithes and offerings. You read in this Testimony as follows: "The Word of God speaks of the hire of the laborers which is of you kept back by fraud. This is generally understood to apply to worldly men who employ servants and do not pay them for their labor; but it has a broader meaning than this." The scripture says, "Behold the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud." The hire of the laborer is his wage. The hire of the minister, or the money he receives for his work, is the tithe. The command to preach the gospel in all the world is to every soul that accepts the gospel; but as all cannot go into all the world and preach the gospel, the Lord has provided means whereby those who do preach the gospel shall receive a livelihood. The Lord tells us that the field is the world, and he says, in John 4:35, 36, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest. Behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest. And he that reaped received wages and gathered unto life eternal." The gospel field belongs as much to our brethren who remain at home as it does to those who are actively engaged in the work. Many of the workers could not go out into the harvest field if it was not for our

faithful brethren who are paying a tithe to support them. Both are laborers together with God. Many professed Seventh-Day Adventists are withholding the hire of the laborers, or the tithe, and for this reason many souls are crying for the light of present truth, but we are unable to carry it to them.

An Appeal.

I wish to make an earnest appeal to the brethren and sisters in the Indiana conference to join us in a faithful effort to roll away this reproach, and place our conference tithe treasury in a condition quickly, where our work will not be hampered, so that we may send forth more laborers into the whitened harvest. Many of our laborers feel keenly the necessity of greater consecration, greater earnestness, and are willing to sacrifice that we may see the work in this State stand above reproach. Is not this an encouragement to our brethren and sisters to stand by these laborers by being faithful in bringing all the tithes into the storehouse? I am certain that there are better days for the cause in Indiana; already the Lord is beginning to lift the cloud and is bidding us "Go forward." We are right on the verge of the eternal world, and may God help us to sense the situation.

I give below extracts from letters that I have received from our workers, showing their willingness to assist in lifting our conference tithe treasury out of its present embarrassment:

My Dear Brother—Your favor of yesterday came to hand this morning. You will remember that I said in my former letter that I had given the financial question considerable study, and that I would like to talk with you concerning it. I had talked with Mrs. Curtis about asking some of the workers to seek some other employment, but saw that that course would be liable to bring discouragement, hence it could not be the Lord's plan. The only thing I could see was for us all to bear our share of the burden by taking half of our last audit until the amount should be raised. It will be difficult for some of us to do this; but Mrs. Curtis and I have decided that with the Lord's help we are willing to undertake it; and when I read your letter, I was glad that the Lord had impressed your mind with the same

plan. I think if our conference officers lead out in this, and all of the workers willingly follow, it will arouse our people throughout the State as nothing else has ever done. And oh! I shall be so glad when that terrible \$4,000 shortage is wiped out. Very sincerely,
W. D. CURTIS.

My Dear Brother—Your favors of Dec. 29 and Jan. 3 are both before me unanswered. I see much more light in the plan for meeting the tithe deficit as set forth in your last letter than I had gathered from your former letter. True there are some of us that need all our money right along; but I assure you that if by drawing half pay for two to four months will get the tithe fund in better condition, I am heartily in favor of it; and as the tithe already seems to come in better volume, the plan surely looks to be a feasible one. It seems that any laborer who would not favor pro-rating, when the tithe is slack, needs to be labored with. I know that in pro-rating we would need to hustle in all reports by about the 6th of each month, so that none would have to wait too long. I remain sincerely your brother.
W. A. YOUNG.

Dear Brother—Your letter just received, and carefully read. Now, about paying the laborers only part of their salary each month: Some of them might be able to get along with it, and others, it would be very hard on them. A man that is in the ministry cannot always step out and take up a job at any time to get the money to pay his rent, grocery bills, etc.; but as far as I am concerned, I am willing to do whatever is thought best for the cause, and if that is the best plan, all right, I am with you. Yours in the work.
J. C. HARRIS.

Dear Brother—Yours at hand, and contents noted. Yes, I am willing to do on half pay until the conference gets on better footing, and will do all I can to get our brethren to pay to the Lord what belongs to him. My heart is in the work, Bro. Stone, and of course I could stop working for the Lord and go to the world, but this I do not want to do; as far as making money is concerned, I could double my wages in the business I was engaged in, but it is not for dollars and cents that I am laboring. There is a world to be warned, and woe is me if I do not do what the Lord has laid upon me. I am anxious to see the work move along, and will do all in my power to help move it. Praying that you may have much of His blessing, I remain Your brother,
U. S. ANDERSON.

Dear Brother—Concerning the proposition written me to accept half pay or half wages for a time, or seek other employment than the ministry, I would say that under all circumstances, by the grace of God, I expect to continue indefinitely in the ministry of Christ; but as a minister of the State conference of Seventh Day Adventists in Indiana, I would choose to continue, for a time at least, in that occupation, even at half pay. Therefore I am in harmony with the whole proposition. Except the people and workers are baptized with the spirit of Christ and power, I see no other way to increase the tithe fund than the one you propose.

Yours in Christ,
A. W. BARTLETT.

My Dear Brother—Your welcome letter of recent date came to hand in due time, and was read with much interest, and contents noted. In reply, will say that in regard to your explanation of finance matters, they are quite satisfactory to me, and you can each month send me what you can, and mark it on the statement that you send, so that we will both know just how we stand.

I am your brother in the work.
F. M. ROBERTS.

My Dear Brother—Excuse me for not writing sooner. I fully acquiesce with your proposition in your last letter. If we can't live on \$4, \$5 or \$6 per week for several months, we can, the licenciates especially, do something else. I believe you and a few others ought to get your full salary. You are so situated that you need it. Now, Bro. Stone, if the conference committee resort to any other means differing from what you have written me in the matter, it will not be necessary to inform me, but go ahead and do the best you can, and I shall be perfectly satisfied, and pray for God's blessing upon it. I have confidence in our committee. Our conference can do only what it is able to do. Respectfully yours,
E. C. SWARTZ.

Dear Bro. Stone—Yours of late date received. In regard to finances, I think Bro. Covert is right. I told Bro. Haukins last year, if I were president of the conference I would not pay out any more than I received each month. We passed a resolution nearly one year ago to that effect, and it was approved by the committee, that such per cent of each laborer's dues should be paid promptly each month as the treasury would allow without borrowing. If the plan you speak of is adopted, I hope you will defer putting it into execution until this severe cold weather is over. Yours in the good work,

C. H. BLISS.

Dear Brother—Your letter is at hand and contents noted. I am well pleased with the spirit of the plan you suggest. You seem to be willing to do what you ask the rest of us to do. I am always willing to bear an equal proportion of the burden with my brethren. I will continue in the work, and draw one-half of my pay, if the rest will do the same. We are of good courage. Your brother,
S. S. DAVIS.

Dear Brother—I have your letter of yesterday. I carefully read it several times, and earnestly sought the Lord before replying. All I have, my time and strength, are consecrated to God. I am truly willing to do anything that seems best to help out in the present crisis. If the Sabbath schools and young people's societies work were in a condition to be laid by for a time, I would take up something else; but this work, which is just getting on its feet, would suffer. I would rather do the work without pay than to leave it at this time. I will gladly comply with your request to the laborers to receive half pay for as long a time as may be necessary. With me that will mean perhaps less than two dollars a week, as I do not always put in full time. I earnestly hope that our people will come up in the matter of paying tithes. Our own tithes at Anderson have increased in the past few months.

Sincerely your sister in the one hope,
MRS. R. W. McMAHAN.

Dear Brother—Your letter at hand. The contents were not wholly a surprise to me. For many months I have wondered what course would be pursued concerning the reduction of our wages. I can speak for no one but myself. When I accepted this blessed truth, I believed then that we should work by faith and not by sight; and now if He calls me to preach the gospel with no visible support, by faith and not by sight, I know that my God is the same great Savior, and "He shall supply all our needs according to his riches in glory." I thank you for the kind words in your letter; but this act of ours is one of faith. I have already seen the working of God's spirit in our behalf. I went to my landlady, who is considered very close in her dealings, and candidly laid the situation before her, saying that it would be impossible for me to pay the present price for our house, so must seek cheaper rent. She cut the rent one-fourth without hesitation, in order to keep me in her property. This is given until May 1,

voluntarily on her part, for which I sincerely praise the Lord. I am confident that my blessed Master will keep us from actual want.

Yours in Christian love,
J. E. COLLINS.

Now, my dear brethren and sisters throughout Indiana, the situation is plainly laid before you. You can see the sacrifice that our laborers are making, and are willing to make, in order to place our work where we can receive the fullness of God's blessing. Will you unitedly take hold in this work with us, and assist us by faithfulness in payment of tithes and offerings, that we may, in a few months, place this conference above reproach and where this burden will not be resting upon us?

As far as I know, our workers are all of good courage. God is blessing and leading out in the work. There are two churches in the conference about ready to organize. The Lord is greatly blessing the efforts of Brethren Roberts and Davis, and we hope to see a good church raised up there. I have full confidence in the brethren of this conference that they will, with us, take hold as never before to place this work in the condition where God desires it, so that the work in this great State may not be hindered.

Trusting that I may meet many of you in your home churches soon, I remain your servant in the work,

W. J. STONE,
President Indiana Conference.

CO-OPERATE.

I have been reading the Indiana Reporter, and am pleased with the plans of work which have been outlined by the conference committee, and trust that all our people in the State will most heartily co-operate with the president and other members of the committee in executing the good work which the plans propose. The counsel is certainly sound and yet it is aggressive. Safe plans are always essential, and these, at such a time as this, should be speedily executed.

The advice given by Solomon, to "Do with thy might whatsoever thy hands find to do," is splendid for us to follow now. Activity and faithfulness should be constant watchwords with God's people now.

Laborers should find the right place to work, and put in full time. These

points are noticed by our people, but does not the Lord also take account of such matters? Of course all should pay an honest tithe, whether they receive a salary from the conference or not. We should consider that although we be connected with the conference, and should therefore work through conference channels, yet our responsibilities extend to the whole world. The Lord's message is to all the people of the earth, and that, too, in this generation. Yes, and the message must complete its work before all the veteran believers have passed away. We believe the present administration in Indiana will receive a hearty co-operation from our people. We cannot hope for success unless we are united. WM. COVERT.

MISSIONARY CONVENTIONS.

Anderson.

The missionary convention held at Anderson, Nov. 21, was conducted by Bro. W. A. Greenlee. The first topic was "A Call to Service." Bro. I. B. Walter led in the discussion of this subject, giving some very helpful and encouraging thoughts. The second reading, "Value and Use of Tracts," was given by W. P. B. Gray. Sister Halstead led in the discussion. She gave an interesting experience. A tract had been thrown into the rag-bag. The one who received the bag found the tract and read it, though it had to be pasted together. But the reading of this little torn messenger saved a soul. Thus we see God has a care for his truth, and will direct it to those who will accept it.

"Our Periodicals a Continual Blessing," was read by Bertha Parker; discussed by Sisters Hinton and Bush. "Home Workers with Small Books," was next read by Bro. Grover Fattie; discussed by Sister Keener and others. "A Missionary Follow-up System," was read by Sister Weiler, followed by talks from Sisters Gray and Hinton. Sister Greenlee read a beautiful poem on the "Soon Coming of the Lord."

All felt that the work of the day had been inspiring and profitable. In the Sunday evening meeting plans were formulated for a vigorous campaign in the distribution of literature the coming few months. We are arranging for a systematic distribution of tracts throughout the city, to follow the work with the Capital and Labor Signs. Pray for the work in Anderson. MRS. R. W. McMAHAN.

JONESBORO QUARTERLY MEETING.

I was with the Jonesboro church Sabbath and Sunday, Jan. 15 and 16, at which time their quarterly meeting was held, and the officers for the coming year were elected and ordained. Elder Donnell was present with me, and rendered valuable assistance in the services.

It was one of the most satisfactory meetings that I have held for a long time. Some who had not been taking an active part in the meetings for a time, were present and participated in the services. Two elders were chosen. As the vote taken for elder was a tie, it was then unanimously voted to have two elders. Brethren Nelson and Hammond were chosen as elders of the church; Bro. Parks was elected deacon, Bro. W. J. Lecklider clerk, and Sister Bryner was elected treasurer. Perfect union and harmony seemed to prevail in the meeting, and the preaching services were such as to inspire confidence and good cheer in the hearts of the brethren and sisters.

We look for the Jonesboro church, in the coming year, to occupy higher ground and to be of greater assistance in the advancement of the truth throughout the conference than they have been the past year.

We supplied the church with the new treasurer's books, and I noticed nearly all who were present paying tithe to the treasurer. This, to me, was a good omen, and I shall watch the progress of the work at Jonesboro with special interest the coming year.

W. J. STONE.

WEST LEBANON.

It has been some time since you have heard anything from us, so I will tell what the blessed Lord is doing for me and by me.

I came to this place December 5, to look up a place to hold meetings, which I soon found; but because two protracted meetings were in progress I did not think it best to begin another meeting until they closed, which was nearly two weeks after I arrived here; but I was busy visiting, advertising, and getting ready for our services. We have now held meetings for four weeks, with the best average attendance I have ever had since I have been in the work, for twenty years.

Elder S. S. Davis joined me a week

ago, and he says that he has never seen such an interest. We have gone over the subjects that usually cause a falling off in the attendance, but our attendance has increased instead of diminished. We have had two overflow meetings, when many were not able to find seats. Ten persons have taken their stand upon the Sabbath question. Among them one Dunkard minister, his wife and granddaughter, and also a local minister of the Methodist church, a very promising young man. There are many more that are deeply interested. They are a good class of people.

I assure you that we are of good courage in the work, and we confidently expect to see a good company raised up here. We request the prayers of all that the Lord may give power to his word, and that we may present the truth as it is in Jesus.

F. M. ROBERTS.
S. S. DAVIS.

ONE MORE APPEAL.

A splendid work has been done and is being done with the Capital and Labor number of the Signs of the Times. The Pacific Press reports that orders for nearly 500,000 copies had been received (Dec. 15), and that they were still coming.

But we now wish to make an appeal in behalf of the **Regular issues**. The Signs has been designated as our "Pioneer Missionary Paper," and it is stated that "our people are doing a greater work than the preacher can do." This being the case, an earnest effort should be made to secure subscribers for the regular issue. The "follow-up plan," which has been used so successfully in other lines of business, should be adopted in our work. The Capital and Labor number is a splendid "entering wedge." Now this should be followed up by a thorough, systematic canvass for regular subscribers.

We are glad to know that a wave of enthusiasm is sweeping over our people in the matter of circulating our literature. Never before has there been such an awakening. We believe this is largely due to the splendid missionary conventions recently held. Now let us keep the ball rolling. Not only should thorough work be done with our periodicals, but our tracts, pamphlets, and trade books should have due attention. **Now, just now,** is the time to work. It will soon be too late.

Write at once to the Indiana Tract Society, 626 E. Eleventh street, Indianapolis, for further information.

ORDER IN ORDERING.

In ordering periodicals, please give name and address of party, length of time of subscription, and number wanted. "Renew our club of Little Friends," means that you ask some one to search the office records to find out all the necessary facts. It may be that after your original order you sent in word to drop one or two or to add on more names, or change the address, and in that case a great task would be imposed on some one to get at the real facts. Think of the time required to do this, which could be used in accommodating others, if the order had been written thus: "Please renew our club of ten Little Friends for six months, and continue them to my address, 626 E. Eleventh street, Indianapolis. Find money order, \$2.25, attached, to pay for same. (Or if money does not accompany the order, say, Charge same to our society account, and oblige.) John Doe."

Professor Machlan sends in an excellent report in regard to the school work at Boggstown. Several new scholars have been enrolled. The total number enrolled now being 52. He writes that the students are taking hold in good earnest, and that the spirit of the Lord has been with them in the chapel service and also in their class work. We are truly glad of the good work that is being done in this school, and we hope that we may see another school established in the near future in the northern part of the conference.

Are you so situated that you cannot attend one of our educational institutions? If so,

STUDIES BY CORRESPONDENCE. the work now offered by correspondence will meet your needs. God has a

place for every man to work. Many feel their inefficiency, and would be glad to improve the talents with which they have been intrusted. For such the Correspondence School has been organized. Information, circulars and interesting reading matter will be sent free to any who may apply. Address E. A. Sutherland, Berrien Springs, Mich.