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TO THE BRETHREN OF THE INDIANA CONFERENCE

In looking over the recommendations passed at our last conference, we feel that you have placed upon your committee, a responsibility, which if carried out, will demand the prayers and hearty co-operation of every member composing the Indiana Conference.

In Luke 16:8 we find this statement: "For the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." And this was spoken in regard to the manner of conducting temporal matters, as stewards of God's everlasting heritage.

How many times we have seen this scripture fulfilled in the loose, lack way in which God's sacred means is handled. How many times men have conducted the work of God, and handled his money in a way that they would not countenance for a moment, were they doing business for themselves.

Would a business man of the world, keep long on his pay roll at ten dollars per week, a man, whose place could be filled by a bright lady who could accomplish *more*, at one-

half the money? You say, No! Indeed he would not. Why not? Because it is not business, and is a great waste of means. No business could long thrive under such management.

If a shrewd business man would not carry forward his business thus, and they are wiser in this generation than the children of light, had we not better go to the world and learn business methods, and in a Christian manner apply them in the Lord's work?

At our last conference held at Martinsville, the following recommendation, after careful consideration by the conference and the president of the General Conference, was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the Bible presents as one of the evidences of a call to the work as a public laborer a production of fruit, Therefore, we recommend that the committee on licenses and credentials, and also the auditing committee, carefully consider this matter in their work for the conference, and, further, that we hereby instruct our conference committee to request those who fail to produce fruit by their labor, to seek other employment.

We your committee, upon whom this responsibility has been placed, feel its weight, and yet we feel that we would not be faithful to our trust, or performing the duty imposed on us, or carry out the desire of the brethren and sisters composing the conference, if we should pay no attention to this instruction and let matters drift as they have in the past.

Our lady Bible workers in the conference have all had some success during the past year, bringing into the truth from two to ten persons. And for many reasons, sisters are much better adapted to Bible work than our brethren. There is not so much opposition to their entering the homes of the people, and not so


many causes of jealousy. The Lord has repeatedly spoken of the importance of working the cities *now*, before greater troubles come, and we are driven from the cities, or have to work under greater disadvantages. Some of our licentiates have not had the success in their work that our Bible workers have. Would it not be better, and good business methods, to have those brethren who have not had so much success take up other lines of work and put two Bible workers in the field with the wages we have paid one licentiate? We believe that all must see the advisability of this course. We have many cities in Indiana, where a Bible worker should be located. And we are having a number of calls for Bible workers; but we are short of this class of workers. We have talent in the state that should be encouraged to enter this line of work.

If some of our men who have been licensed are asked to take up some other line of work, or teach in some of our schools, it is no disgrace, or does not reproach them or their character. It does not follow that God does not accept a man because he does not have success in a certain line of work, and while it may be an evidence that God has not called a man to the work of the ministry, when he has but little fruits of his labor, yet God may use the man to accomplish a great work along some other line.

In future articles we may call attention to some things the Lord has said are evidences of a call to the ministry, and the results of going when not called.

INDIANA CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

THE meetings held at Lafayette by Elders Stone and Young were a great encouragement to the church, and there was a good attendance at the quarterly meeting when the ordinances were celebrated.



WHY DID YOU NOT NAME IT?

The above question was asked me by the president of the North Michigan Conference, after he had read my article in the last REPORTER about purchasing stock in food factories.

As he has asked me this question, and as the food factory referred to is located in his conference, I will name it plainly, so our people may no longer be deceived by the Charlatans that are traveling over the country, expunging money from our people by misrepresentations to enrich themselves.

The name of the food factory is "The Triumph Food Co.," located at Menominee, Michigan. Their manner of conducting their business was quite thoroughly considered at the recent council of the Lake Union Conference Committee, and their course was most thoroughly condemned.

I am informed from a reliable source, that they are simply running on the money from the sale of stock, and as soon as this resource is cut off, they will go to the wall. And this can last but a short time. I am also informed that one man who has been soliciting and selling stock in Indiana, receives \$30.00 per week wages, and 15 per cent commission on all stock he can sell.

For example: he went to one of our brethren and succeeded in getting him to invest \$300.00 in stock. The agent gets \$45.00 commission from this to put in his own pocket, and \$30.00 from the company for that week's work, making \$75.00 for a week's work, or at the rate of \$300.00 per month, taken through deception from our brethren. Do our people wish us to hold our peace, and let them pay men \$300.00 per month to go through the state deceiving and swindling our brethren and sisters out of their hard earned money? Would we be faithful watchmen to hold our peace when we see such dishonest work practiced upon our people?

The president of the North Michigan Conference, in which the food factory is located, has no sympathy with the manner in which the business is being conducted, and has warned all our people to not buy stock; and Wm. Covert, the president of the Wisconsin Conference, has also warned the people against pur-

chasing stock, and they can do nothing in their adjoining territory, and have therefore come to Indiana with their swindling methods.

What is there left to invest in a one horse business when the agents and movers in the concern get their big salaries and commissions? The whole thing is a fraud and deception, and the great profits to be realized will never materialize, for it is an impossibility: and any business man ought quickly to be able to discern it. Get your money back if you can, brethren, by selling your stock back to them at half price; for you have bitten a silver hook, because of its shining appearance, but you will find it a dagger that will hurt worse the longer you hold to it.

I am sorry to have to expose such men and their work, but they are in the world, and will continue here until the Lord comes, "deceived and being deceived." I do not believe these men realize what they are doing, and are themselves deceived. So they are to be pitied. But do not be deceived longer by them.

Elder Covert says they ought to be put behind the prison bars; and if they continue to make such false representations to our people for the purpose of obtaining money, I shall think that Brother Covert's statement is only too true. It is obtaining money under false pretense and should be punished.

I hope I need never say any more regarding this matter, and would not have said so much, only that so many of our people have been deceived by their smooth words and invested their money.

Your brother, W. J. STONE.

PLYMOUTH

Brother Bartholomew ordered 100 each of the four Religious Liberty tracts, and of the Appeal.

Later he writes as follows: "I received the tracts all right. I visited the ministers and other people of Plymouth and distributed the tracts. I had good talks with some. Yesterday morning I stood in the post office for an hour and handed out tracts to people. They would stand and talk together about the Sabbath and Sunday. It was interesting to hear them talk,—some for, and some against the truth. I then visited the ministers and gave them the tracts. I had short talks with some; all said

they would read them. I think it will make a stir among them. Some one ought to be there to follow up the work.

"I wish I was able to pay for several thousand to distribute here in South Bend. I do feel that a special effort ought to be made *now* to get the truth before the people. I think over it, I pray over it,—O Lord what can I do to warn the people of what is before them.

"Send me 200 more of each kind for use in South Bend. I am getting well and strong again. I thank the Lord for it. I want to be doing something to advance the work.

"Remember us in your prayers.

"Your brother in the work."

F. N. BARTHOLOMEW.

HARTFORD CITY

In company with Elder Young, we had the privilege of being with the Hartford City church, Sabbath, Feb. 18. We held meetings both forenoon and afternoon, and truly enjoyed a precious season.

The church is greatly encouraged by the additions during the recent series of meetings. New life and greater earnestness is manifested by the members of the church. What has been accomplished for this church, might be accomplished in many of our churches if they would awake and take up missionary work with earnestness for their neighbors and friends.

At the close of the afternoon service, Brother U. S. Anderson was set apart to the work of the gospel ministry, by prayer and laying on of hands. This was done at the request of the Hartford City church and by a unanimous vote by all present. Quite a number are waiting baptism at Hartford City and vicinity, who have lately accepted the truth under Brother Anderson's labors. And as the command to those who preach the gospel, is not only to teach, but to baptize their believers, we felt that it was only right that Brother Anderson should be qualified to complete his work, so that another minister would not have to be called to finish up his work.

Thus closed a profitable and blessed Sabbath, and we believe that God placed his approval upon the work. May the Lord continue his blessing upon the work at Hartford City.

W. J. STONE.

MINUTES OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION

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

[First part in last issue.]

SABBATH, 10 O'CLOCK A. M.

After the opening song, a few moments were spent in silent prayer, after which Brother Fattie led in audible prayer. A motion was made and carried, that the older people be invited to participate in the convention.

On account of the very inclement weather, the address of welcome was deferred until Sabbath A. M. when more were present. Brother Roberts gave us a warm welcome, and his kind fatherly words were heartily appreciated by all. He identified himself with the young people in all their efforts to forward the truth of God.

Miss Hazel Bond sang a very beautiful and touching song "The Sinner and the Song."

The committee on Plans submitted the following Recommendations, which were adopted:

Whereas: The Lord has called the young people of this denomination to His service, and

Whereas: The King's business requires haste, we, your committee on Plans and Recommendations, submit the following:

Resolved; That we hereby place ourselves on record as being in hearty accord with the missionary recommendations passed by the last General Conference; and that we do hereby band ourselves together to assist, to the extent of our ability in carrying out this mighty missionary campaign, which is never to cease until the gospel of the kingdom is carried to every nation, tongue and people. Whereas: The Lord said that our literature should be scattered as the leaves of autumn, we recommend that our societies study carefully the needs of our fields, and so divide the territory and workers, that the truth may be placed in every home within the limits of said fields.

Recognizing the fact that society meetings, where the members are not regularly engaged in gospel work, rapidly degenerate,

Resolved: That we hereby pledge ourselves and one another, that we will use our influence to keep our society meetings from becoming mere literary and social gatherings.

Resolved: That we as young people

ple earnestly invite the co-operation and counsel of our older brethren and sisters, in the great work of giving the Advent Message to all the world in this generation.

The committee on Finance submitted the following, which were also adopted.

We recommend the use of soliciting cards to be used by the members in soliciting funds for carrying on the work of the society. (purchasing literature)

We recommend the adoption of a plan of selling the Special number of the *Signs*, and that we invite all who are interested in the young people's work and society, to assist in the disposition of the same, by either buying or selling.

Brother Fattie offered the following amendment: That a cash policy be adopted in the buying of all literature by the society. Amendment accepted.

We recommend that this convention appoint a committee of two, to solicit the members of the church.

That a plan of systematic giving be adopted by the members of our society.

SABBATH, 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

After the opening song, prayer was offered by Brother Milton Overman and Sister Dilworth.

Mrs. Dr. Bush and Grover Fattie sang a duet, "Two Ways". Miss Hazel Bond then read a most excellent paper on "The Keynote of the Young People's Work," in which was brought out the thought of "preparation" for the work that God has given the young people. Another good paper was read by Louise Doremus, on the subject, "What this Missionary Campaign means to the Young People." The thought of consecration and service in active work was dwelt upon.

A song, "The Sweetest Voice" was then rendered, and Bro. Curtis gave us a heart searching talk on "The Relation of Our Ministers and Workers to the Young People." All felt that the young people in *this* convention had come in closer touch with our workers than ever before; and a longing desire was implanted in each heart, to be indeed and in truth the helping hand of our older workers who have so long borne the heat and burden of the day.

Sister Halstead read some original verses on the subject of "The Mission-

ary." Sister Bush rendered a solo, "Will There be any Stars in My Crown?"

Sister McMahan gave a talk on the subject of "Our Young People and Missions." The convention closed with a consecration meeting led by Brother Curtis.

BLANCHE WHITTAKER, Sec.

[Concluded]

VISIT TO NOBLESVILLE

By request of Brother Harmon, I visited Noblesville, last Wednesday, Feb. 22, to look at a piece of property a man offers to sell for sanitarium purposes. Mr. ——— a man who is quite well to do, had a daughter who was given up by the doctors to die. He took her to our Sanitarium at Battle Creek and she recovered and is well and hearty.

He has a large dwelling house, built for his own use, and never occupied by any one else, which is beautifully located on an elevated spot, surrounded by a number of shade trees, and fifty or seventy-five feet from the street. There are also a number of fruit trees bearing several kinds of fruit. The property takes in about two thirds of a block of ground and has streets on three sides. The house has wide verandas and is admirably adapted to sanitarium purposes. There is also a large barn with slate roof, and a carriage house.

The house has sewer connections, bath and water-closet, and city water connections. It also has a furnace for heating the building. The owner said the improvements cost twelve thousand dollars besides the land: which is worth three or four thousand dollars. He offered us this entire property providing we would start a sanitarium there, for four thousand dollars.

Brother Harmon thinks the people of Noblesville would raise quite a sum of money to assist such an enterprise. If we had a physician and means to launch such an enterprise we believe it could do a grand work. But we shall make no debts, to start any new enterprises. If any of our people have a burden for this line of work I shall be glad to hear from them.

W. J. STONE.

"If you skin people, then look out that some day God may take your skin to cover them with."

THE BEATH SCHOOL HOUSE

The above place is located about five miles south of Hartford City, and is quite a rich farming community. Brother U. S. Anderson has been holding a series of meetings here for the past five or six weeks, and it was my privilege to be with them and speak to the large congregation assembled on Saturday night, Feb. 18, and again on Sunday.

I do not know when I have attended meetings that I enjoyed better than these. The people seemed to be hungering for the truth, and listened eagerly to every word spoken. After the meeting Sunday, we had a good social meeting in which a dozen or more took part, including some who had never made a profession of religion.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed Brother Anderson's labors here, a Sabbath-school of thirty members has been organized, and there is talk of erecting a church building. One man has offered to give the lot, and one-hundred dollars toward the building. I think the believers are well able to erect a building free from debt. I look for a good church to be organized at this place in the near future. May God continue his blessing. Let all pray that God may greatly bless Brother Anderson and give him wisdom in binding off the work.

W. J. STONE.

NEAR HARTFORD CITY

I began meetings at the Beath school-house about five miles south of Hartford City, Jan. 9, with six in attendance. The interest and attendance has steadily increased from the first, and although it is a large school house, much of the time all could not be seated.

Sabbath, Feb. 11, we organized a Sabbath-school with 19 members. The following Sabbath there were 30 in attendance, and others say they will come next Sabbath. Last Sunday night the house was crowded to its utmost capacity. The interest is spreading throughout the country and calls are coming for meetings in other places.

Elder Stone was with us and spoke on Saturday night and Sunday morning, and his visit was much appreciated. May the dear Lord prosper the work at this place.

Your brother, U. S. ANDERSON.

NEWS and NOTES

GIVING is a form of service. Many have forgotten that this is so.

BROTHER J. F. STEELE recently passed through the city enroute to Rock Lane to hold a series of meetings.

ELDER W. D. CURTIS has been visiting the Mount Zion church in Perry County. He will report his work there.

A SISTER said yesterday, "I received my money yesterday, and I will have to tithe it before the evil one gets it." That is a good thought.

As you read this issue of the REPORTER, are you not encouraged at the progress of the work? And does not the future look more hopeful?

ELDER J. C. HARRIS is holding a few meetings with the Mt. Vernon church, after which he expects to hold meetings with the West Liberty church.

ELDER STONE'S article this week regarding investing in food factories ought to be the climax, and be a sufficient warning so that nothing further need be said.

THERE is much important matter in this issue of the REPORTER, and we bespeak for it all a careful reading. Read carefully the article from the conference committee.

BROTHER U. S. ANDERSON is having an excellent interest near Hartford City, and a number have already taken a stand for the truth, and many more are deeply interested.

ELDER STONE expected to be with the second Indianapolis church last Sabbath forenoon, and with the first church in the afternoon. The special Religious Liberty services were to be held.

SISTER NIEHAUS reports three new Sabbath keepers in her report for January. The Lord has blessed her labors at Martinsville. She will take up Bible work for a time at Connersville.

ELDER ROBERTS and Brother Swartz were still at Fair Oaks when last heard from, and their interest was still good, but none had taken a decided stand for the truth, although many confessed it was the truth.

BRETHREN ROBERT LEACH and Peter Sailor are still at Deputy. The

bad weather has caused many to have the lagrippe, and has been a detriment to their interest; but they are of good courage in the work. Brother Leach will locate his family there.

CONNERSVILLE SANITARIUM NOTES

BROTHER BENJ. HARRISON and wife have located here.

BROTHER J. S. TOWNSEND of Richmond is a patient of the institution.

OUR Bible class for nurses is conducted by Brother Jno. Niehaus. The studies are proving a source of profit to all.

THOSE taking the nurses training course at present are, Cree Carroll, Benj. Chadwick, Anna Carahooft, and Edythe Kennedy.

SISTER LAURA GRINER of Rock Lane is expected to be with us in a few days to take up the duties of matron and nurse.

SISTER EDYTHE KENNEDY, one of our efficient nurses, is at home again after a two weeks absence attending upon a case of pneumonia.

DR. MCDUGALL is receiving a number of letters from ex-patients in response to letters sent out to them, and they all speak in glowing terms of the benefit derived from the treatments given by the institution. To God we give all glory.

FROM MARTINSVILLE

About two weeks ago we counted twenty-two Sabbath keepers. Since that time we can count four or five more. While we have been here for some time, and while there is danger that at the breaking up of winter our interest will drop, yet we thank God that at this time it is really rising. Last Sabbath at the close of the Sabbath-school we were singing, "Keep the Sabbath Holy." An elderly lady had been watching me for some time. I saw that God was working on her heart. Finally she came across the room and gave me her hand. She told me later that she meant by that that from now she belonged to our church.

I might mention that along with our work we are putting out some "Object Lessons." It is to be hoped that our brethren will not forget this work. Our schools are not only needing the money that the books will bring, but some through this work may be brought to see this great truth. Let us never forget the missionary side of this work.

C. J. BUHALTS.