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## THE CHURCH AND ITS MISSION

No. 6.

### SITUATION NOT APPRECIATED

The auditing committee has often been composed of men who were farmers. These could dress in coarse clothing appropriate for the work they were doing. They raised all they needed as a family to subsist upon, and they knew not what the outlay of a minister must necessarily be when he goes out into a new field to labor for perishing souls. The minister must labor and pray. He must visit the different families. Frequently he finds the people so poor that they have little to eat, and no room in which to sleep. Often means have to be given to the very needy to supply their hunger and cover their nakedness. Then what injustice to have a company of men as auditing committee who by a dash of the pen will disappoint a distressed minister who is in need of every cent that he has been led to expect. The minister who labors should be sustained. But notwithstanding this, those who are officiating in this work see that there is not money in the treasury to pay the minister. The tithe money must be kept sacred. There

are ministers who receive nothing for their labors; for there was no money to pay them. This I saw would be; for the management is wrong.

### A NEGLECT

Many presidents of State conferences do not attend to that which is their work,—to see that the elders and deacons of the churches do their work in the churches by seeing that a faithful tithe is brought into the treasury. This principle needs to be often brought before the men who are lax in their duty to God, and who are negligent and careless in bringing in their tithes, gifts, and offerings to God. "Will a man rob me?" "Wherein have we robbed thee?"—is the question asked by the unfaithful stewards. The answer comes plain and positive, "In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." Please read this whole chapter and see if words could be spoken that would be more plain and positive than these.

### NO EXCUSE

They are so positive that no one who desires to understand his whole duty to God, needs to make any mistake in the matter. If men offer any excuse as to why they do not perform this duty, it is because they are selfish, and have not the love and fear of God in their hearts. Those who plead that they cannot understand this plain and decisive statement—which if they are obedient, means so much to them, in blessings which will be received, when even the windows of heaven will be opened, and blessings poured out to overflowing—are not honest before God. Their excuse that they do not know the will of God, will be of no avail for them in the great day of judgment.

### A CALL TO DUTY

*Presidents of our conferences, do your duty; speak not your words, but a plain thus saith the Lord.*

*Elders of churches, do your duty. Labor from home to home that the flock of God shall not be remiss in this great matter, which involves such a blessing or such a curse.*

*Every man who bears the message of truth to our churches must do his duty by warning, educating, rebuking. Any neglect of duty which is a robbery toward God, means a curse upon the delinquent.*

### A WORD TO MINISTERS AND ELDERS

The Lord will not hold guiltless those who are deficient in doing the work that he requires at their hands,—in seeing that the church is kept wholesome and healthy spiritually, and doing all their duty; in allowing no neglect which will bring the threatened curse upon his people. A curse is pronounced upon all who withhold the tithe from God.

This is not a request of man; it is one of God's ordinances, whereby his work may be sustained and carried on in the world. God help us to repent.

Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

(Concluded.)

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Some of our brethren plead hard times and scarcity of money, when calls are made for means to carry forward the work of God; but if some smooth tongued person comes along with an interprise, purporting that a hundred dollars invested will quickly double itself, many of our brethren find the money and are ready to invest. Only about a year ago parties in this state were solicited to invest money in a certain food factory, with assurance that it would double in a year. Because of this the following article, bearing upon the question, appeared in the Reporter of March 16, 1904, to guard our people from deception.

W. J. S.

## BE NOT DECEIVED

Many Seventh-day Adventists are being swallowed up by the spirit of commercialism, which is the spirit of



the world and the very thing that the Lord has especially warned us against for years.

They are looking for an opportunity to make an investment which will return them 100 per cent on the dollar within a year's time or less.

I read in a newspaper today the following: "\$5,000 made in six months by investing \$1,000." Many are ready to grasp at such an offer; but if they will stop and think seriously for a moment, they will see that it is impossible for this to be accomplished by honest methods.

During the past few months or years there has been a great craze in starting health-food factories, because one or two firms had become rich through the manufacture and sale of these products. Letters have recently been sent to some of our brethren in Indiana, and flattering inducements and figures have been placed before them, showing how money invested in stock in certain food factories would double itself in a year's time. Brethren, *be not deceived*. While those making these representations may be perfectly honest, the figures are deceiving; no such results, with the facilities at their disposal, can be reached. The recent failures of several food factories, started not only by the world, but *our own brethren*, should be a lesson and make our brethren more cautious about investing money in these enterprises for worldly speculation.

This perhaps is enough for me to say in this article, but if any are anticipating investing along this line and desire further information, they can obtain it by addressing me at 3840 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

W. J. STONE.

The above article should have been sufficient, and no further mention or warning ought to be needed. But like the "club footed man," who is continually turning up somewhere and deceiving our brethren and sisters, new enterprises are being started and new men are on the ground to solicit funds, or sell stock that will, according to their story, "double itself in a very short time."

Only recently a man has been soliciting and selling, in this conference, stock in a health food factory in another state, and representing that one-hundred dollars invested now, would double itself in six months. Or in other words, those taking \$100 in stock, can draw out \$100 profits

in six months, and have the \$100 stock left. This would be 200 percent per annum on the investment. This is over thirty times lawful interest, and any person with a reasonable amount of common sense, ought to know at once, that such a representation is false. It is impossible for any honest business to pay one tenth of such a percent. The facts are, more health food factories have failed in the past five years than have made a success in the business. Many more thousands of dollars have been lost by those who have made failures, than have been made by those who have made the business a success. I would not think this a very encouraging prospect to new enterprises. If I had the space I might demonstrate in figures that it takes the best of management and economy to make ends meet in this business; and a man going about the country making such presumptuous claims, either is ignorant of all the detailed expenses of the business, or is purposely humbugging the people. In either case it would be better to retire from the field of operation.

I feel certain, that our brethren having money not in use, would in the end reap much better dividends, by loaning their money to the conference, or to the Review and Herald, at four percent interest, than to invest it in food factories; and too, their money would be safe. They could get it when desired. But invested in food factories, in about nine cases out of ten, they will never see the money again, or get any interest for it. This has been the result, as many of our brethren and sisters in Indiana who have been duped, are ready to testify.

How much better it would be, if those studying how they can make a lot of money quickly, would devote their talents to the study of how this message, that God has given us, can be carried to all the world quickly. And a thousand times better would it be for our brethren and sisters, instead of planning and desiring to make money in a hurry, to study and plan to see how, in a short time they can place the truths for this time in the homes of all their neighbors and friends.

*Where our treasure is, there will our heart be also.*

Better get our treasures where they can be used for the advancement of the message. Would it not

be better if our brethren and sisters who have money, would loan it to the cause for a low rate of interest, and help our cramped treasuries? They would not worry for fear of losing their money, for no person has ever yet lost a dollar by loaning it to the denomination,—either State or General Conferences.

If there are brethren or sisters in Indiana, who have money in large or small amounts, that they would like to have go to the cause when they are through with it, but would like to have the interest on it while they live, the Indiana Conference will receive such money at a reasonable interest and see that it is used for the advancement of the work. Whatever you do, my brethren and sisters, I would advise you to steer clear of these confidence men, who would allure you into the delusion that you can get something for nothing, and get rich or make a lot of money quickly. Money is not obtained in that way only by dishonesty.

W. J. STONE, Pres. Ind. Conf.

#### MINUTES OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION

JONESBORO, IND., DEC. 23, and 24, 1904.

The first session was called to order by Sister McMahan, who conducted the opening devotional meeting.

We then proceeded to organize the convention. A motion was made and carried, that Elder Curtis act as chairman. Mrs. Blanche Whittaker was chosen to act as secretary of the convention. Two committees were appointed, one on Plans and Recommendations, consisting of Sister McMahan, Brother Grover Fattie, and Sister Archibald; and a committee on Finance, Brother Dan Hammond, Brother Albert Whittaker, and Sister Louise Doremus.

Remarks were made by Brethren Roberts and Curtis, after which the convention adjourned, to meet at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

As the weather was so very inclement, it was impossible to carry out the program as arranged. After the opening song, we were led in prayer by Brother Fattie, followed by several voluntary prayers for help and guidance in the work that God has called the young people to do.

Sister McMahan gave us an in-



structive talk on the Organization, Work, and Meetings of the Y. P. S. This was followed by a discussion, in which several took part.

It was decided to come together at 7 o'clock in the evening for a prayer and testimony meeting, preceding the regular program.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

After a song and prayer service, the evening program was taken up. Two subjects were presented: "The Work That God has for the Young People in the Third Angel's Message," and "The Relation of the Young People to the Sabbath School." The former was ably presented by Brother Grover Fattic, and the latter by Brother Dan Hammond. God desires that the young people shall consecrate themselves to his service, that they shall take up the work that lies nearest them, and as they do this, God will fit them for greater things. With what preparation they can gain, they are to bear their part in the giving of the Advent Message to all the world in this generation. The Lord has a place for them in every department of his work, the church, the Sabbath-school, the distribution of literature, etc. These subjects were discussed by Brethren Roberts, Curtis, Sister McMahan, and others.

BLANCHE WHITTAKER, Sec.  
[To be Concluded in next issue.]

THE INSTITUTE AT SOUTH BEND

In harmony with previous notice, a canvassers institute began at South Bend, Indiana, on January 13th, and closed on January 20th.

J. B. Blosser, L. U. C. Field Secretary, was with us most of the time, and conducted a profitable study of Great Controversy and drill of canvassers, contrasting work by persons of "uncouth manners" and vague ideas of the book presented, with the work done by men and women who possess "tact," "good address," "keen foresight," and discriminating minds, and who feel the value of souls.

Nearly all of the old canvassers of the district were present. Brother Albert Randall was not present because of ill health. We were sorry that Mrs. Hand of Plymouth could not be with us; but she was prevented by the serious illness of an aged lady in her care.

The old canvassers present were F. N. Bartholemew, F. G. Bernard,

James Blankenship, and W. C. McCuaig. Sisters Olive Huber and Alice Custer, both of the South Bend church, attended nearly all of the sessions, with the intention of canvassing in South Bend, in the near future.

We were sorry that the notice was so short; but it was the only time that Brother Blosser could be with us before spring. We have hopes of others taking up the work in this district, and are sure that many of our brethren are waking up to the fact that "the canvassing work is more important than many regarded it." I remained at South Bend until January 21st, counseling with Brethren Blankenship and Bartholemew for more aggressive work in the western part of the Northern Indiana district. Brother Bernard returned home on Thursday evening. I am sure that all these brethren feel well repaid for coming to the institute; and regret nothing except that more time could not be given to the study of Great Controversy.

The impression needful was made. From Canvassers Manual page 17, I read: "Canvassers should be impressed with the fact that the canvassing work is the very work that the Lord desires them to do." Again on page 13 I read, that "if there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the people, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."

When this reaches the dear brethren of this conference, I hope to be engaged in the field work once more, and hope to report again soon from Crown Point, where Brother G. B. Bucy has already undertaken the work for Great Controversy. Brethren, pray that the Lord will place upon you and upon others, a burden to enter the field as canvassers. "The press is a power; but if its products fall dead for want of men to circulate them widely, its power is lost."

I wish to thank the brethren at South Bend, North Liberty, Inwood, Goshen, and Argos for what they did to insure a successful institute.

W. C. McCUAIG, Field Sec'y.

FOR RENT.—A small fruit and truck farm near Princeton, Ind. Will rent furnished or unfurnished.

Address: Ellsworth Light, 1134 S. Gibson St., Princeton, Ind.

A new series of interesting health talks is now appearing in the *Youth's Instructor*, entitled: "Talks on Germs" By Mike Robe. These articles are prepared by a physician who is thoroughly posted and up to date scientifically, and will show in a most entertaining way the nature and habits of bacteria or germs; how they help us, how they injure us; how we may take advantage of their help, how we may prevent injury from them.

TITHES FOR JANUARY, 1905.

Akron	50
Angola	10 25
Anderson	11 12
Auburn	
Bass Lake	
Barbers Mills	31 63
Boggestown	154 40
Brookston	5 00
Connersville	13 76
Corunna	
Denver	46 78
Dana	43 68
Evansville	
Elnora	14 60
Elwood	13 99
Etna Green	
Farmersburg	14 28
Fort Wayne	3 60
Franklin	
Frankton	23 92
Grass Creek	35 80
Glenwood	
Greenfield	133 00
Hartford City	20 45
Honey Creek	19 60
Huntington	6 78
Idaville	6 42
Indianapolis (1st)	110 90
Indianapolis (2nd)	39 36
Individuals	77 60
Inwood	5 58
Jefferson	18 61
Jonesboro	16 56
Kennard	17 78
Kokomo	12 09
LaFayette	49 98
Lebanon	9 69
Ligonier	5 20
Linton	8 50
Logansport	
Michaels	
Mechanicsburg	36 07
Marion	68 55
Michigan City	
Middletown	60 71
Morocco	25 73
Mt. Vernon	46 90
Mt. Zion	13 60
Muncie	35 89
Martinsville	30 25
New London	
Noblesville	15 00
Northfield	
New Marion	13 95
North Liberty	39 77
Olive Branch	9 00
Olivet Chapel	115 01
Oolitic	
Patrickburg	67 91
Peru	7 21
Petersburg	22 98
Pleasant View	12 00
Princeton	3 69
Richmond	19 00
Rochester	21 92
Rocklane	
Salem	13 65
South Bend	14 10
South Milford	5 00
Terre Haute	6 87
Unionville	5 77
Wabash	
Waldron	23 67
Walkerton	10 58
Waterloo	
West Liberty	19 08
Windfall	
Wolf Lake	161 73

Total receipts..... \$ 1907 00



## NEWS and NOTES

Beware of wolves in sheep's clothing.

Geo. B. Lane, of Kokomo, was a recent visitor at the city office.

Elder Bliss' visit to Peru was timely, and of great encouragement to the church.

J. E. Dunn is at home for a time, and will assist in a revival effort at Barbers Mill.

Have you read the Tract, "Appeal to the Clergy"? You ought to get 100 at once—40 cents.

Sister McMahan recently visited the company at Peru, and her visit was much appreciated.

Some have been having good experience working with the petitions. Let us hear from more of you.

We have Wesson Cooking Oil in 2 lb. cans at 22 cents per can. None better. Indiana Tract Society.

The religion that makes you feel like fighting your brother never came from God, for God is love.

Some of our Indiana friends sojourning for the winter in Texas have organized a home Sabbath School.

Elder Curtis' meetings at Ligonier resulted in fifteen additions to the church, and the church was greatly revived.

When a man's heart is in Heaven, it does not suffer from palpitation every time it sees the collection box coming.

Brother Jas. H. Anderson has located at Fort Wayne. We hope that this will be an encouragement to the friends in that city.

The general outlook of the work in the conference is more hopeful than for a long time. Let all take courage and press forward.

Mrs. Florence Niehaus passed through the city last week enroute to Peru to encourage and help the people there for a short time.

Elders Young and Stone were to have been with the Lafayette church last Sabbath. The results of the meetings have not been reported.

Elder Roberts and Brother Swartz are having a good interest in their meetings at Fair Oaks. They have the free use of the Christian church.

Elder Hagle reports three new Sabbath keepers at Bass Lake where he and Brother Dunn have been holding meetings for the past month.

Brother Oliver Chamberlain of Wolf Lake says he can give employment to good strong unmarried men who wish work at a reasonable wage. Address him as above.

Read the article regarding the "Religious Liberty" work, and the convention appointed for Feb. 25th., and let a liberal donation be made at this time to carry forward this.

Examine the tithe report for January in this issue of the Reporter. Isn't it good? Let it still increase, for it means more laborers in the field, and the loud cry of the message.

Brother U. S. Anderson writes that several have already begun the observance of the Sabbath where he is holding meetings in the country near Hartford City, and that the interest is still good.

Elders Curtis and Harris are holding meetings at Rochester, unless they closed the meetings last Sunday night. Last week was the second week of the meetings and some interest was manifested.

Brother H. H. Thayer of Elnora, Ind., wishes to hire a man and wife or man and boy 12 or 14 years old to work at farming and gardening. Must be Sabbath keepers, and give good reference. Address him as above.

Elders Stone and Young were with the Marion church from Feb. 3 to 5, and held seven meetings,—or meetings almost constantly for two days. The truth gained a glorious victory. The brethren and sisters were greatly encouraged.

Brethren Robert Leach and Peter Sailor, have been having a good interest in a series of meetings they have been holding at Deputy, Jefferson County. Some will obey the truth as the result of the effort. Twelve were out at the first Sabbath meeting.

Sunday base ball is agitating the minds of the public about Indianapolis at the present time, as the matter is up before the Legislature. Elder Stone has placed the four tracts recently published upon the subject of "Religious Liberty," in the hands of the legislators. The bill will come up this week for consideration.

Brother J. E. Collin's mother died in January. She had been in poor health for some time. He also had his house burned about the same time, with much of its contents. The conference had two tents burned that were stored up stairs in the house. Friends came to their assistance and means have been received from other sources, so they are comfortable.

## MISSION NOTES

Two have recently been baptized in Japan—a brother in Kobe, and a sister in Tokyo.

Brother I. G. Knight writes that they now have a constituency of 125 in the Panama mission field. They have raised one hundred dollars toward a tent fund, and he hopes to take a tent with him when he returns to his field.

Brother O. A. Olsen, writing of the progress in England, reports seventeen baptisms in West London, with others waiting, and a church soon to be organized; five baptized at Southampton, six at Newport, ten at Abertillery, Wales, with a church of twenty-four organized at East Cowes, Isle of Wight.

Geo. F. Enoch reports from Bridgetown, Barbados:—"The Lord is blessing in our work here. Last Sabbath sixteen precious souls were baptized. The Lord drew very near, and we had a blessed season together. Others are still studying, whom we hope to soon see take their stand with the remnant people. The church is crowded to its utmost capacity each Sunday night."

Prof. F. W. Field writes from Japan, soon after his return from Korea:—"It does encourage us so much to know that the home conferences are taking hold so actively in fields beyond their own borders. How else can these countless Oriental millions be reached? We hardly dare think of the great work to be done; it seems so great for the means we have to do with. If strong faith in this message is needed anywhere, it is out among the great masses that have never even heard of the true God. So every move in the home field to spread the light in the vast regions beyond, is a great encouragement to the lonely toilers in these dark regions."



# THE INDIANA REPORTER

## SUPPLEMENT.

FEBRUARY 15, 1905.

### TEN CENTS A WEEK

"Ten cents a week," for the Master's work,  
From every loyal Christian's hands;  
Ten cents a week, to tell his love  
And teach his word in foreign lands.

"Ten cents a week," to place ajar  
The gates of mercy, high and broad,  
Ten cents a week, to spread afar  
The knowledge of our risen Lord.

"Ten cents a week," O precious thought!  
May save some soul from death and hell;  
Ten cents a week, from my poor purse,  
May teach some tongue His love to tell.

"Ten cents a week," may send a blaze  
Of gospel light o'er India's plains.  
Ten cents a week may free a race  
For ages bound by error's chains.

"Ten cents a week," from China's shore  
We catch the cry and hear the plea;  
Ten cents a week, a few years more,  
And many in China the light shall see.

"Ten cents a week" may wake the note  
Of Zion's song in fair Japan.  
Ten cents a week, O blessed Christ,  
May tell to all thy love to man.

SELECTED.

### A PRECIOUS EXPERIENCE

The Lord has told us through the Spirit, that "he who takes up the work of canvassing as he should, must be both an educator and student." While he tries to teach others, he himself must learn to do the work of an evangelist. As canvassers go forth into the field with humble hearts, full of earnest activity, they will find many opportunities to speak a word in season to souls ready to die of discouragement. Often in laboring for these needy ones, they will be able to say: "Ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord." Eph. 5:8. As they see the sinful course of others they can say, "such were some of you; but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the spirit of our God." 1 Cor. 6:11.

Those who work for God will meet with discouragement; but the promise is always theirs, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:20. God will give a most wonderful experience to those who will say: "I believe thy promise; I will not fail nor become discouraged." And those who gain

such experiences should write an account of it for our papers, that others may be encouraged.

Brethren, are we having these experiences? If so, let us hear from you. Let the canvasser tell of the joy and blessings he has received in his ministry as an evangelist. These reports should find a place in our papers; for they are far-reaching in their influence. Gather up the fragments that nothing be left. Manual for canvassers, page 38, 39.

Have we met with those who are hungering and thirsting for the water of life? We should always feel free to speak or pray with those who are awakened. The simple story of Christ's love for man will open doors for them, even the homes of unbelievers.

The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order. The lost sheep of God's fold are scattered in every place. The canvasser may find these souls and minister to them.

Brethren, we might encourage one another by sending in our experiences we have had in this blessed work.

J. M. BLANKENSHIP.

### ALVA, OKLAHOMA

TO THE INDIANA REPORTER:

Thinking you would like to know the whereabouts of myself and family, I write these few lines. After Camp-meeting last fall, on account of my wife and baby's health, we concluded to spend the winter in Oklahoma; but to our disappointment we found the winter about as the average winter in Indiana, except not so many cold days together. The weather not only surprised us, but the old settlers here say they never saw the like before. We have had four snows thus far, and they have averaged five inches deep. The mercury has registered below zero a few times, (about ten degrees has been the coldest,) but we have had nice sunny days most of the time even though it was cold. Our baby had a very sick spell the first ten

days of January with pneumonia and catarrh, but by the earnest help of a sanitarium nurse and the blessing of the Lord, he was restored to us again. Praise his name for answering our prayer. I have done some family visiting; visited one neighboring church; will organize a little Sabbath-school here at this place on next Sabbath. So we are trying to hold the banner of truth up in this wicked city, with its open saloons staring you on every hand with no special restriction. But the Lord has promised us, if we are faithful in doing his will, to grant us what we need.

May the Lord bless each one of us, that we may grasp every opportunity we have of giving the Third Angel's Message. I am glad for the visits of the dear old REPORTER.

From your brother and co-worker,  
J. J. FELLOW.

### PROVISION AND BEDDING WANTED

We are requested to call attention to the needs of the Nashville Sanitarium and Training School for Missionary Nurses.

This Institution is one that is being established by the Southern Union Conference and is going through the trials of its pioneer experience. Scarcity of means and unusual straightened circumstances make it a matter of much consideration to those who are in position to render assistance.

If there are those of our brethren and sisters who are in position to donate provisions such as apples, potatoes, dried or canned goods, or bedding, it will be of very material help to this enterprise. Full information can be secured by addressing as below. If possible, shipments should be made prepaid.

Address: Nashville Sanitarium, Church and Vine Streets, Nashville, Tennessee.

The Lake Union Conference Committee is holding a council this week at Indianapolis.



## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY CONVENTIONS IN THE CHURCHES

The General Conference Committee at its recent session recommended that Sabbath, February 25, be set apart by all our churches in the interests of the Religious Liberty work, by holding conventions and taking up a special collection for the advancement of the cause of Christian liberty.

There will be a suggestive program prepared giving subjects upon which papers can be written for discussion at the conventions. This it seems would be an opportune time, following so closely as it does the series of Sabbath-school lessons on this subject. There certainly should be a special effort made not only to enlighten others but our own people as well. Many who have embraced the truth during the past few years, since the lull has been prevailing among us on the question of religious liberty, have not been thoroughly instructed on this subject. All should be aroused to the importance of heeding the counsel of the Lord in giving the warning message to others before it shall be too late.

All are more or less familiar with the campaign that has been carried on so vigorously along Religious Liberty lines in Washington, and in fact throughout the whole country during the past few months. This expense, together with that of starting the work anew, has drawn heavily upon the collection that was taken for this line of work nearly a year ago.

It must be evident to all that a large amount of means will be required to push this work as it should be in these closing days of the message. We hope that all will do their best to make this collection a large one.

Let conference and church officers begin at once to announce this special day that has been set apart for the Religious Liberty work, and study to make it a marked success.

We hope all will watch for the suggestive program which will appear in the *Review* of February 16.

K. C. RUSSELL.

Chairman Religious Liberty Bureau.

## SUNDAY LAWS IN INDIANA

The Sunday question is now attracting much attention in our present legislature, because of a bill introduced to secure the privilege of Sunday base ball. I did not appear

at the hearing, as the bill favored playing for a purse, and I could not more favor it, than I could favor horse racing; but now there is an effort to repeal the present law, and I am doing all I can, both by writing for the daily paper, and by placing in the hands of the legislators literature upon the subject of "Religious Liberty." We hope to see some enlightened upon these great principles.

W. J. STONE.

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## MARION

By request, I write a short report of a two days meeting held February 4 and 5 at Marion by Elders Stone and Young.

Although the weather was bad, there was a good attendance. Elder Young preached the first sermon on Sabbath eve. The Spirit of God came in as he explained some of the grand old truths of the message which are now the present truth for this time. It filled our hearts with the old time love, as when we first heard it.

I do not wish to take up too much

space, but pen can hardly describe the new beauties brought to our minds as these two brethren expounded the "Third Angel's Message" to us.

Elder Stone in his closing sermon read from Early Writings a description of the Third Angel's Message, and its sure foundation, making an appeal to the brethren to stand on the firm platform. As he dwelt upon this subject the Spirit of God came in, and the truth shone brighter to us than ever before, and the church was greatly revived by hearing the grand truths contained in the message.

At the close of the meeting, one united with the church, and others have acknowledged that this message is true. We pray that they may accept the whole message and come into the fold in the near future.

MILTON OVERMAN.

## A WORD FOR MARION

All will read with interest Brother Overman's report of this meeting, and I will only add a word.

The meeting was one of victory for the truth. One brother who had been side-tracked by the Millennial Dawn theory was fully reclaimed, and gave in a glorious testimony. The Spirit of the Lord came in in mighty power, and in our last meetings, tears of joy flowed from nearly every eye. All testified to the beauty and glory of the message.

W. J. STONE.

## FAIR OAKS

Elder Roberts and I are here holding meetings. The meetings are being held in the Christian church. The best of attention is given to the word spoken, and the attendance is the best since the meetings began,—over one hundred in attendance. We believe a good work will yet be accomplished here. Pray for the work, and us, that God may give wisdom to rightly proceed with the work.

E. C. SWARTZ.

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