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#### THE REVIEW

A PAPER came to my home one day, I glanced at it lightly, then laid it away.

I knew not its mission, cared not for its worth.

My interest all centered in things of this earth.

The paper was brought me again the next week,

I read it more carefully, and thought it a treat.

This paper so freighted with things old and new

Appealed to my heart, and I said. They are true.

Our paper was hailed with delight the

Every page so inspiring and full of choice ment.

It told of our loved ones across the deep sea.

Who are faithfully giving the message so free.

My paper is looked for as for a dear friend. I trust that its visits I'll prize till the end. I love it, I know that its teachings are true.

I am thankful indeed for my dear old "Review."

MRS. R. C. PORTER.

THE trouble with good intentions. not at once put into practice, is that the devil gets in ahead of their fulfillment.

## VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

For a number of years the General Conference has published a Bulletin, giving reports of the proceedings of the conference. This year, however, no Bulletin will be published, but instead, the conference proceedings will be published in the Review.

For several weeks the Review will contain 32 pages instead of 24, and no one can afford to be without the valuable information that our church paper will contain during this time.

The important things that are transpiring in the United States and throughout the world, should awaken our people everywhere to the importance of the hour, and we should be eager to procure the latest information weekly, regarding the advancement of the work. And where can we obtain this information so complete and at so small an expense as through the columns of the Review?

The coming General Conference will be the most important gathering ever held by our people. Matters of the greatest importance to every lover of present truth, will be considered, and all these things will be published in the Review. Then too, we have reached a time in the history of the message when no Seventh Day Adventist ought ever again to be without this our church paper. Many are dying spiritually for lack of its weekly visits. Many are losing sight of the fact that the message has nearly reached every quarter of the earth and is to soon close triumphantly.

Following this article we give the rates of subscriptions for the paper for the next three months.

Every family of Seventh Day Adventists in Indiana ought to subscribe for the Review at once, and subscribe for not less than six months. Think of it,-you get the Review now six months for 75 cents with all the proceedings of the General Conference, at no extra cost, within their power. Let the older

Shall we not receive hundreds of orders during the month of April for our good old Review?

Send subscriptions to, Review and Herald, Washington, D. C., or to our Indianapolis office. W. J. STONE.

# GENERAL CONFERENCE

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The three months' rate applies on new subscriptions between April 1 and June 30, 1905.

To present subscribers who may desire to renew before June 30, the regular rate of 40 cents will be given.

## BE NOT WEARY IN WELL-DOING

Our churches are often appealed to for gifts and offerings to aid missionary enterprises in the home field, and to sustain foreign missionary work. Let us not become impatient because we are often asked to give a portion of the means entrusted to us for the up-building of the cause. Just now the work in Washington demands our immediate consideration. Recent developments in Washington show that the removal of the General Conference offices to that city was a right move, and a move made none too soon.

As soon as the sum asked for the work in Waskington is made up, other important cities must receive consideration.

Our churches have shown much liberality, but they have not done all that they are able to do. Some have carried very heavy burdens, but there are others who are not willing to deny self. I appeal to every family of believers in our land to consecrate themselves to the work of soul-saving, pledging themselves to advance the Lord's work by every means

ones repress the desire to gratify self, and let the children be taught to save their pennies for the Lord. Let parents take up the cross of self-sacrifice, which lies so plainly in the pathway to holiness. Let the young men and young women who are tempted to expend means to gratify self say, "No! I will not rob the cause of God by spending money for that which is useless."

Let the students in our schools and the children in our Sabbathschools be diligently trained in liber-Short, interesting articles should be prepared for their study,articles that will arouse in them a desire to give to the cause of God. The habit of liberality should grow with their growth and strengthen with their strength. They should early be taught to lay by their pennies, so that they will have something to give when God's servants make a call for help. Let them be taught that they can be the helping hand of the Lord by adding their gifts to the means placed in the treasury. The work to be done in our world should be kept before them, and they should be encouraged and helped to prepare themselves for active service. Let them be dedicated to God's service while the dew of youth is yet upon them.

Let not our church-members complain because they are so often called upon to give. What is it that makes the frequent calls a necessity? Is it not the rapid increase of missionary enterprises? Shall we, by refusing to give, retard the growth of these enterprises? Shall we forget that we are laborers together with God? From every church, prayers should ascend to God for an increase of devotion and liberality.

Those whose hearts are knit together with the heart of Christ will be glad to do what they can to help the cause of God. They will say, "I will do my best. Whatever others may do, my duty is clear." They will rejoice in the continual expansion and advancement that means larger and more frequently-given offerings.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

No time is wasted that a man rightly spends with his children.

ARE you still circulating the Family Bible Teacher? It is doing a grand and good work.

# EVIDENCE OF A CALL TO THE MINISTRY

It is not infrequently, that persons feel that they are called to the ministry, when it is just as evident to their brethren, that they would serve the cause better by engaging in other lines of work.

One has said, "That frequently those who are not called, are more urgent to go than those who have been called."

There is a positive evidence given in the word of God, that a man is called of God to preach the gospel; and that evidence is, that souls are converted to the Lord and churches are established through their labors. Here is the text: 1 Cor. 9:2. "For the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord." The evidence, or sign, or seal, that Paul gave that he was called to the ministry, was, that the Corinthian brethren were in the And there was abundant Lord. proof that through him the spirit had done a mighty work for them, so that it was "manifestly declared" that they were the living "epistles of Christ." And Paul's work did not stop with the raising up of the Corinthian church, but other churches were established through Paul's labors.

When such results are seen to follow a man's work, there is no questioning or doubting as to whether God has called that person to the work. But when men go out month after month and year after year and no churches are raised up, and but few if any brought to an acceptance of the message, and become staunch members of the church, there is reason to doubt the divine call of such a person to the gospel ministry.

The following from the testimonies in this connection is to the point:

"I saw that God had laid upon his chosen ministers the duty of deciding who was fit for the holy work of the ministry: and in union with the church and the manifest tokens of the Holy Spirit, (Genuine Conversions) they were to decide who should go, and who were unfit to go. I saw that if it should be left to a few individuals here and there to decide who was sufficient for this great work, confusion and distraction everywhere would be the fruit.

"God has repeatedly shown that consecrated soul must know that persons should not be encouraged such instruction is from the Lord,

into the field without unmistakable evidence that he has called them. The Lord will not intrust the burden of his flock to unqualified individuals. Those whom God calls must be men of deep experience, tried and proved.

"Some have thought that because persons could pray and exhort with a degree of freedom in meeting, they were qualified to go forth as laborers. And before they were proved, or could show any good fruit of their labor, men whom God has not sent have been encouraged and flattered by some brethren lacking experience. But their work shows the character of the workman.

"The success of this cause does not depend upon our having a large number of ministers; but it is of the highest importance that those who do labor in the cause of God should be men who really feel the burden and sacredness of the work to which he has called them. A few self-sacrificing, godly men, small in their own estimation, can do a greater amount of good than a much larger number, if a part of these are unqualified for the work.

"The future usefulness of young preachers depends much upon the manner in which they enter upon their labors. Brethren who have the cause of God at heart are so anxious to see the truth advance that they are in danger of doing too much for ministers who have not been proved, by helping them liberally to means, and giving them influence. Those who enter the gospel field should be left to earn themselves a reputation, even if it must be through trials and privations. They should first give full proof of their ministry.

"Men who are chosen of God to labor in his cause, will give full proof of their high calling. Then they should be helped judiciously. who think that they have a duty to preach, should not be sustained in throwing themselves and their families at once upon the brethren for support. They are not entitled to this until they can show good fruits of their labor. When not preaching, they should be doing what they can for their own support. This is the best way to test the nature of their call to preach."

Why has not the above instruction from the Lord been heeded? Every consecrated soul must know that such instruction is from the Lord, and it expresses good common sense. How many disappointed souls would have been saved from years of unprofitable service, and how many thousands of dollars would have been saved to the cause of God, if the above instruction had been heeded. This does not apply to Indiana, only, but it applies more or less all through the United States. Shall we face about, and heed God's word, and receive his blessing?

W. J. STONE.

# THE STATE AGENT, AND THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF HIS WORK

SYNOPSIS OF TALK GIVEN BY E. R. PALMER, AT BOOKMEN'S CONVENTION, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CAL., JAN. 19, 1905

TEXT-JOSHUA 1:1-9.

KIND OF STATE AGENTS NEEDED

MEN who will not talk about the work, but who will go to work; plain hard working, practical men who will go into the field and say, "Come, boys," instead of "Go, boys;" men who know God and a few things about their books, and know them well. We do not need state agents who are great talkers. He may forever keep off the rostrum and still make a success of his work.

Planning duties in a critical way for the conference president is not part of the state agent's work. The biggest criticism a state agent can bring upon himself is to find fault with the president.

Holding institutes is not his primary work. During the best six years of my work as an agent, I never held a general public institute. They are all right in their place, but they are not often essential.

## AN IDEAL PLAN

The experience of Harry Camp is to my mind an ideal one. At the time to which I wish to refer he was the only canvasser in New Zealand. The conference had about 800 Sabbath-keepers. The records had been destroyed. The debt upon the tract society was \$3,500. He selected four boys and went out with them. He received no salary, discarded all idea of past records. He commenced at the south end of the Island and worked thoroughly toward the other. He got his men together Saturday and Sunday and filled them with enthusiasm. He would not leave them even when solicited to do

so by the president, until after their first delivery and they were ready for him to leave them. Then he chose four more men. Within fourteen months he had fourteen men in the field, and he had not lost a single one. During the first three years of his work, he kept his number good, and at the same time twenty agents were developed and sent to Australia. The debt at the Tract Society was paid and they had \$850. He taught his men to discard the idea that they could not sell a book in a territory where it had been sold "Great Controversy" and before. "Bible Readings" were their chief books.

[To be Concluded in Next Issue.]

## NORTH LIBERTY AND SOUTH BEND

It was my privilege to be with and speak to the brethren and sisters at North Liberty Friday night, Mar. 31, and Sabbath forenoon, April 1. We were indeed glad to see the renewed courage manifested by the members of this church. I was glad to form the acquaintance of several here; among them, Dr. Worster and wife, who were educated and trained in our Battle Creek sanitarium. They are qualified, and I trust may soon be connected with some of our institutions.

I was with the South Bend church and spoke Sabbath afternoon, April 1, and I spoke twice Sunday. The brethren and sisters seemed much encouraged by my visit. We believe a short series of meetings would be a great blessing to this church, and would result in a number of additions to the company there. We hope to see a series of meetings held there in the near future.

W. J. STONE.

## Subscriptions to the Reporter For March 1905

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More subscriptions are solicited.

God will bless the canvasser who is willing to render faithful full time work

The devil becomes a great economist as soon as you touch his revenues.

The preacher cannot give his congregation more religion than he posesses himself.

It costs a good deal to pay the tithe to the Lord, but it costs a good deal more to not pay it.

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THE best evidences of Christianity are not in arguments, but in holy living.

THE man who waits to be sent, before engaging in missionary efforts, is likely to be of little force if sent.

As a result of Brother Robert Caldwell's first week in the canvassing work in Singapore, he sold books to the value of over eighty dollars.

WE have two good pieces of rag carpet at the office, the proceeds of which is for the Boggstown Academy. When you plan for the new spring carpet, write us for prices on these.

WE trust our brethren will constantly keep in mind the Washington fund, and do all they can in connection with other work to keep this fund growing, that the work may go forward.

SIMPLICITY Tract Racks, for use in railway stations, lunch rooms, hotels, barber shops, dentist's and doctor's offices, etc., twenty cents each, 6 for \$1. Will hold a quantity of five or six different kinds of tracts.

A SISTER Writes: "I enjoy reading the REPORTER. It keeps us in touch with the work in Indiana. I was glad to see how nice they were getting out of debt in our conference. I do hope all the brethren and sisters will be faithful in paying their tithe."

An unpublished Testimony, dated January 10, 1904, says: "Everything in the universe calls upon those who know the truth to consecrate themselves unreservedly to the proclamation of the truth as it has been made known to them in the Third Angel's Message."

BROTHER W. E. FLODING, who is laboring in Samoa, is giving most of his time to circulating the new Samoan book, "Christ Our Saviour." The natives are highly pleased with the book, and as many as have money purchase it. The native pastors use it in preaching.

THE German, Danish, and Swedish papers published at College View, Nebraska have printed the "Open Letter"; also an article on "Spiritualism", which our brethren will find timely and "meat in due season." Order of International Publishing Company, College View, Neb. L. Crabtree of Indianapolis.

MRS. R. W. McMahan, in addition to her home cares and duties as state secretary of the Sabbath school work, is giving Bible readings to many people in Anderson. From 70 to 85 people receive instruction each week. Many are very deeply interested. Pray for the work in Ander-

A LETTER from Ligorier says: "Our church is advancing spiritually. We have commenced to work in earnest with the 'Family Bible Teacher.' I am having a grand experience. I am encouraged in the Pray that the Lord will bring some to see the truth through our efforts."

Writing from Kingston, Jamaica, in December, Brother J. B. Beckner reported that the Port Antonio church had been dedicated the month before, and that they hoped to dedicate two other churches soon. These would bring the number up to six churches that were completed during the year. Brother Beckner says: "The brethren who have done the work have truly made sacrifices."

ELDER W. A. YOUNG was with the Marion church at their quarterly meeting April 1. The Lord came preciously near at the time and all moved forward with good courage. The attendance was so large that there was scarcely room to celebrate the ordinance of humility. Marion church is distributing a great deal of reading matter now. Surely God will bless them in this.

WRITING of his disappointment in securing a Bible-worker for Belize, British Honduras, last summer, Brother H. C. Goodrich mentions some of the openings for such a worker: "Yesterday I stepped into a restaurant for a lunch. The proprietor came and sat down by me, and began to ask of our belief, and why we were different from others. I asked him if he had ever attended our meetings. He said he had not. but had bought our papers, and liked them. I suggested some Bible studies, to which he replied, 'That is just what I want."

FAYETTE SANITARIUM NOTES

THE Manufacturers Club of Connersville contributed \$200.00 to equip our operating room.

THE Institution acknowledges the gift of a vaulting horse by Brother

## REPORT OF LABOR

On March 3rd, we came to North Liberty and commenced meetings with a few in attendance. The first two weeks, meetings were held each day from house to house and the Lord came very near: many confessions were made: a general awakening on the part of all to do more for those that were backslidden was aroused; and God was called on earnestly through prayer in their behalf, and some were reclaimed. Officers were elected for a new term. The quarterly meeting was well attended, some taking part that had not for years, and others for their first time. A sister who had been suffering for years asked to be prayed for: the Lord heard, and she was healed immediately. Two persons were baptized, and two more are awaiting the same. Eight souls were added to the church. 2000 tracts were ordered, and four subscriptions taken for the Review. Donations to the amount of \$22.00 was raised for the tent fund during the meeting. We had a visit from Elders Stone and Young. Their good instruction was timely and appreciated by all.

At this writing we are at Medaryville and expect to begin meetings Friday evening, April 7. We are of good courage in the Lord. Pray for us. B. HAGLE.

## OBITUARIES

DIED in Logansport, Ind., on Feb. 28, 1905, at the advanced age of 80 years, 11 months, and 5 days, Mrs. Sarah Perkins, of La Grippe. Sister Perkins was converted when a little girl, and joined the Methodist Episcopal church. About nineteen years ago she accepted the present truth when the first company of believers was brought out at Logansport. Only one of that little company remains alive and faithful to the present time. - Sister Sarah Langton.

Discourse by the writer from Job L. F. ELLIOTT. 14:14, 15.

ELDER W. A. Young went to Peru, April 4, to attend the funeral of W. F. Elmerick. He was buried at Gal-The believers in Peru veston, Ind. are standing nobly by Sister Elmerick in the hour of her bereavement.