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THE CHURCH AND ITS MISSION

No. 2.

FULL TREASURY

If all, both old and young, would do their duty, there would be no dearth in the treasury. If all would pay a faithful tithe, and devote to the Lord the first-fruits of their mercies, there would be a full supply of funds for his work.

A WANT AND WHY

But the law of God is not respected or obeyed, and this has brought a pressure of want. All the good that man enjoys comes because of the mercy of God. He is the great and bountiful giver of good. His love is manifest to all in the abundant provision which he has made for man. He has given us probationary time in which to form characters that will fit us for the courts above. And it is not because he needs anything that he asks us to reserve part of our possessions for him.

A LESSON FROM EDEN

The Lord created every tree in Eden, pleasant to the eyes and good for food, and he bade Adam and Eve freely enjoy his bounties. But he made one exception. Of the tree of

knowledge of good and evil they were not to eat. This tree God reserved as a constant reminder of his ownership of all. Thus he gave them an opportunity to demonstrate their faith and trust in him and their perfect obedience to his requirements. So it is with God's claims upon us. He places his treasures in the hand of humanity, but requires that one-tenth shall be faithfully laid aside for his work. He teaches us the lesson that he requires this portion to be placed in his treasury. It is to be rendered to him as his own; it is sacred, and is to be used for sacred purposes, for the support of those who carry the message of salvation to all parts of the world. He reserves this portion, that means may be flowing into his treasure-house, and that the light of truth may be carried to those who are nigh and those afar off. By faithfully obeying this requirement, we prove that we realize that all belongs to God. And has not the Lord a right to demand this much of us? Did he not give us his only begotten Son because he loved us and desired to save us from death? And shall not our gratitude offerings flow into the Lord's treasury, to be drawn therefrom to advance his kingdom in the earth? God is the owner of all our goods, and shall not gratitude to him prompt us to make free-will offerings and thank offerings thus acknowledging His ownership of soul, body, spirit, and property?

WHY ARE MEANS NOT ABUNDANT?

Had God's plan been followed, means would now be flowing into his treasury; and funds to enable ministers to enter new fields, and workers to unite with ministers to lift up the standard of truth in the dark places of the earth, would be abundant.

NO EXCUSE. WHY?

It is a heaven-appointed plan that men should return to the Lord his

own; and this is so plainly stated that men and women have no excuse for misunderstanding or evading the duties and responsibility God has laid upon them. Those who claim that they cannot see this to be their duty, reveal to the heavenly universe, to the church, and to the world, that they do not want to see this plainly stated requirement. They think that if they followed the Lord's plan, they would detract from their own possessions. In the covetousness of their selfish souls, they desire to have the whole capital, both principal and interest, that they may use it for their own benefit. God lays his hand upon all man's possessions, saying, "I am the owner of the universe, and these goods are mine."

TERRIBLE RESPONSIBILITY

"The tithe you have withheld I reserved for the support of my servants in their work of opening the Scriptures to those who are in the regions of darkness, who do not understand my law. In using my reserve fund to gratify your own desires, you have robbed souls of the light which I made provision they should receive. You have had opportunity to show loyalty to me, but you have not done so—you have robbed me; for you have stolen my reserve fund." "Ye are cursed with a curse."

AN APPEAL

Let the neglected tithes be now brought in. Let the new year (shall we not say quarter?) open upon you as men honest in their deal with God. Let those who have withheld their tithes, send them in before the year 1904 shall close, that they may be right with God, and never, never again run any risk of being cursed by God.

Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

(To be Continued.)

The week of prayer begins Dec. 10, and closes Dec. 17.

PRAYER AND MISSIONS

The experience of the church in apostolic days, as recorded in the New Testament, reveals an inseparable connection between prayer and missions. Matthew relates an instance:—

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitude, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Matt. 9: 35-38.

Christ was the great model Missionary. He left his home in heaven and came to this sin-stricken world where the lost and suffering were, to save them. He went about all the cities and villages, teaching the people, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of sickness and disease among the people.

As he engaged in this blessed unselfish ministry, and saw the weary, suffering multitudes scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd, he was moved with compassion on them. He said to his disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

Up to this point we have the situation as it existed—the pressing needs of the suffering, perishing multitudes, and the altogether inadequate supply of workers. What was the recourse recognized by Jesus, and pointed out to his disciples?—It was prayer. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth more laborers into his harvest."

This record certainly shows that the redeemer of the world, who is the source of supplies for all true missionary enterprises, teaches the closest possible union of prayer and missions. From this time to the close of the Bible record of missionary experiences in the early church, earnest, unceasing, prevailing prayer is represented as preceding, setting in motion, carrying forward, and consummating that glorious work that gave the gospel to all the world in that generation.

Has this law of the kingdom changed? Is there now another way by which the church is to be stimulated, sent forth, and sustained in the world-wide missionary effort?

How consistent that Seventh Day Adventists, who have been raised up to give the last warning message of the gospel—the last call of mercy—to the world, should set apart a season of time each year for special prayer in behalf of this great missionary undertaking. Oh, that there shall be earnest prayer indeed for the progress of this cause! The missionaries toiling in difficult, destitute, sin-cursed fields at home and in the regions afar off, need the earnest, triumphant prayers of the church of Christ. The multitudes of suffering, misguided, disheartened, souls in all lands need the sympathetic, affectionate prayers of those who have found the help they need. The men who have been appointed by the church to carry the responsibilities connected with the general management of this great missionary movement, need the prayers of God's people. And the treasury of the church needs the prayers of the church. Every week of the year that treasury must send forth at least three thousand dollars to support the missionaries who are now devoting their lives entirely to this work. They have left homes, friends, and worldly vocations to give their lives wholly to missionary service. Their provision for support is their confidence in the promise of God, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; and he has arranged that his church shall be the visible support of his work. If the church will do her duty in prayer and giving, the Lord will supply her with the means. I repeat—the treasury of the church needs the prayers of the church.

The time and the situation to which we have come, call for the earnest, importunate, heartfelt prayers of Seventh Day Adventists at this time. Let every professed believer in the Third Angel's Message join with all his soul in the coming week of prayer services.

One magnificent feature of the week of prayer for 1904 will be the effort to raise \$80,000 in the annual offerings to missions.

This can easily be done, and what

a burden of care and continual perplexity it will lift from many hearts. Blessed Master, thou who hast said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," breathe this assurance into the hearts of all thy children, leading them to give as thou hast prepared them, and as thy suffering cause needs at this very time.

A. G. DANIELLS.

WARNING, WARNING!!

There is a man traveling in Indiana, and some times in adjoining states, having a club foot, representing himself sometimes as an adventist minister, and other times just as an adventist. He usually tells the story of losing his horse and is in search of it, or has just found it and lacks a few dollars of having enough to pay for its keeping, advertising, etc. Represents that he has a farm somewhere, and has bees, and will send the parties from whom he gets money, not only the money, but a crate of honey.

This man has recently gotten money from no less than six of our people throughout the state, and he is a deceiver, and a great imposter. And if he turns up again among our brethren or sisters he should be at once reported to the authorities and be arrested, and word sent to our office at Indianapolis. It is too bad for so much money to be procured from our brethren by a deceiver. He has been advertised several times, but our brethren seem to forget it, and he looks up our new companies and takes the advantage of them.

He is a man about 5 ft. 8 in. tall, dark hair streaked with gray, mustache dark brown, flushed face, eyes gray, close set, and right foot is club foot. The man has practiced this for fifteen years, and is wholly unworthy any confidence, and should be punished. There are many deceivers traveling over the country, who should not be taken in. Our people should carry something in the way of a recommendation if they are traveling over the country, or at least a tithe receipt. W. J. STONE.

Elder Buhalts' father and mother have located at Martinsville. This will add to the number of the company there, and will permit Elder Buhalts to have the assistance of his wife in house to house work.

ANOTHER WEEK OF PRAYER

Quickly another year has passed into eternity, bringing to us another annual season of prayer and seeking God.

As I have thought of our greatest need as a people at this time, I am thoroughly convinced that it is, a REALIZATION of the message and work that God has entrusted to us, and the FACT that we are in the last generation and surrounded with the perils of the last days. We do not SENSE the truthfulness of the truths we profess to believe. In fact, with many of us, our belief is only a profession. Our lives demonstrate that we have not a living faith, for our acts say to the world, that we are laying our plans for time to continue for many years to come.

As I look over the past year and see what has been accomplished by seventy-five thousand Seventh Day Adventists, and compare this, with the results of one-tenth of our number thirty years ago, or think what a thousand laborers might accomplish in one year if fired with a genuine belief that "the end of all things is at hand," and a zeal that would certainly characterize a people that really believed the Lord would come in this generation, I am profoundly convinced that a change must come to this people, and we must have an experience unknown to many of us, and there must be a loosening of our hold upon the things of this world and a grasping of eternal things. Then we shall see a mighty forward movement and as much accomplished in one month as we now see in a year.

Do we not all desire that our whole being shall be thrilled with a sense of the importance of the message? And is not this our greatest need? Then shall not this week of prayer be so spent that the thing we need so much may be accomplished in us, and for us?

As has been said by another, the week of prayer is not to enlist a greater interest on the part of the Lord in us, or in the message, but it is a time when we are to give our lives more fully to God: when we are to take time to meditate and pray, studying the message and work more thoroughly than ever before, and placing ourselves in the channel where God can communicate to us a knowledge of our condition, and a

sense of the magnitude and importance of our work. What every Seventh Day Adventist needs now, is to stand where he can hold sweet intercourse with God day by day and constantly be kept and guided by his mighty power.

It is my greatest desire to stand so related to God day by day, that I may constantly have the guidance of holy angels. This should be the desire of all. The work entrusted to Seventh Day Adventists is, in God's sight, the greatest thing in the world to-day. Why should not we, regard it in the same way? I am sure we will when we begin to comprehend the solemn meaning of this message to all the inhabitants of the world. Every thing else will sink into insignificance. Then why not throw our whole souls into this work, and arise as a body, and give this message to the people of Indiana, and all the world quickly?

There are many places in this state where the Third Angel's Message has never been preached and numerous calls are coming from all parts of the world for some one to come and preach to them the message; but many of the appeals can not be answered, because of a lack of men and means. How long must this state of things continue? Does not the urgency of the case appeal to us more strongly than ever before? Shall not the results of this week of prayer place at the disposal of our Mission Board, not only the money needed, but an army of consecrated workers who will go forth to carry the message with power?

A call is made by the General Conference for \$80,000 to meet present demands. This is none too much; and if God's people everywhere catch the spirit of sacrifice possessed by Christ, when he left all for our salvation, this amount will be easily raised. God has placed in the hands of Seventh Day Adventists many thousands of dollars; and what is it for, if not to be invested now, in giving the message to all the world quickly? Now, one dollar is worth more to the cause than a thousand, or even a million will be after probation closes, when many will come with their means when it will be too late.

May this week of prayer accomplish for God's people all that God desires it shall. It may, if we will let it. Will we do it? May this be a

time of the greatest revival ever witnessed in this denomination: and may we set the pace that shall continue until the work shall triumph gloriously.

W. J. STONE.

TITHES FOR NOVEMBER, 1904.

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| Akron | 50 |
| Angola | 11 00 |
| Anderson | 58 25 |
| Auburn | |
| Bass Lake | |
| Barbers Mills | 5 00 |
| Boggs town | 55 40 |
| Brookston | |
| Connersville | 3 50 |
| Coranna | |
| Denver | |
| Dana | |
| Evansville | 2 00 |
| Elnora | |
| Elwood | 19 54 |
| Etna Green | 5 00 |
| Farmersburg | 15 61 |
| Fort Wayne | 1 30 |
| Franklin | 2 40 |
| Frankton | 14 51 |
| Grass Creek | 23 70 |
| Glenwood | |
| Greenfield | 32 72 |
| Hartford City | 6 89 |
| Honey Creek | 5 00 |
| Huntington | 7 10 |
| Idaville | 2 25 |
| Indianapolis | 211 72 |
| Individuals | 25 96 |
| Lawood | |
| Jefferson | 3 58 |
| Jonesboro | 29 15 |
| Kennard | 11 55 |
| Kokomo | |
| LaFayette | 33 46 |
| Lebanon | 6 65 |
| Ligonier | 2 25 |
| Linton | |
| Logansport | |
| Michaels | 46 30 |
| Mechanicsburg | 34 66 |
| Marion | 11 70 |
| Michigan City | |
| Middletown | |
| Morocco | 13 25 |
| Mt. Vernon | 5 00 |
| Mt. Zion | |
| Muncie | 64 45 |
| New London | 15 34 |
| Noblesville | 33 55 |
| Northfield | |
| New Marion | 4 00 |
| North Liberty | 3 54 |
| Olive Branch | |
| Olivet Chapel | |
| Oolitic | 10 52 |
| Patrickburg | 24 25 |
| Peru | 12 91 |
| Petersburg | 15 45 |
| Pleasant View | 21 18 |
| Princeton | 11 45 |
| Richmond | 18 50 |
| Rochester | 31 87 |
| Rocklane | 3 00 |
| Salem | 54 19 |
| Second Indianapolis | 27 29 |
| South Bend | 11 65 |
| South Milford | 10 00 |
| Terre Haute | 43 61 |
| Unionville | |
| Wabash | |
| Waldron | 15 75 |
| Walkerton | |
| Waterloo | |
| West Liberty | 30 50 |
| Windfall | |
| Wolf Lake | |
| Total receipts | \$ 1169 90 |

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS NOTICE

I have at last found a Daily Register which is quite well adapted to our school work. They are now on sale at the Tract Society Office. Every school should be supplied with one immediately. Price 60 cents.

W. D. CURTIS.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER SUGGESTIONS TO CHURCH OFFICERS

As in past years, the elder should make early announcement of the week-of-prayer services, and specially urge full attendance. It is a week for special effort for the unconverted and the backslidden.

Let the one who is to read the reading for the day, be appointed sufficiently long beforehand so that he may be prepared to present it with the Spirit and with the understanding. Let some one in the congregation read the Scripture portions that the writers may ask to have read.

Where possible, let each day's program be planned for in advance, securing co-operation in the matter of appropriate hymns or Scripture readings. After the reading there will be time for prayer, social meeting, or missionary meeting, and the planning of personal practical work. Urge all to take some part in adding to the interest of the meetings, so that all may share in the revival and blessing that we all so much need.

The envelopes for the annual offerings should be distributed the first Sabbath, December 10, and gathered the last Sabbath, following the reading, December 17. This annual offering is a most important one. Cannot every church lay plans to double last year's offering? Money for missions is not "mere money." It is a lifeline thrown out to the perishing who are calling to us. Emphasize the call of the hour. The cash offering should be sent at once to your conference treasury, as the money is needed. Later gifts may be forwarded at the end of the month, with your regular remittance to your treasurer.

Everywhere there is progress, and courage and confidence fill the hearts of believers. God is leading this work on to victory. Let us watch for souls, and press the work forward in this important time.

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

THE FAYETTE SANITARIUM

Our Sanitarium here at Connersville, is now ready to receive and care for patients, and is strictly a Seventh Day Adventist institution, conducted upon the principles so dear to the hearts of every true Adventist. Yet every cent for its equipment is being contributed by

those not of our faith. Nearly three thousand dollars have been subscribed, and the citizens are still soliciting funds.

This Sanitarium has the most complete equipment of any institution of its kind in Indiana. Now that our Lord has put it into the hearts of the people of Connersville, and Fayette County, to provide means for the establishment of such an institution for the dissemination of the truths that constitute the right arm of our glorious message to this poor world whose inhabitants are growing sicker every day, should we not show our appreciation of this grand work, and the assistance rendered by the citizens of this locality, by giving the institution our most hearty support, in recommending it to our friends, and patronizing it ourselves?

The management of the Sanitarium would like to keep in touch with our trained nurses in the state, as our work is enlarging, and we are having constant demands for nurses to treat cases in private families. Any S. D. A. nurse that would answer a call from our Sanitarium, will please address The Fayette Sanitarium, Connersville, Ind.

DR. D. D. McDOUGALL.

NEWS and NOTES

Have you the REVIEW of Nov. 24th which contains the week of prayer readings? If not, write to our office for it.

Elder J. C. Harris has been holding a short series of meetings at Linton, which have been an encouragement to the church.

It seems, if possible, that the readings for the week of prayer are better this year than in any year of the past. Study them carefully.

Elder B. Hagle has been holding meetings at Morocco, and reports three converts to the faith and quite an interest springing up to hear in other places.

The tithe report for November appears in this issue of the Reporter. We are glad to see an improvement over October. May God reward the faithful souls. He will. Look over the report carefully, and report all mistakes to our state treasurer.

Any one knowing the address of W. H. Coppock will confer a favor by sending it at once to Elder W. J. Stone, 3735 North Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sister Niehaus, Brother Olmstead, Brother Hazleton, and Brother and Sister Buhalts are the laborers now at Martinsville, and all have a number of interested readers.

We hope all are reading carefully the articles by Sister E. G. White that are now being published in the Reporter. And may we see our duty more plainly than ever and be exhorted to greater faithfulness.

Brother John Niehaus has been chosen as business manager of the Sanitarium at Connersville. He reports that the financial condition of the sanitarium is good, and says they are having some patronage.

Both of the new church buildings in Indianapolis are now completed, and the East Side church met for the first time in their new building last Sabbath. While it is small, it is convenient and presents a neat appearance.

Nov. 19th, Elder Stone was with the company at Martinsville. There were in attendance at the services, between thirty and forty persons, counting the children. Quite a number of families are taking Bible readings, and the future of the work is hopeful.

Elder Stone was with the company at Franklin Sabbath, Nov. 26. Two have recently accepted the truth there as a result of the labor of Sister Thompson. The money to erect the church building at Franklin was furnished by one of the members, and she now desires to deed the property to the Indiana Association of Seventh Day Adventists. This transfer will undoubtedly soon be effected.

Read carefully the articles on The Week of Prayer by the General Conference Committee, and Elder Stone. This is the last paper before the week of prayer, and we trust our elders and all our church officers will feel the responsibility of this occasion and be thorough in the work of preparation for the services. This is an important occasion, and we hope all will take a deeper interest in the week of prayer than ever before. The times demand that this should be so.